



## BCYC Junior Sailing Program CFJ and Club 420 Boat Usage Policy

BCYC has 7 CFJ's and 2 C420's for use by BCYC Junior Sailors. Sailors must have Jr. Sailing Director approval 24 hours prior to taking out BCYC equipment. Sailors will use sign-in/sign-out sheet in the sail room which must be used any time boats are used outside of program hours, Sage Hill excepted. If unsupervised, it is strongly recommended that sailors bring with them a personally owned handheld VHF radio, to contact harbor patrol, parents or the dock crew in case of emergency. BCYC is not responsible for any incidents occurring on the water with personal use of BCYC equipment. *BCYC recommends parents supervise all children under 13 years of age while on the water. Lifejackets must be worn at all times while using BCYC equipment.*

Sage Hill uses CFJ's 1-5 during the High School Sailing Season. We will *attempt* to use CFJ's 6 and 7 for BCYC Members. These are the newest boats in our fleet.

To avoid issues, BCYC has put together the following policies regarding boat usage, assignment and priority:

### Regatta Boat Usage Policy

- It is the responsibility of the sailor to communicate to the Jr. Sailing Director intention to sail in a regatta, and if appropriate which boat they would like to use. (just registering for the regatta does not qualify as notifying the JR Sailing director)
- Notification of intent to sail and use club asset must be a minimum of 7 days prior to regatta usage.
- It is the responsibility of the sailor to insure that the boats are returned to their BCYC spaces washed down, with all parts stored properly, and covers on. This includes responsibility for removing boats from trailers when returning from travel events. Boats not returned properly and equipment stored correctly may be subject to a service surcharge."
- It is the responsibility of the sailor to report any broken or missing gear to the Junior Sailing Director. Sailors may be held financially responsible for missing gear, or for repairs which the Junior Sailing Director feels are beyond normal wear and tear.
- Non-members are not allowed to use boats on days when the club is not open

### Regatta Boat Assignment Policy

Primary boat assignment is skill level and tenure. At the extreme, a top BCYC sailor with almost any combination of partner (member, program participant, and nonmember) would get first choice and get a more competitive boat than two members in their first regatta. This is to facilitate the BCYC club



reputation for top performance with respect to awards, protecting our good equipment and encouraging member retention.

If there are more sailors than club assets, the club will do its best to borrow/charter boats or trailers so that every sailor will have a boat and a chance to sail. There is no guarantee that club membership at any level or being in an active program will guarantee a sailor a boat. That being said, we are not aware of any time that a sailor that has followed the boat usage policy has not received a boat, and we will endeavor to keep it that way.

#### Regatta registration

No member will be permitted to use a club asset that is not sailing under the BCYC designation. (Dual burgee is acceptable)

#### Regatta/Charter/Coaching Fees

There are no additional fees (other than tuition) associated with “in-program” use of the club boats. This includes in-program regattas (costs are covered in tuition). In program regattas are defined as concurrent to the program schedule and will be published in the program description.

Private coaching is available through the club, please contact the JR Sailing Director for pricing and scheduling.

When boat usage is not “in program” and combined with a regatta then there may be fees associated with coaching and boat usage. Specific fees, if required, will be determined by the JR Sailing Director. Fees will vary based on the cost of the regatta and location of the regatta.

Support for regattas other than CFJ will be at the discretion of the JR Sailing Director/Head Coach in terms of club support and cost. The club will endeavor to support major non-CFJ regattas in an effort to develop additional club classes (429, laser, 29er, etc.). The goal will be to cover costs for these regattas. The JR Sailing Director/Head Coach also may facilitate securing coaching at other clubs in support of these regattas.

#### Boat Maintenance:

Boat usage is a privilege to club members and program members. It is the policy of the club that the sailors using the boats assist in the maintenance of the boats. Maintenance can take many forms, examples: participation in bottom cleaning day, “as needed” maintenance, purchasing equipment (covers, sails, etc.). It is expected that each Jr Sailor that uses the boats will participate in some sort of maintenance activity over the year. It is anticipated that this will be enforced with “Corinthian spirit” and that no additional enforcement will be required.



## FAQ's:

- Can I use a boat on a Monday or Tuesday?

*You may use boats on Mondays and Tuesdays, so long as you are on the approved sailor list. Sailors must check in with the Junior Sailing Director or Head Coach to let them know you are going out. Sage Hill uses CFJ's 1-5 on Tuesdays in the fall and spring seasons. Members should primarily use CFJ's 6 and 7 when possible.*

- Is there a wind limit for taking out BCYC Equipment?

*BCYC equipment should not be taken out in more than 15kts of breeze without the supervision and/or approval of BCYC Staff. Sailors are not allowed to leave the harbor without a chase boat. Personal use of BCYC Equipment is at your own risk.*

- Is there a minimum age for sailors to check out boats?

*All sailors with Jr. Sailing Director approval are eligible to take out the BCYC club boats.*

- Is there a process for pre-approval for boat usage?

*The Jr. Sailing Director is aware of the sailing ability of all sailors in our program. Approval will be given based on Jr. Sailing Director discretion.*

- Is there a fee to take a boat out to practice?

*There are no fees for members to take a boat out to practice without a coach.*

- Why are there regatta fees for a member?

*The fees are in place to help cover regatta expenses and overall boat maintenance, the fees will vary by event and number of participants.*