

Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. - Sailing Program – Boat Users Agreement

Your signature indicates that you understand and agree to the terms of the BICS Boat User Agreement.

In consideration of any and all privileges made available by Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. to me and my crew:

1. We understand and agree to wear a Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device (PFD) and full closure shoes at all times in the boats and on the docks or onsite.
2. We certify that the skipper and crew are able to swim 25 yards unassisted and/or tread water for 2 minutes while wearing a PFD.
3. We agree that while we are on the water, we will remain in continual communication with the BI Community Sailing Instructor in Charge (IIC) by VHF Radio and / or direct voice contact, and will comply with any instructions received including recall to the mooring if the IIC dictates that conditions warrant it.
4. We certify that we have reviewed and are familiar the Raven 24 checklists and will rig, sail and derig the boat according to the Raven 24 check list, stowing the sails, sheets, and other gear, each folded, coiled and stored in its proscribed location. The only exception to this is when directed by the IIC to leave the boat rigged for the next skipper and crew, in which case we will flake and secure the mainsail on the boom with sail stops and secure the jib with a sail stop to the bow cleat. Halyards should be secured under slight tension to the end of the boom and the spinnaker pole mast ring.
5. We certify that we have reviewed are familiar with the Raven 24 Sailing Area Chart and agree that we will not enter any areas which are "off bounds" for Raven 24 sailing. I understand that running aground may cause serious damage to the boats for which I may be liable for the expenses of repair or replacement.
6. We agree that under sail, we will operate the boat in a safe manner, following the "rules of the road", keeping a safe distance from other obstructions including swimmers, boaters, moored, and anchored vessels,
7. We agree that there is no diving or swimming from the boats or consuming alcoholic beverages onboard.
8. We agree to assume the obligations for the expenses of repair and/or replacement of damaged equipment that is attributable to me or my crew's reckless or irresponsible behavior.
9. We agree to report any inoperable, missing, or damaged equipment to the IIC when leaving the boat so that they can be promptly repaired, before the boat is ready to be sailed by the next party.
10. We understand that any participant may be removed from the program, without refund, if his or her behavior is deemed grossly inappropriate or unacceptable pursuant to BICS Program's Rules, which we have read and agree to abide by.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____ Signature: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Please provide any health information that we should be aware of (physical limitations, allergies, asthma, diabetes, medications, etc.). Please be aware that BICS staff cannot administer any medication.
