

Greenwich Flying Squadron Inc.

JUNIOR SAILING CONSENT & DECLARATION 2014 – 2015 Sailing Season

Parent Name						
Address						
Home Phone		Work Phone		Mobile		
Email #1			Email # 2			
Junior Sailor Details						
First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Boat Name	Sail No.	1-Up / 2-Up	Skipper / Crew

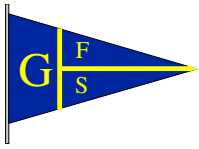
For Greenwich Flying Squadron, Inc. ("GFS") to comply with the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, GFS is required to ascertain whether any employee (which includes people undertaking volunteer positions) is a "prohibited person". (Additional information is included on page 2).

Declaration by Parent

- I declare that I am the parent or guardian of the above Junior Sailor(s) and give my permission for his/her/their participation in the sailing activities conducted by GFS during the current sailing season.
- I am aware that I am ineligible to apply for, undertake or remain in, child-related employment if I have been convicted of a serious sex offence as defined in the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 or if I am a Registrable Person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000.
- I have read and understood the above information in relation to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. I am aware that it is an offence to make a false statement on this form.
- I declare that I am not a person prohibited by the Act from seeking, undertaking or remaining in child-related employment.
- I understand that this information may be referred to the Commission for Children and Young People and/or to NSW Police for law enforcement purposes and for monitoring and auditing compliance with the procedures and standards for employment screening in accordance with Section 36(1)(f) of the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998.
- I declare each Junior Sailor is able to swim at least 50 metres unassisted and are capable of taking care of themselves ashore and on or in the water under normal circumstances.
- I understand that each Junior Sailor must wear an approved buoyancy jacket and I accept full responsibility for his/her/their safety whilst undertaking GFS activities.
- I have read and understand the Risk Warning.
- I have read and understand the Sabot Safety Requirements and agree to maintain these safety requirements for all Sabots sailed by any Junior Sailor.
- I release GFS and each official, volunteer or member of GFS from all liability whatsoever for the death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred by me or any minors for whom I am responsible and I indemnify GFS and each official, volunteer or member of GFS against any actions or claim that may be made by me or any minor for whom I am responsible.

Parent Signature	
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Date	
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Sabot Safety Requirements

In conjunction with the Safety Regulations of the National Yachting Authority (AYF), all Sabots shall carry, or incorporate:

- Halyard or sail quick release, rigged such that the crew, on the water, in adverse conditions, are able to lower sail.
- A paddle of no less than an area equivalent to 150 x 150 attached to the boat by lanyard.
- A tow rope of an adequate strength for towing purposes and of a minimum of 6mm diameter, fixed or led from a point no further aft than the front of the mast step. It shall extend at least twice the length of the boat beyond the bow.
- The centreboard and rudder must be attached to boat so that when the boat is in a capsized position they will not come out of their respective cases. Rudder pins or pintles must be fitted with metal retainers.
- A bailer of at least two (2) litre capacity, attached to the boat by lanyard.

Risk Warning

This **RISK WARNING** is issued jointly by the GFS and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by GFS. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

GFS and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with GFS. Participants are also advised that although GFS is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.

Prohibited Employment Declaration

CHILD PROTECTION (PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT) ACT 1998

The *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* makes it an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence (a Prohibited Person) or a Registrable Person under the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*, to apply for, undertake or remain in, child-related employment. It does not apply if an order, from the Industrial Relations Commission or the Administrative Decisions Tribunal or the Commission for Children and Young People, declares that the Act does not apply to a person in respect of a specific offence.

Section 5 of the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* defines a serious sex offence as:

- an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that was committed in NSW and that was punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more, even if the sentence was not served; or
- an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that was committed elsewhere and that would have been punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more if it had been committed in NSW; or
- an offence under Sections 91D-91G (other than if committed by a child prostitute) and 578B or 578C(2A) of the Crimes Act 1900 or a similar offence under a law other than a law of NSW; or
- an offence of attempting, or of conspiracy or incitement, to commit an offence referred to in the preceding paragraphs; or
- any other offence prescribed by the regulations.

Note: A conviction for carnal knowledge is classified as a serious sex offence under this legislation.

Child-related employment means any employment, where at least one of the essential duties of the position, involves direct contact with children where that contact is not directly supervised. Relevantly, Section 3 of the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* specifies that child-related employment includes employment in clubs, associations or movements (including of a cultural, recreational or sporting nature) having a significant child membership.

Under this Act:

- it is an offence for a Prohibited Person to apply for, undertake or remain in child-related employment;
- employers must ask existing employees, both paid and unpaid, and preferred applicants for employment to declare if they are a Prohibited Person or not;
- all child-related employees must inform their employers if they are a Prohibited Person or remove themselves from child-related employment. A Prohibited Person is someone who has been convicted of a serious sexual offence or, who has had a finding for a charge of a serious sexual offence proven in court, even if a conviction was not recorded;
- penalties are imposed for non compliance.