

## VYBA CODE OF CONDUCT

All sailors and parents agree that safety is our first priority. VYBA wishes to promote mutual respect and sportsmanship in the "Corinthian spirit" among all who are associated in any way with VYBA. All sailors, parents, sailors' family members, and VYBA board members associated with VYBA must be aware of and adhere to the standards expected regarding appropriate language, attitude, behavior and VYBA rules and this VYBA Code of Conduct.

1. I will demonstrate mutual respect for all sailors, coaches, the sailing director, all parents, and volunteers regardless of age, race, gender, national origin, or abilities.
2. I will represent VYBA with my best efforts, never bringing embarrassment or an unfavorable view to the program.
3. I will respect all VYBA equipment and property and care for the VYBA-assigned boats as if they were my own property
4. I will take financial responsibility myself, or with my parent(s), for any major lost parts or major boat damage incurred, and I will report lost parts or damage incidents immediately.
5. I will respect our bays, the intra-coastal waterway, the Gulf of Mexico, the shores and the islands and the creatures that live there.
6. I will not smoke, or bring alcoholic beverages, or bring or use any illegal drugs at any regatta in which VYBA is participating or hosting or at any time or at any time when sailing with VYBA.
7. I will not bring weapons of any kind to any VYBA practice or event or any regatta.
8. I will not verbally and / or physically threaten or abuse any other person at VYBA. I will never use profane language at any time at VYBA or at any event VYBA is attending.
9. I will not use any social media, website, email, or other tool to mock, belittle, accuse, bully, abuse, or harass any sailor, coach, parent, or anyone else associated with VYBA.
10. I will not use my cell phone at any time at VYBA, on land or on water, except in the case of an emergency or for contacting my parent at the end of the sailing session.
11. I will adhere to VYBA's sailing attire requirements including specifically: wearing closed toed shoes (no Crocs or Flip Flops) at all times on land or water and wearing a USCG (US Coast Guard) certified Type 3 Lifejacket at all times when on the water.
12. I will respect being a guest on the private Venice Yacht Club property.
13. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the water at all times.
14. I will follow the fundamental rules of sailing, and I will follow the directions of VYBA coaches and the VYBA Sailing Director.

By checking this box and signing below I/we acknowledge that I/we have reviewed the **VYBA's Code of Conduct** and agree that I/we will abide by it at all times. I/we understand that any violation of the Code of Conduct, by any sailor or the sailor's parents, may result in disciplinary actions, including non-refundable suspension or non-refundable expulsion from VYBA. The VYBA Sailing Director shall determine when a violation of this Code of Conduct has occurred, and if necessary, will confer with the VYBA Operations Committee for further action.. The disciplinary action determination resulting from any violation (including dismissal from practice(s), suspension, and/or expulsion from the program shall not be subject for review or appeal. I/we agree that VYBA may amend this Code of Conduct at any time. Those changes shall be effective on the date the amended Code of Conduct is sent to me via email.

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Printed Name (Parent/Guardian)

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Printed Name (Sailor)

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Signature (Parent/Guardian) & Date

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Signature (Sailor) & Date