

Squantum Yacht Club Sailing Program

PARTICIPANT'S STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The Sailing Program you are about to begin is exciting and challenging. You must be aware of what will be required of you as a participant in The Program.

You must successfully complete a **swim check** in which you, wearing sailing clothing, will be required to swim and tread in the water of the area where you will be sailing. You must provide your own **personal flotation device (PFD)**. It shall be U.S. Coast Guard approved and the proper size for your weight and build. It should be form fitting and comfortable, because you will be required to wear it whenever you go onto the floats or out in any boats. Be sure to put your name on it with waterproof ink. **Boat shoes or sneakers** should be worn at all times (in the boats; on the floats, ramps, and decks; and in the Club). *Flip-Flops cause injuries.* We recommend you bring a change of clothing and a towel to each session.

The cost of the program is \$600.00 for children of Regular Members and Junior Members and \$650.00 for sponsored non-members. **Program fees are nonrefundable.** Classes begin on Monday 6/27/2011 and end on Thursday 8/18/2011. The eight week program will run Monday-Thursday. The class will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Class days or hours may be adjusted to accommodate scheduled regattas, low tides or severe weather conditions. When adjustments are necessary, participants will be informed as far in advance as possible. *The Sailing Program Committee requests that each participant and his or her parent(s) make themselves aware daily of the time of high and low tides, weather forecasts, and the effect of regatta schedules on class cancellations. The Instructors and the Sailing Program Committee can answer questions about these matters; however, it is always the responsibility of the participant and his or her parent(s) to keep themselves informed about the daily schedules, regatta entries, and transportation to and from regattas. Participation in regattas is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged to give participants a full experience.*

Junior Members of Squantum Yacht Club must be 12 years of age and must apply to the Junior Membership Committee. House rules allow Juniors to be in the Club without their parents until 8:00 P.M. Children who are not Junior Members are not allowed in the Club without an adult. **Parents of non-Juniors should be at the Club at the scheduled end of class.** If a parent cannot be there on time, he or she must make arrangements with another parent to wait at the Club or to pick up the child. Parents may want to take turns being the Lunch Parent so the younger children can enjoy their lunch at the Club every day. This should be arranged in advance - do not assume that there is a parent supervising your child. The lunch break is from 12:00 to 12:45 P.M. They may leave the Club and are not expected to supervise children during this time.

Your parents and the membership of the Squantum Yacht Club are providing you with a wonderful opportunity this summer. You have certain responsibilities in return. You must respect your parents, Senior Members of the Club, their guests, Club employees, other children, and the Club itself. **The Club has established rules for the House and Floats. It is your responsibility to know the rules and follow them. Most of the Club's rules are for your safety. Minors are not allowed in the Tap Room.**

The Sailing Program is allowed to use the Junior's Room on the first floor. The Junior's Room must be kept clean and neat. Sailors must bring wet dirty clothes home each day to be washed and dried. Each day, leave the Club a better place than when you arrived. Clean up after yourself and others. Be helpful and courteous at all times.

Children must obey Club rules or they can be ***beached*** for one or more days. Every adult has the right and the responsibility to stop unruly and dangerous behavior. Unresolved problems should be reported promptly to the Instructors, the Sailing Program Chair, the Junior Membership Chair, the Club Steward, and/or a flag officer of the Club.

I understand and I agree to obey all the rules as set forth by the Squantum Yacht Club, the Sailing Program Committee, and the Sailing Program Instructor(s). I will exercise the utmost care in the use of the boats and equipment; and I will not engage in disruptive behavior in the Sailing Program.

I/we understand the contents of this statement and agree to require the participant (my/our child) to adhere to all of the above.

Signature of Participant

Signature(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Date

Please take a copy of this agreement for your reference.