

Safety Afloat Guidelines

for

CYC Parents and Program Students

All Classes:

- Lifejackets **MUST** be worn at all times while on boats or on the floating section of Little Pier
- A whistle (preferably a FOX-40 or an Acme "Thunderer") must be worn on a lanyard tied to the student's life jacket
- Closed – toed shoes should be worn (boots are a very good idea for 420 students)
- Students must pass the swim test before participating in any class
- CYC power boats will be operated for Program purposes only when an Instructor is on board
- In an emergency situation the CYC power boats will only be operated by an Instructor unless that is absolutely impossible

Inexperienced Classes:

- Rigging and safety check – before leaving Little Pier at the beginning of class, instructors will check to make sure that each student's boat is satisfactorily rigged and that the student is prepared with all necessary safety equipment
- Instructor/student ratios on the water, whenever practical, - 1 CYC power boat w/ 2 instructors aboard for every 5 boats
- **Small Craft Warning Conditions** – Sailing at Head Coach or Program Director's discretion, INSIDE HARBOR ONLY
- Parents have the final responsibility of judging their child's experience for the current or expected sailing conditions

Experienced Classes:

- Guidelines are the same here as for the inexperienced classes, however, whenever practical, the instructor/student ratio on the water will be – 1 CYC power boat w / 2 instructors aboard for every 7 boats

Boating Fun:

- All participants must have passed CYC Swim Test and be ≥ 7 years old
- Younger or non-swimmers can participate only if accompanied by parent, guardian, or designated supervisor
- Participants must register prior to every class
- Parent volunteers are welcome!
- Boating Fun leader will enforce a 1 adult:4 children ratio based on daily registration
- **Small Craft Warning Conditions – BEACH OR BARN ACTIVITIES ONLY**

Races:

- Although the decision to run any race falls under the discretion of the Race Committee, the decision to participate in any race is solely at the discretion of the participants

Sailing to Regattas:

- When sailing to regattas, there will be one CYC or appropriate escort power boat accompanying every 5 CYC sailboats on the trip, this includes the Uncie Cup
- Although the decision of whether or not to sail belongs to either the sailor or their parent or legal guardian, and instructor may direct, for safety reasons that a student *not* sail
- Beginning students should expect to transport their boats to regattas by land until they have developed more experience

Miscellaneous:

- Lifejackets with whistles are required for all CYC boating activities
- CYC Members must accompany guests, following handbook guidelines – *you are responsible for your guest's safety*
- No boating inside the swim line
- Boats should not be left at the floats for more than 20 minute
- No horseplay on Little Pier at any time – CYC Members are guests of the Chapoquoit Island Associates
- Unsafe or disruptive behavior – Responsible party(ies) will be sent home from class, at the instructor's discretion. Parents are responsible for initiating discussion with the Program Director for any behavior problems resulting in dismissal prior to re-enrollment in class