



2023 DIGITAL IMAGES POLICY

“To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble him?” Isaiah 40:18

“Man is made in God’s image and reflects God’s glory” 1 Corinthians 11:7

Context

1. The Walrus Cruise encourages reasonable and appropriate use of digital images so that participants can record their memories and future potential participants can more readily visualise what is involved.
2. However, the Cruise needs to be mindful of the risks to both Leaders and Crew. There is a risk that digital images could accidentally give the wrong impression or appear inappropriate.
3. The overriding principle is that everything Cruise members do should honour God, whilst not putting them in vulnerable positions or exposing them to the potential for false accusations.

Scope

4. These guidelines apply to all Leaders and Crew but especially for those who are minors, i.e. under the age of 18

Guiding principles

5. All images, whether stills or moving, should honour and glorify God
6. The booking form asks for consent to show unnamed images, any refusals must be respected and adhered to
7. Always share images with at least two people, preferably including another Leader or parent
8. Only display images on systems that later provide evidence of exactly what was shown... in case someone makes an accusation that there has been inappropriate behaviour (i.e. NOT disappearing stories on Snapchat or Instagram)

Things to encourage

9. Cruise members recording the fun they have had on Cruises by taking photos and videos
10. Sharing of memories and the fun enjoyed by Cruise members through the use of digital images
11. Uploading images to the official Walrus Cruise site created for that purpose
12. Anything which is public and fun, such as using ‘walls’ in Facebook

Things to avoid

13. Showing images which could be misconstrued (check what is in the background as well as the subject matter)
14. Displaying or sharing images in which people appear to be in a compromising position, inappropriately dressed etc.
15. Anyone sharing images publicly via a social network, site or any method which is unregulated
16. Anything which appears discriminatory, abusive, threatening, sexual, bullying or otherwise offensive or inappropriate