



MNCC SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Middle Nene Cruising Club is committed to Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults taking part in Club activities, from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying. We recognise that the safety, welfare and needs of the child are paramount and that all children, irrespective of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual or gender identity or social status, have a right to protection from discrimination and abuse.

For the purposes of this Statement anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. All members of the MNCC should be aware of these statements and the relevant rules covering Safeguarding issues.

The Club actively seeks to:

- Create a safe and welcoming environment, both on and off the water, where children and vulnerable adults can have fun and develop their skills and confidence.
- Recognise that safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- Ensure that all club events are run to the highest possible safety standards.
- Be prepared to review its ways of working to incorporate best practice in Safeguarding
- Treat all children and vulnerable adults with respect and celebrate their achievements.

MNCC Rules relevant to Safeguarding:

Rule 2 – Objectives:

The objectives of the Club are:

- a) To provide a headquarters, moorings, workshops, slipway and covered working area for the general benefit of its boating members.
- b) To promote a cordial atmosphere between its members in which harmony and mutual co-operation can flourish.
- c) To foster the interest of cruising and boating in general.
- d) To encourage use of the waterways and to further their conservation and preservation.
- e) To encourage safe boating and to encourage safety on and near the water.

Rule 30e – Moorings:

- e) It is the sole responsibility of boat owners to ensure the safe mooring of their craft and to have due regard for other members boats. The Club shall not in any way assume responsibility for member's boats.

Rule 38 - Children and Child Safety:

Children of members shall not be allowed on Club premises unless under strict control of parents. Parents will be held responsible for the conduct and safety of their children. This rule shall also apply to visitors' children.

Members must draw this to the attention of their guests.

No child or junior member shall go afloat, onto moorings or pontoons around the Club site without wearing a lifejacket unless their parent(s) produce to the secretary a signed certificate as follows;

`I/we certify that is a competent swimmer and request that he/she be allowed to go afloat without wearing a life jacket and I/we agree that no responsibility of any kind shall attach to the Middle Nene Cruising Club or any member thereof for any consequence arising as a result of its agreement to our/my request`

MNCC Committee – 6th December 2019