

# **West Highland Yachting Week**

## **Safeguarding (Child and Vulnerable Persons' Protection) Policy**

### **Policy Statement**

This Policy covers West Highland Yachting Week's Joint Regatta Committee's (JRC) responsibilities under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. The Act is primarily concerned with "Regulated Work" with vulnerable groups.

In the context of the Act and this policy, a 'young person' refers to anybody under the age of 18. A 'vulnerable adult' is covered by the Act if he or she is receiving "registered care, health, community care or welfare services" but the JRC extends this to one who has learning or communication difficulties, or who relies on others for personal care.

It is the policy of the JRC that young persons and vulnerable adults, taking part in JRC organised events, should be safeguarded from physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

The JRC recognises that the safety and welfare of young persons and vulnerable adults is paramount and that whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion, belief, social station or sexual identity, they have a right to protection from abuse.

The JRC recognises that safeguarding young persons and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with them.

The JRC does not provide training or other activities for young persons and vulnerable adults, and therefore does not carry out Regulated Work under the Act. This means that young persons and vulnerable adults attending JRC organised events must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or designated adult, who takes full responsibility for their welfare and behaviour.

The above policy will be reviewed from time to time.