



## **Community Sailing Program Rules of Operation**

The objective of the Moraine Sailing Club Community Sailing Program is to provide inexpensive access to club-maintained sailboats for use in sailing and sailboat racing at Lake Arthur and to provide support for the MSC youth sailing program.

### **RULES OF OPERATION**

1. Community Sailing Program members must complete an MSC Membership Registration form and pay the annual MSC Community Sailing Program membership fee (\$225) and agree to volunteer some time to maintain the program boats and equipment. CSP membership is a family membership (related individuals residing at one address) but boat qualifications are specific to each individual.
2. Community Sailing Program members must obtain written approval by the MSC Community Sailing Program Director or other qualified Club member (e.g., Education Director) as having completed basic sailing qualification for the class of boat to be taken out prior to taking a club-maintained boat out without qualified supervision. The qualification includes the 19 skills of US Sailing and demonstrated ability to rig Club boats. Other instruction, experience or demonstrated skills may satisfy the qualification requirement, but the qualification must be approved in writing by the MSC Community Sailing Program Director prior to a member taking a boat out without a qualified individual in the boat or under the direct supervision of a qualified individual.
3. Community Sailing Program members are responsible for their own safety and must wear a properly fitting US Coast Guard approved PFD (Personal Flotation Device) at all times while out on the water. Flying Scots must be rigged with a masthead float.
4. Community Sailing Program members who are qualified to use Club boats but are under 18 years of age must have the supervision of their CSP qualified parent or parental guardian during the youth member's skippering of Club boats. See "Policy on Minor Children" below.
5. Community Sailing Program members may take guests out on club-maintained boats but are responsible for the safety of their guests and must ensure that US Coast Guard approved PFDs are worn by their guests at all times while out on the water and that the maximum capacity limits of the boats is not exceeded.
6. Community Sailing Program members must be considerate and share the use of the club-maintained boats with other Community Sailing Program members and MSC Youth Program participants. Community Sailing Program members must utilize and abide by a boat reservation system established by the Community Sailing Program Director. Community Sailing Program members are encouraged to participate in the MSC races and use of boats for participating in the races will be given preference on MSC race days. No additional registration or race fees are required for participation in



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any of the regular MSC races by Community Sailing Program members using the club maintained boats, however, race results will not be officially recorded or published unless the participant registers with the race committee prior to the race.

7. Community Sailing Program members are responsible for property damage or bodily injury resulting from their use of club-maintained boats including salvage expenses resulting from capsizes and damage to other boats or injuries to people on other boats resulting from collisions with other boats. Members are expected to repair or replace damaged equipment in a timely manner or report the damage to the Community Sailing Program Director or boat manager. Members can be reimbursed for materials needed to make normal use type repairs and replacements by contacting the Community Sailing Program Director.

8. Community Sailing Program members are responsible for returning all equipment used to its proper storage location and condition or turning the equipment over to another Community Sailing Program member who agrees to take responsibility for de-rigging and put away.

9. The Community Sailing Program Director is responsible for and has the authority to discontinue an individual's membership for failure to comply with the program rules of operation or other just cause.

### **PROGRAM CONTACTS**

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### **Policy on Minor Children**

When you skipper a Club boat, you may of course have your minor child (under 18 years of age) on board as a passenger, along with guests. Your child may also take the helm of a Club boat that you are skippering, under your close supervision.

The following policy applies to your minor child skippering a boat him- or herself.

Your minor child may skipper a Club small boat (Optimist, Sunfish, Escape, etc.) in the following circumstances:

- (1) You have a Sunfish qualification.
- (2) Your child has a Sunfish qualification.
- (3) The water temperature is above 70 degrees and the lake is not white white capping.

AND

(4.a) You are yourself sailing or motor boating and stay within sight of your child so as to be able to lend assistance in a timely way in the event of capsize, overboard, or other problem.

OR

(4.b) You put a motorized boat in the water and your child stays within Watt's Bay (within a line defined by Barber Point and Worth Point). You must be keeping a close look-out so as to be able to lend assistance in a timely way in the event of capsize, overboard, or other problem.

If you are using a motor (4.b or possibly 4.a) you must also have a PA Boating Safety Certification and have completed an MSC orientation session for a sailboat rescue with a motorboat. If you are using a non-Club boat to provide safety/supervision, you must be wearing a PFD (you must, of course, wear a PFD when using Club boats).

CSP children under 18 years of age may NOT skipper a Club Sunfish or other small Club boat with any passengers on board unless the passengers are also CSP members with a Sunfish qualification and you are the passengers' parent/parental guardian and providing supervision as outlined above.

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