



NOCKAMIXON SAIL CLUB

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Nockamixon Sail Club (“NSC”) Borrowed Boat Program Policy - Use of Club Sailboats, Sunfish

This policy is (1) to define conditions for the use of NSC sailboats to minimize the risk of damage to, or loss of the NSC sailboats; and (2) to establish a procedure for recording the use of the NSC sailboats and property. The NSC Fleet Council will appoint a Sailing Director before each sailing season to oversee the program. The Sailing Director reports to the NSC Quartermaster.

NSC Sailboat Use:

1. NSC sailboats are available for sailing by NSC members at no charge on a first-come, first-sail basis, except for special NSC events. NSC sailboats can be reserved for special NSC events.
2. An NSC member can invite only one (1) guest to skipper an NSC sailboat. Guests will be the responsibility of the NSC member.
3. Individual NSC members (and guest) may qualify as a ‘SKIPPER’ by demonstrating the following:
 - proficiency with sailboat rigging
 - proficient sailing ability in a minimum of 5-knot minimum winds, including upwind/downwind sailing and jibing/tacking
 - the proper approach to dock
 - review and understand the correct sailboat-righting (self-rescue) technique
4. Each SKIPPER will sign out the NSC sailboat and equipment at the NSC equipment shed. The SKIPPER will inspect the sailboat hull, spars, sails, and rigging to ensure craft seaworthiness before use.
5. Access to sailboats (key or lock combination) shall be limited to NSC member SKIPPERS. Keys or combinations will not be released to guest SKIPPER or other persons.
6. SKIPPERS using NSC sailboats are responsible for transporting boats to and from the water. NSC sailboats are not to leave the Park. Sailboats are not to be beached on rocks anytime for any reason.
7. SKIPPERS are responsible for ensuring that each sailboat in use is properly equipped with personal flotation devices and other equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard regulations, State Park and Pennsylvania Fish Commission Regulations of the Commonwealth of PA.
8. SKIPPERS are responsible for maintaining a seamanlike regard to the weather conditions and for returning to the marina area or another safe area when threatened by storms or squalls.



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9. Use of NSC sailboats will be suspended in winds exceeding 15 knots or when thunderstorms threaten. This provision may be waived for special NSC events. Avoid capsizing the NSC sailboat, as it can result in damage or loss to the sailboat and equipment. If an accidental capsizing occurs, the SKIPPER will conduct a detailed survey for damage or loss and resolve any deficiencies. Sailboats may be intentionally capsized for occasional training purposes in light weather and with proper preparation and conditions. Sailboats are never to be towed while capsized as this can cause extensive damage.
10. The SKIPPER will sign the sailboat in at the NSC equipment shed. Any damage incurred must be reported to the Sailing Director and documented on the Registration Form. All sails, sheets, rudders, and paddles will be stored on the NSC sailboat trailer. Wet sails and sheets will be hung up outside of the sail box until dry, and then stored.
11. When using NSC sailboats and property, there is risk of personal injury and/or loss in participation in the activity of boating and sailing, and each individual will personally accept and assume such risk. A copy of this policy and the indemnity form (page 3 of policy) will be available at the NSC equipment shed and will be completed and signed before a NSC member or guest is permitted to use an NSC sailboat.
12. The safe and legal use and operation of the NSC sailboats and other property is the accepted and assumed responsibility of each NSC member and guest.
13. NSC sailboats will skippered by an adult sailor. NSC member will be in good standing and all membership levels are accepted. An exception for NSC members less than twenty-one (21) years of age, but at least sixteen (16) years of age, requires the approval of the Sailing Director.
14. The NSC member SKIPPER will be considered the Responsible Party ("RP") and is responsible for, will abide by and enforce all NSC rules and regulations governing the release of the vessel(s) to their care. The RP will ensure that their guest has signed the Assumption of Risk and Responsibility and Waiver of Rights for Claims for Damages form(s) before embarking.
15. A NSC member using an NSC sailboat, equipment and their guest's use of a NSC sailboat and equipment will be held financially responsible for damage incurred through careless or improper use, and are responsible for proper stowage of sails and equipment following its use. This responsibility includes procurement of necessary repair materials and effecting repair. An NSC officer may authorize reimbursement for material(s) costs when a previously worn or damaged part fails during normal use.
16. NSC members participating in the Borrowed Boat Program will contribute up to two (2) hours per year in work parties or sailboat repair work. NSC officers will arrange work parties and request "volunteers" as necessary.



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Assumption of Risk and Responsibility and Waiver of Rights for Claims for Damages Form

Certification:

By my signature on this page, I certify that I have received, read, understood and will abide by the Nockamixon Sail Club Rules and this Policy and Program.

Name and Signature of Member

Date

Name and Signature of Guest

Date

If the SKIPPER is under age 21, the following certification will be signed by the SKIPPER's parent or guardian.

As the legal parent and/or guardian for _____, I certify that I fully understand and accept the risks associated with the activity of sailing and other water sports, that I permit my child to participate in sailing and associated activities, and I agree that the Nockamixon Sail Club, its officers, and its members, shall not be liable for any losses or damages occurring as a result of my child's participation in sailing and related club activities.

Name and Signature of parent/guardian

Date



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Boat ID _____

Sail ID _____

Spar (Mast) _____

Rudder _____

Check Boxes

- understand the sailboat rigging
- ability to sail in a minimum of 5-knot winds
- ability to sail upwind/downwind, along with jibing/tacking
- ability to properly approach and leave a dock
- understand the correct sailboat-righting (self-rescue) technique
- equipped with personal flotation devices for all person

Date signed out _____ Time: _____

Date signed in _____ Time: _____

Confirm sailboat has been returned in the same if not better condition

- Sailboat has been return as borrowed
- or
- Sailboat has been returned with damage and reported to the Sailing Director

Description of damage:

Name and Signature of Member

Date