**OCEAN RACING CLUB of VICTORIA – CHILD SAFE POLICY**

**To be read in conjunction with the ORCV Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Constitution**

**Purpose**

This Child Safe Policy clarifies additional procedures and expectations relating to working with or associating with children or youth aged below the age of 18 years (a child in the context of this policy and in accordance with the Child Safe Standards) who participates in or interacts with the ORCV. It covers ORCV members, staff, volunteers and event participants.

**The ORCV agrees to:**

- Comply with all Child Safe regulatory expectations including the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 and Victorian Government's Child Safe Standards (Commission for Children and Young People, 2022). Where a child has been or is at risk of being harmed:
    - For serious breaches or an immediate child safety concern, report directly to Police via 000 and follow their subsequent instructions.
    - Otherwise report breaches or child safety concerns through the Commission for Children and Young People "Reportable Conduct Scheme".
- Comply with the Australian Sailing "Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy" and "Member Protection Policy". Where concerns are raised or prohibited conduct or breach of policy:
    - Ensure there is an incident reporting system in place which will inform an ORCV authorised representative (MPIO, flag officer, committee or staff member)
    - Ensure the incident is reported to Australian Sailing via the Sport Integrity Australia online reporting form
- Adhere to a "never alone" policy. That means never allowing an adult to be alone with a child either in person or via technology. Alone in this context means not being visible by another adult. On a practical level for the ORCV that includes:
    - Not being alone online (Emails, texts, chats, Facebook friends etc) or in phone calls
    - Not being alone in change rooms, showers or toilet facilities
    - Not being alone in a vehicle or when walking to/from an event
    - Not being alone below deck or on deck of a yacht
- Ensure anyone under 16 years of age has a parent or legal guardian present at all ORCV events the child participates in

Authorised by the ORCV Commodore
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