



## Foynes Yacht Club Children's Officer



Foynes Yacht Club has fully adopted the "Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport" of the Irish Sports Council in its running of all youth activity in the club.

**The club Children's Officer is Niamh Finucane.**

**Niamh has been fully and formally trained for this role.**



**She can be contacted on 0872514528.**

The Children's Officer represents the 'voice of the children' in the Club. The role of the Children's Officer is to represent the children in the club, to highlight areas where improvements can be made, to ensure that the children's welfare is kept always to the fore of the Club.

The Children's Officer also has the following functions:

- To promote the Irish Sailing Association's Council Code of Ethics & Good Practice for activities involving children and vulnerable adults
- To influence policy and practice and to prioritise children's needs
- To ensure that children know how and whom they can report their concerns to within the club. Information disclosed by a child should be dealt with in accordance with the Department of Health and Children's Guidelines "Children First"
- To encourage the participation of parents/guardians in club activities
- To co-operate with parents to ensure that each child enjoys his/her participation in sailing
- To act as a resource with regard to best practice in children's sailing
- To report regularly to the Club Management Committee

Children's Officer does not have the responsibility of investigating or validating child protection concerns within the club and has no counselling or therapeutic role. This responsibility lies with the Health Boards and Gardaí.

**If you have any concerns or questions regarding children's issues within the club please do not hesitate to contact the Children's Officer.**

The club treasurer, secretary and senior instructor are also trained as Children's Officers.

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