



Carolina Yacht Club Code of Conduct for Parents

The mission of the Carolina Yacht Club Youth Program is to develop knowledgeable youth sailors while instilling in them a love for the sport of sailing that will serve as a foundation for the future of our club and our sport.

Further, the Youth Program strives to:

- Interest and lead sailors in developing safe sailing skills
- Promote maximum sailor attendance at all activities and regattas.
- Conduct and further develop our year round program.
- Develop and support programs to encourage older sailors to continue in sport of sailing
- Modernize and improve our fleet of boats
- Develop curriculum that promotes self-esteem, camaraderie, and sportsmanship both on and off the water
- Develop parental involvement that will support the various fleets and activities of the Youth Program.

Carolina Yacht Club strives to be among the premier Junior Sailing Programs in the nation. In order to achieve this goal, all program participants (junior sailors, coaches/instructors, program managers, parents and other adults) must understand and work to implement the Mission Statement. CYC expects all program participants to conduct themselves appropriately at all times and to follow the following Code of Conduct:

Respect For Others – I will respect the rights, dignity and self worth of every individual.

Role Model – I will be mindful that parents are role models. I will strive to demonstrate the highest standard of ethical conduct (e.g., be fair, considerate and honest). I will act in a way that projects a positive image. I recognize and will reinforce that all junior sailors deserve equal attention and opportunities. I will not attempt to influence the coaching staff or program administrators into affording my child special consideration.

Personal Conduct – I will actively work to help my child achieve his or her full potential. I will allow the coaches to coach, and I will parent. I trust that the coaches/instructors have my child's best long-term interest at heart, and I will willingly support their decisions and direction. I will emphasize performance goals and good sportsmanship rather than outcome goals. I will refrain from criticizing participants, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators and other parents. If I do see an issue I will set up a time to discuss the issue with the club or program manager as soon as possible. I will maintain high standards in my language and manner, and will display courtesy and respect for others. I will respect the program's need for punctuality by having my child on site, on time, with all required equipment. I will give appropriate attention to any material the staff sends, and will provide timely and appropriate response.

Good Sportsmanship/Corinthian Spirit – I will continually strive to demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship, both on and off the water. I will place winning in the context of good sportsmanship and fair play. (Remember Paul Elvstrom's quote: "You haven't won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors.")

Possession And/Or Use Of Any Illegal Substance Including, But Not Limited To, Drugs And Alcohol – Every program participant must understand that the ability to operate without mental or physical impairment underpins the safety and surety of our program, both on and off the water. I will not allow my child to smoke, drink or possess/use illegal drugs. I will not justify illegal conduct by offering that "I did it when I was their age."

Prescribed Medications – Program participants must understand that the ability to operate without mental or physical impairment underpins the safety and surety of our program, both on and off the water. I will not allow my child to participate in sailing activities when under prescribed medications that could alter their decision making abilities. If my child is on prescribed medication that could interfere with their decision making while attending sailing sessions, I will immediately notify the Waterfront Director in writing.

