

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

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As a participant in the **North Shore Yacht Club's** on-water program(s), I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of injury associated with water sports. 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 and/or other 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, volunteers 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, volunteers 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, volunteers 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, the link to which I will receive 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 Swim and Skills assessment by a designated NSYC Sailing instructor, Paddle Board or Kayak instructor or designated Assessor prior to using any club equipment or watercraft. Lessons may be required prior to equipment use. Use the "CONTACT US" page at www.NorthShoreYachtClub.com to arrange for an assessment 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, or one club boat and a club power boat.) to be on the water together at all times within hailing distance using the "buddy system".
 3. All people on the boat/board must wear properly fitted and fastened US Coast Guard Approved Type III Life Jackets (personal flotation devices) at all times while using the boat (from shore to shore).
 4. Club boats may not be used in a Small Craft Advisory (SCA), 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 Day Pass may be obtained.) Guest must pass the Swim and Skills Assessment 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 using 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, and file a float plan with a family member or a friend on shore.

I have read and fully understand the above Release and Hold Harmless agreement. In addition I/we acknowledge that violation of Club boating safety guidelines or Club bylaws may lead to termination of membership depending upon the severity and details of the situation.

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I/we authorize NSYC to take and use my/our photographic and/or video image(s) and/or name(s) for printed or electronic publications related to NSYC functions and activities, such as, but not limited to, news releases, publications, social media and the website. Any photographs, video recordings, prints, and digital reproductions shall be property of the NSYC.

Member Signature

_____ date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Required for Junior Membership:

_____ date _____

Signature of Spouse / Partner

_____ date _____