



Community Sailing Center Rules and Rental Agreement

1. Life jackets must be worn and securely fastened on all CSC docks and boats.
2. Shoes are required on all CSC grounds, docks and boats.
3. All rentals are required to undergo a pre-rental check by a CSC staff member or associate prior to leaving the dock.
4. Beaching or landing of all CSC boats is prohibited except in an emergency situation.
5. No smoking/drinking on all CSC boats and property.
6. Those sailors in need of assistance should immediately drop their jib. Those renting canoes or kayaks in need of assistance should waive their hands above their heads (universal sign of distress).
7. All rental captains and passengers must be at least 8 years old.
 - a. Passengers under 8 years old may be permitted on CSC Keelboats under the discretion of the CSC staff:
 - i. If a proper fitting life jacket is worn. (the CSC may not be able to accommodate all sizes)
 - ii. If wind and/or weather conditions do not pose a threat to the safety of the passenger.
8. All sailboat rental captains must provide proof of reasonable skill level as determined by the CSC staff.
 - a. This can be satisfied by:
 - i. Presentation of US sailing certification or equivalent **or**
 - ii. Passing of CSC written Renters Test.
9. Daily wind/weather conditions follow the following protocol:
 - a. **Green flag**
 - i. Wind Speed = 0-12 Knots **and** no thunderstorm activity or severe weather eminent
 - ii. Full boundaries in accordance with the CSC Burlington Bay map
 - b. **Yellow Flag**
 - i. Wind Speed = 12-22 Knots **and/or** Thunderstorm or severe weather activity possible
 - ii. Reduced boundaries in accordance with the CSC Burlington Bay map
 - iii. No Canoe/Kayak rentals allowed on the water
 - iv. Heavy Air Pass may be required (see #3)
 - c. **Red Flag**
 - i. Wind Speed = 22+ Knots **and/or** Thunderstorm or severe weather activity eminent
 - ii. No Rentals allowed on the water

10. Heavy Air Passes are required for yellow flag conditions.
 - a. This can satisfied by:
 - i. Presentation of US Sailing heavy air certification **or**
 - ii. Passing of on the water Heavy Air test. Heavy air tests will be administered at the discretion of the CSC staff. Winds must be between 12-22 knots. Please call at least 2 hours ahead to schedule.

11. *Note: CSC Heavy Air Passes do not satisfy the requirements for US Sailing Heavy Air Certification.*

12. A \$50 damage deposit is required for each boat rental going on the water
 - a. All renters are responsible for fully rigging/launching and de-rigging/stowage of all boats and equipment.
 - b. Hourly charges are applied from dock departure to dock return and will be rounded to the nearest half hour. Rigging and de-rigging times are not charged.
 - c. \$50 deposit will be returned when boat and equipment is returned in its original condition. Deposit return is at the determination and discretion of the CSC Staff
 - d. All rentals are to return to dock at least 30 minutes prior to closing.

13. Large commercial vessels including the Burlington/Port Kent ferry regularly use a lane (as indicated on the map) between the Sailing Center and the harbor breakwater. All rentals must respect and stay reasonably clear of these vessels when they are navigating the harbor. Please maintain a heightened awareness when navigating in these areas.

14. Boat Availability
 - a. All dinghy, canoe and kayak rentals are offered on a first come first serve basis.
 - b. Keelboats are offered by reservation. It is recommended to make reservations at least 24 hours in advance. The earlier the reservation is made, the greater likelihood that a boat will be available.
 - c. CSC classes take all precedence in boat availability.
 - d. If specific boat requests exceed boat availability, a waiting list is created. Rentals of these boats will have an on the water time limit of 2 hours until all requests can be satisfied.

10 Hour/Seasonal Pass Rules and Rental Agreement

- 1) Passes are sold on an individual basis only. All passes are non transferable. Pass holders must be present during rental and are entitled to one CSC boat per pass.
- 2) Passes are limited to the season that they are purchased and hours are not transferred to future seasons.
- 3) Dinghy pass holders are also entitled to use canoes and kayaks based on availability.
- 4) Keelboat pass holders are entitled to use all CSC boats based on availability.
- 5) Evening 10 hour passes are not valid during the Spring and Fall seasons of operation. Please refer to our dates and hours of operation.