

Forth Canoe Club Child Protection Policy

Forth Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.

Staff and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

This document outlines **Forth Canoe Club's** commitment to protecting children.

These guidelines are based on the following principles:

- The welfare of children is the primary concern.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socioeconomic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- Organisations shall work in partnership together with children and parents/carers to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

Forth Canoe Club will:

Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in canoeing safely.

- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its staff, members and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and these procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this Policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

Review

This Policy and these Procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within **Forth Canoe Club**.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within **Forth Canoe Club**.
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

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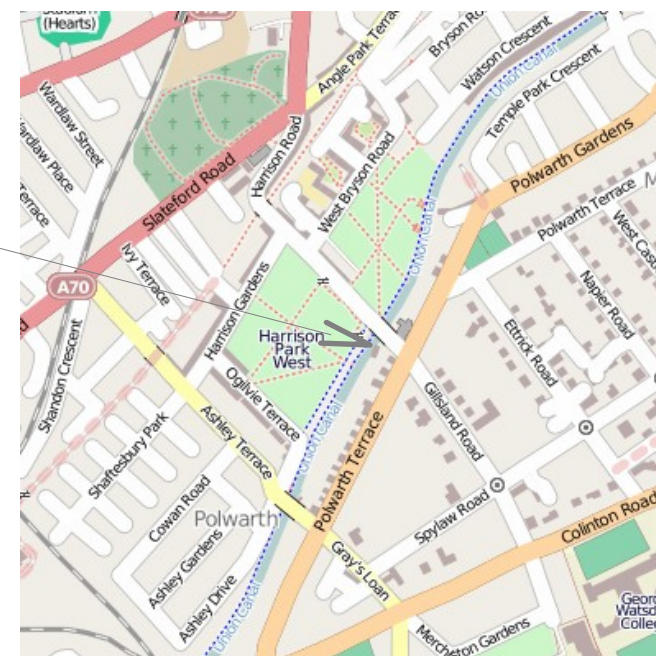


Forth Canoe Club

Introduction and Membership Application Form

www.forthcc.com

Forth Canoe Club's canal side boathouse:
Old St Andrew Boathouse
Harrison Road
Edinburgh



Membership Application Form 2011

Name(s).....
Address
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Phone
E-mail
Date of Birth (required by SCA)
SCA number (if member)
I wish to apply for membership of Forth CC:
Senior (18 or over) £20
Junior (under 18) £10
Family £40 No. in family membership
Associate (non-paddler)
Boat Storage £40 Gender
Boathouse Key Hire £15
Boat hire subscription (instead of £2 a time) £60
I enclose cash/cheque payable to Forth Canoe Club for total £.....
Canoeing Interests
Add me to club e-mail list Yes No
SCA may contact me about their activities Yes No
Show my details in the membership list Yes No
I have read and will abide by the Forth Canoe Club Child Protection Policy
on the back of this form Yes No

Data Protection Act: The Club keeps records of members' names and addresses on a computer accessible to the committee. Your record may be inspected by contacting the membership secretary. We are affiliated to the SCA and will pass on your data for insurance and membership statistics use.

I recognise that canoeing is a risk sport and hereby agree to indemnify Forth Canoe club, its officers and members against any claims resulting from canoeing or related activities I may undertake.

All persons using Club equipment and premises must be of at least BCU 1 Star Award standard, or must be supervised by a responsible adult of at least BCU Foundation Safety and Rescue standard. All persons involved in canoeing-related activities are strongly recommended to take out public liability insurance by joining the Scottish Canoe Association.

Signed Date

Membership is renewed on January 1st each year.

Send to Jonathan Riddell, 38(1F2) Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh, EH11 1HU

Enquiries regarding membership should be sent to the above address or telephone: 07941938912 e-mail: jr@jridell.org

Forth Canoe Club is a members club for canoeists of all disciplines. Our membership includes everyone from beginners to Olympic medal winners paddling kayak and Canadian canoes.

Club nights are on Thursday evenings from 18:30 April to October at our boathouse, all paddlers welcome. Recreational trips are often organised at club nights and on the members e-mail list (if you want a certain trip do take the initiative and ask around for people to take part).

Bath sessions are organised over the winter to practice eskimo rolling and other skills in a warm swimming pool.

Competition disciplines at the club include slalom, sprint, marathon, surf, white water racing and polo.

Recreational paddling includes river trips, inland touring, sea touring and surfing.

See forthcc.com for **discipline contacts** for each of the above or ask at club nights how to take part.

Competitions we run include a division 1 slalom each August at Grandtully and a marathon in September on the canal, helpers are always needed with both.

Recreational events we attend include the Union Canal Festival, Tay Descent and the Wet West Paddle Fest.

Many of our members are **BCU UKCC qualified coaches**, once you know how to paddle do consider getting coaching qualifications and helping us out.

Beginners sessions are run occasionally at club nights, if you need other training to get you started we can point you at commercial providers.

Children are welcome at FCC but should be appropriately supervised.

Pub socials are run on the first Thursday of every month in the Ettrick hotel bar after club nights.

Commodore: Kelso Riddell kelso.riddell@talktalk.com 0131 229 9586

Hut Custodian (for boat storage and keys): Mick James

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