

## **Blakeney Sailing Club- Youth Policy**

- 1.** BSC does not have a Designated Youth Officer.
- 2.** BSC considers all those younger than 18 years old to be Youth Members.
- 3.** Parents/Guardians must annually complete and sign a consent form for any Youth Member they are responsible for. The completed and signed form must be available in club records for the Race Officer (RO) or Event Organiser (EO).
- 4.** Parents/Guardians have complete responsibility for the Youth Member while on shore at all times, before and after sailing has finished.
- 5.** Youth Members are expected to have a minimum level of competence equivalent to RYA Youth Scheme Level 3, equivalent to RYA National Scheme Level 2. The RYA Scheme covers Rigging, launching and recovery, sailing techniques, capsized recovery and sailing theory and the ability to launch and sail a dinghy around a triangle in moderate conditions.
- 6.** Race Officers or Event Organisers are expected to be made aware of Youth Members entering events. The courses will be set accordingly and the patrol boat cover provided by the club will be clearly explained at the briefing held before launching. The RO/EO will determine if conditions are suitable for a Youth Member to take part. The decision of the RO/EO is final.