



# community sailing center

lake champlain ; burlington vermont

*Lake access. Life lessons. For all.*

## **CSC Rental Hours:**

### **Spring Season: May 29 – June 14**

Monday – Friday 12pm- 6pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm

\*Please note: we are closed the week of June 14-18 for Community Sailing Center Staff Training

### **Summer Season: June 19 – September 6**

Monday – Friday 12pm- 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am – 8pm

### **Fall Season: September 7- October 11**

Monday – Friday 12pm-6pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am- 6pm

## **CSC 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.
  - Passengers under 8 years old may be permitted on CSC Keelboats under the discretion of the CSC staff:
    - If a proper fitting life jacket is worn. (the CSC may not be able to accommodate all sizes)
    - 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.
  - This can be satisfied by:
    - Presentation of US sailing certification or equivalent **or**
    - Passing of CSC written Renters Test.
- 9) Daily wind/weather conditions follow the following protocol:
  - **Green flag**
    - Wind Speed = 0-12 Knots **and** no thunderstorm activity or severe weather eminent
    - Full boundaries in accordance with the CSC Burlington Bay map
  - **Yellow Flag**

- Wind Speed = 12-22 Knots **and/or** Thunderstorm or severe weather activity possible
  - Reduced boundaries in accordance with the CSC Burlington Bay map
  - No Canoe/Kayak rentals allowed on the water
  - Heavy Air Pass may be required (see #3)
  - **Red Flag**
    - Wind Speed = 22+ Knots **and/or** Thunderstorm or severe weather activity eminent
    - No Rentals allowed on the water
- 10) Heavy Air Passes are required for yellow flag conditions.
- This can satisfied by:
    - Presentation of US Sailing heavy air certification **or**
    - 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.
- Note: CSC Heavy Air Passes do not satisfy the requirements for US Sailing Heavy Air Certification.*
- 11) A \$50 damage deposit is required for each boat rental going on the water
- All renters are responsible for fully rigging/launching and de-rigging/stowage of all boats and equipment.
  - 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.
  - \$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
  - All rentals are to return to dock at least 30 minutes prior to closing.
- 12) 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.
- 13) Boat Availability
- All dinghy, canoe and kayak rentals are offered on a first come first serve basis.
  - 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.
  - CSC classes take all precedence in boat availability.
  - All rental boats are allowed to be out for a maximum of 2 hours. Boaters have to return to the CSC docks after 2 hours on the water; if there is no one waiting to use the boat, the renter may go back out on the water.

## **10 Hour / Seasonal Pass Rules and Rental Agreement**

- 1) Passes are sold on an individual or family basis only. All passes are non transferable.
- 2) For individual passes, the pass holder must be present during rental and are entitled to one CSC boat per pass. Any individual listed on the family pass may come to the CSC and rent boats. Holders of the family pass are entitled to: 1 Keelboat, 2 dinghies, or 4 kayaks, canoes, or paddle boards at a time.
- 3) Passes are limited to the season that they are purchased and hours are not transferred to future seasons.
- 4) All season pass holders are also entitled to use canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards based on availability.