

Dale Yacht Club Code of Conduct

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It is the policy of Dale Yacht Club (DYC) that all members, staff, sailing participants, coaches, instructors, officials, parents and volunteers show respect and understanding for each other, treat everyone equally within the context of the sport and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of DYC. The aim is for all participants to enjoy their sport and to improve performance.

Abusive language, swearing, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action.

Members

- Respect all fellow club members, officials and volunteers
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse towards anyone involved in DYC or deliberately provoking anyone is not acceptable.
- Pay any club fees promptly
- Abide by the rule that no smoking is allowed on club premises
- Take responsibility for your own actions, respect the interests of other people and care for the environment
- Behave in a way that does not place yourself or others at risk
- No bullying, abuse or taking unfair advantage of anyone involved in DYC will be tolerated
- Abide by all club policies including Safeguarding and Data Protection
- Co-operate fully, and respect all requests and decisions made by club officials, volunteers and staff
- Club members must behave appropriately and avoid behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others or portray the club in a bad light
- Take care of all property belonging to the club or any club member
- Be responsible for caring for your own equipment, clothing and property

Sailing Participants

- Listen to and accept what you are asked to do to keep you safe
- Cooperate with club officials, club-mates and opponents. Remember, without them there would be no club
- Abide by the rules and play fairly and do your best at all times
- Arrive for events and sailing sessions in good time to prepare properly
- Wear suitable clothing for all sessions
- Accept both success and failure in a noble and selfless way
- Do not participate in any club activity whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Parents/carer's

- Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their sport
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own conduct and performance
- Respect and support the coach/instructor
- Accept officials' judgements and recognise good performance by all participants
- Use established procedures where there is a genuine concern or dispute
- Inform DYC or event organisers of relevant medical information
- Ensure that your child wears suitable clothing and has appropriate food and drink
- Provide contact details and be available when required
- Take responsibility for your child's safety and conduct in and around the clubhouse/event venue

Coaches, Instructors, Officials and Volunteers

- Consider the welfare and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Encourage participants to value their performance and not just results
- Promote fair play and never condone cheating
- Ensure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Build relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact with young people
- Be an excellent role model and display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Communicate clearly with parents and participants
- Be aware of any relevant medical information
- Follow RYA and club/class guidelines and policies¹

If you are concerned that someone is not following the Code of Conduct, you should inform the NYC Welfare Officer or the person in charge of the activity.

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¹ Holders of RYA Instructor and Coach qualifications must also comply with the RYA Instructor Code of Conduct (Appendix B). Holders of RYA Race Official appointments must also comply with the RYA Race Officials Ethics & Code of Conduct (Appendix C)