

BLYC Youth Program Code of Ethics

Rules for Reference and Enforcement

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH SAILORS

To make the most of your sailing experience, follow these guidelines:

1. Sail for fun and the love of the sport
2. Work hard to improve your skills
3. Listen, ask questions, and watch others to see how you can better your skills
4. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, confidence, and self-control
5. Be a team player – get along with others
6. Appreciate the contribution each person makes to the learning environment
7. Learn the rules and play by them
8. Always be a good sport and set a positive example for others

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

To make the most of your child's youth sailing experience, parents should always:

1. Support and promote the BLYC Youth Program Code of Ethics
2. Place winning in the context of fun, good sportsmanship, and fair play
3. Emphasize performance goals rather than outcome goals
4. Promote the total sport of sailing, not just racing
5. As spectators, remain in designated areas and manage motorboats properly
6. Remember that any coaching DURING a race is prohibited (See Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 Part 4 - Rule 41 "Outside Help")
7. Show respect for race officials and regatta rules
8. Model supportive and ethical behavior (Young people learn more from what they observe than from what they are told)

GUIDELINES FOR COACHES / INSTRUCTORS

Coaches / Instructors should always:

1. Follow and promote the BLYC Youth Program Code of Ethics.
2. Be aware of their enormous influence on the sailors in their charge and strive to model the highest ethical and moral conduct
3. Promote the total sport of sailing, not just racing
4. Place winning in the context of fun, good sportsmanship, and fair play
5. Be aware of their responsibility for the supervision and welfare of the sailors in their charge at all times including at away regattas
6. Operate support craft under recognized principles of safe motor boating
7. Understand that they must uphold event regulations, on and off the water, and housing rules
8. Be thoroughly acquainted with the racing rules, encourage adherence to the rules, and teach not only the rules, but also the procedures to be followed in the protest process
9. Assist all sailors to develop to their fullest potential
10. Encourage their sailors to be organized, to be responsible for their own equipment, to respect the property of others and to follow Lost and Found procedures

RESPECT GUIDELINES FOR ALL

Youth Program Members, Instructors, Coaches, and Parents are always expected to treat others with dignity and respect at youth program activities, races, and events and in any public settings where their association with the Barnegat Light Yacht Club is known, such as social media platforms. Failure to do so can result in removal from all program activities up to and including the full remaining season.