

CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

- Chaperones will be assigned a group of sailors, and at all times the chaperones must know what they are doing and where they are. While sailors are among the finest young people anywhere, they are also typical young people, and they can think of many things to do that are unacceptable. Chaperoning means monitoring activities and stepping in when the lines of acceptability are being approached.
- Chaperones will be responsible for the sailors that they drive to the regatta. While these sailors are your main responsibility, it is the expectation that you will help supervise all SBYF sailors.
- No sailor may leave the hotel, sailing venue, or any other team function without a coach or chaperone to escort them. All activities must be supervised.
- SBYF has a Code of Conduct; all sailors and parents are aware of the Code and are expected to adhere to it. Chaperones need to emphasize mutual respect and expect the best from their charges. Chaperones must respond rapidly to inappropriate behavior and handle difficult situations in a positive manner.
- SBYF expects our chaperones to lead by example. Please use appropriate language and actions.
- SBYF sailors and chaperones will stay in the same hotel at overnight events. Sailors traveling to regattas will go to and from the regatta site in chaperone driven cars.
- The chaperones will be in possession of the medical release forms for the duration of the trip. Read through and familiarize yourself with the Emergency Medical Forms of the sailors you are chaperoning. Some have specific needs that may require your assistance. Medication should never be administered without instructions and permission from parents.
- Chaperones are to obey all laws while chaperoning including those pertaining to traffic, parking, speed, seat belts, etc. Sailors should never be put in illegal or dangerous situations within the chaperone's control.
- Regattas are considered a school event, so all school rules and regulations should be enforced.
- Your cell phone should be turned on, so you can be reached in case of an emergency.

- Chaperones are not to leave the regatta venue or hotel for personal reasons unless the other chaperones have been informed. Before leaving make sure chaperone duties are covered.
- Do not allow high levels of noise in public areas, hotels, restaurants, or in transit in order to prevent disturbing other guests.
- To avoid confusion and additional expenses, please adhere to the predetermined room assignments.
- Be aware of emergency exits of the hotel, pool facility and other locations. Inform your athletes of the location of emergency exits and when and how to get to an escape route.
- At curfew check to be sure athletes are in their assigned rooms with lights out, television and music OFF.
- Inspect rooms prior to check out to be certain they are clean and inspect for any damage.
- **Be flexible! Have fun and help the sailors have fun! Take Pictures!**