

Information for Parents of Sailors

- **VYBA is a grass roots, small, family-oriented youth sailing center operating under U. S. Sailing Assn. guidelines with U. S. Sailing-certified coaches and instructors.**
- **Parental involvement and assistance is welcomed and is needed particularly for regattas at locations other than VYBA and at other events hosted by VYBA.**

SAFETY

- Safety for all sailors is our first and most important priority.
- Parents are expected to reinforce and support VYBA's Sailors' Expectations & VYBA's Code of Conduct (two separate documents, also published on our website).

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Providing an effective learning environment about sailing and with multiple opportunities for experiencing fun on the water are our goals.
- Competitive racing skills are integral to the sport of sailing.
- Regatta attendance by all sailors is encouraged for sailors' development.

RELATIONSHIPS and SAILING DIRECTOR OR COACH CONVERSATIONS

- Interactive relationships between our coaches/instructors and sailors' parents are important!
- The start of each sailing session or practice is a busy time for our coaches/instructors.
- Helping sailors rig and answering questions is the staff's priority before sailing.
- Conversations with our coaches/instructors are always welcomed at all other times or by advance appointments or via email.
- Parents are discouraged from being on the water near sailors during our sailing sessions. Sailors often become distracted, and some sailors just don't like having parents on the water.
- Parents are welcome to take photos from the Higel Park dock as sailors sail out from our dock or when they are returning from sailing in the bays or the Gulf.

SAILOR BEHAVIOR

- Sailors and parents are expected to comply with the VYBA Code of Conduct.
- **Bullying of any sailor by another is prohibited and is cause for immediate dismissal.**
- **Bullying or other conflicts or behavioral issues arising, requiring action or intervention by VYBA's sailing director or coaches will follow this process:**
 - 1st incident:** Conversation with sailor and then with the sailor's parent that day.
 - 2nd incident:** The sailor will be sent home and suspended from next sailing day.
Conversation with the sailor and sailor's parent will occur that day.
 - 3rd incident:** Sailor will be dismissed for the balance of the program.
- Dismissal of a sailor for conflicts, behavioral issues, bullying, or non-compliance with the VYBA Code of Conduct will not be a consideration for a tuition refund.

TUITIONS

- Tuitions cover only our part-time U. S. sailing-certified coaches/instructors.
- Tuitions do not cover our sailing program director's salary.
- Tuition payments are expected promptly when they are due.
- Tuitions do not cover all other operating expenses of VYBA that are over \$200,000 annually.
- Staffing of coaches and instructors is planned well in advance of the starting dates of all of our programs.

REFUND POLICY

- VYBA has a published "refund policy" that precludes any refunds once a given program has begun because of the advanced coaching and staffing financial commitments. The policy is herein, and it is published on our website.