



## Child and vulnerable adult protection policy

**Southampton Canoe Club** is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of not only its members but for persons who participate in activities organised and run by the Club.

**All members** should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

**The Club's Committee** believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's, as well as, all adults lives who take part and to achieve this the Club must have the following aims:

1. Club coaches and helpers should follow the BCU Code of Ethics
2. All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people and vulnerable adults should read and adhere to the BCU Child Protection and Harassment Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
3. The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligibly criteria for a Disclosure check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
4. All Club members are made aware of the Club Code/s of Conduct.
5. The Club will obtain written medical details of both juniors and adult paddlers as appropriate which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
6. Any paddler who coaches for the club should be a member of the BCU.
7. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
8. The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Child Protection and Harassment (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to Child Abuse or Harassment should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Club Chairman or the BCU Child Protection /Harassment Officer.
9. The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy.
10. The Club will review this Policy annually.

Signed: **Chairman - Southampton Canoe Club**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ames', is written over a horizontal line.

Date: 5th December 2014

Reviewed 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – No change. Signed PGA