

As the SBYSF program has evolved, so has the need for a definitive policy regarding transportation reimbursement for out of town regattas. A small working group met to review the issue in detail and to formulate a plan that was fair and reasonable. Using your input, we believe the working group arrived at a balanced policy that is affordable, equitable and easy to manage. The following recommendation was submitted to and approved by the SBYSF Board. The policy will be posted on the SBYSF website along with an Excel formula calculator.

### ***SBYSF Transportation/Towing Reimbursement***

*Non-towing/single trailer towing vehicles will be reimbursed at half the government rate\*. Vehicles towing the larger three-boat trailers will be reimbursed at full government rate. The costs for all vehicles will be combined and shared equally by all sailors. Transportation / towing cost will be payable by check to SBYSF and collected upon departure to the sailing event by the driver towing the three boat trailer. Checks will processed by SBYSF and reimbursement will be mailed to the drivers.*

The Travel Policy Committee met to address the transportation reimbursement issue and in the course of the developing that policy we felt it was important to reiterate the rationale behind the current chaperone guidelines. The guidelines were established with the expectation that each family participates as chaperones with the out of town events resulting in the equitable sharing of travel costs. As a reminder, chaperones not only incur the cost of transportation, but also the cost of meals, accommodations and time. The out of town regattas are a great opportunity to meet and spend time with the skippers, their parents, and to be part of a larger sailing community. The success of this program depends upon everyone's active involvement.

Regards,  
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\*Note: Government transportation reimbursement rate is currently 58.5 cents per mile  
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=200505,00.html>