



Highland Park, IL

2017 North Shore Yacht Club General Rules & Hold Harmless

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement & Safety Guidelines for Use of Club Boats

As a participant in the North Shore Yacht Club's boating program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of injury. I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages, or losses of any type whatsoever, which may be sustained as a result of participating in the North Shore Yacht Club or any activities connected to or associated with the boating program of North Shore Yacht Club.

- I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the North Shore Yacht Club, its officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees as a result of participating in the North Shore Yacht Club or its boating program.
- I hereby fully release and discharge the North Shore Yacht Club, its officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees from any claims from injuries, damages, or losses which may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected to or associated with the North Shore Yacht Club or its boating program.
- I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless, and defend the North Shore Yacht Club, its officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees from any claims resulting from injuries, damages, or losses sustained by me or my family from our participation in the North Shore Yacht Club or club-sponsored events.
- I agree to adhere to the mandatory safety guidelines for use of club boats adopted from time to time by the NSYC. The full guidelines are included in the North Shore Yacht Club Handbook, emailed upon membership registration. **I agree that all participants of my household will read and abide by the guidelines contained in the North Shore Yacht Club Handbook.** These include but are not limited to the following:
 1. All members must pass a competency swim and boat skills assessment check-out by a designated NSYC sailing instructor or Kayak leader prior to using any club sailboats or kayaks. Lessons may be required prior to equipment use. Use the "CONTACT US" page at www.NorthShoreYachtClub.com to arrange a check-out time.
 2. No club boat may be used alone without a safety boat. We require at least two boats of the same type (i.e., 2 sailboats, 2 kayaks, 2 stand up paddleboards, SUPs, or one club boat and a club power boat.) to be on the water and sailing/paddling together at all times within hailing distance using the "buddy system".
 3. All people on the boat must wear properly fitted and fastened US Coast Guard Approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), at all times while using the boat (from shore to shore).
 4. Club boats may not be used in heavy surf or high wind conditions or when lightning is occurring or likely to occur.
 5. Club boats are for the exclusive use of club members (although a limited guest temporary membership may be obtained.) Guest must pass the assessment check-out as noted in #1.
 6. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied on the water at all times by a skilled adult member.
 7. Members who use the club boats are responsible for any damage they incur to the boat or other equipment.
 8. When feasible, notify the on-site Park District staff of your boating departure and the time you will return.
 9. I agree to read and abide by all NSYC club rules and boating regulations as set forth in the NSYC Handbook, as posted in Member Planet.