



# Code of Conduct

## Purpose

The Greenwich Flying Squadron (GFS) Code of Conduct provides a simple summary of our commitment and duty of care to each other to contribute to a safe, respectful and friendly sailing community for all members and guests.

## Our Commitment

Each of us accepts responsibility as a member of GFS under the **Constitution** to abide by our **House Rules** (*attached*). We will act in the best interests of the club to ensure it retains its reputation of being welcoming and that our guests also adhere to this Code of Conduct.

Our volunteer-based operations require us all as members to be responsible for the Club's existence: financially, caring for the facilities, to run events, and to function smoothly.

- **Safety and Wellbeing**  
Prioritise the safety of all participants and create a supportive environment. Skippers ensure all sailors are aware of and support our safety protocols and that members exercise a duty of care to each other, both on water and ashore.
- **Respect, Inclusion and Diversity**  
Treat all participants with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, avoiding discrimination or harassment. We seek to be a safe, welcoming and fun club that encourages participation in sailing at GFS and fosters an inclusive environment for all.
- **Sportsmanship and the Racing Rules of Sailing**  
Act within the letter *and the spirit* of the Racing Rules of Sailing including compliance with the recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play.
- **Child Protection**  
Maintain vigilance in the protection of children and young people by providing training for all staff and volunteers working with children, immediately addressing inappropriate behaviour, communication, or relationships.
- **Appropriate Conduct**  
Maintain respect for sailing officials, avoid abuse, and refrain from actions that disrupt other members' enjoyment of the sport and club facilities. All members must comply with the GFS obligations under its Liquor Licence and responsible service of alcohol standards.
- **Membership and Sail Pass**  
Skippers will ensure all crew are either members of GFS, members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club, or have a valid *Sail Pass* for racing. This ensures their appropriate insurance cover while engaged in our activities.
- **GFS is a good neighbour**  
Act with courtesy regarding the limited parking and keep noise to a minimum.