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COVID-19 Code of Conduct & Procedures For Sail Share Member

During these exceptional times of COVID-19, it's important that we show exceptional discipline to ensure that we all stay healthy and not risk our boating season. Our desire to be on the water must be balanced with our need to protect members of the community; we are all in this together and our priority must be focused on all of us coming through these unusual times safe and healthy.

As a participant in the Sail Share program, you must also be a member of either Britannia Yacht Club or Nepean Sailing Club. Depending on which club you are a member of, it's imperative that you read and become familiar with the [Code of Conduct for BYC](#) or [Code of Conduct for NSC](#), in addition to the Advantage Boating COVID-19 Code of Conduct.

Advantage Boating's COVID-19 policies are in place to ensure we are able to get you out on the water in a safe and responsible way with the safety of our sailors, fellow club members and staff being of utmost importance. We will also continue to follow official guidelines and recommendations from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), the [Province of Ontario](#), [Ottawa Public Health](#) and [Sail Canada](#).

The Sail Share program will proceed in a phased-in process:

Current allowance - Phase 1: *Sail Share sailing allowed for those of the same family/household.*

For the time being those registered Sail Share members who are from the same household are allowed to start sailing on our "Sail Share" boats. To book a boat, please login to www.supersaas.com.

Future allowance - Phase 2: *All other Sail Share members.*

In the near future as government restrictions ease, sailing will be allowed with two people from different households onboard our small Sail Share boats and C&C 27. Under these circumstances, sailors who choose to sail together will be able to get out on the water on our Sail Share boats but should keep in mind to avoid all unnecessary contact with each other while onboard.

Please note, that until further notice guests are not permitted to sail on Sail Share boats.

It is important that you adhere to the following core principles when conducting club or sailing activities.

1. Do not consider sailing or coming to the Club if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, are living with or in close contact with a person who has such symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has had the virus in the previous 14 days. If you are under a government mandated self-isolation period, you are required to complete it before coming to the Club. It is recommended that you complete the provincial self assessment before coming to the club: <https://covid19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
2. If you have a condition whereby you are immunosuppressed or have a chronic illness, you should consult your physician or public health resources to help you decide if you should come to the Club.
3. Even if you appear to be healthy and have had no contact with someone who is at-risk, it is still important to follow physical distancing and sanitation practices.

- a) Use sanitary practices recommended by the public health authorities.
- Practice proper hygiene as it can help reduce the risk of infection or the spread of infection to others.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food – or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- b) The Coronavirus that causes COVID-19 spreads through droplets that people produce as they breathe, talk, cough and sneeze. When coughing or sneezing:
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not into your hand.
 - Use a tissue and dispose of any used tissues as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards.
- c) Unless sailing with members of the same household, always maintain a distance of at least 2 metres / 6 feet from other people.

Upon arrival at the Sail Share boats:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water or with hand sanitizer prior to touching the boat (there is soap in the bucket as well as hand sanitizer onboard each Sail Share boat).
2. Always remain 6ft or 2m away from each other when rigging, launching, and derigging. If this is not possible then please wear a face protection mask.
3. Change into your sailing gear before arriving or on the boat since there is currently no access to the club facilities or group changing facilities.
4. Bring your own PFD or you will have one assigned to you for the balance of the season.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water or with hand sanitizer before taking off the main sail cover and hacking on the head sail.

Upon arriving back at the dock and departing from the boat:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water or with hand sanitizer before folding the sails and putting the sail cover back on.
2. Hang the genoa and main sheets from the aft end of the boom so they can be sanitized and have the opportunity to dry.
3. Use soap and water to wash down the boat, focusing in particular on the frequently touched areas.
4. After each sail, you will take your life jacket home with you.
5. Do not leave any personal items on the boat.

We have aligned our cleaning procedures with the guidance of the relevant authorities and will also be cleaning & sanitizing the boat between bookings with a 5% bleach solution.

I, _____, hereby have read, understand and accept the above terms of the Advantage Boating COVID-19 Code of Conduct. I agree to comply with the terms in good faith and to the best of my abilities.

Participants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____