



### ***Junior Sailing Safety and Behavior Guidelines 2021***

Silver Gate Yacht Club Jr. Sailing is happy to have you participate in our sailing program. Sailing is a fun and exciting sport, and the skills you learn with us will stay with you for a lifetime.

We are providing a fleet of boats for your use. These boats are owned by the SGYC Foundation and maintained by SGYC volunteers. This equipment is expensive and must be treated with care. Intentional abuse of the equipment may lead to your removal from the program.

Silver Gate Yacht Club is a private, member-owned club. It is critical that you respect the yacht club property and the club members by following the guidelines listed below. Above all, your safety is our highest priority. These safety guidelines are designed for your protection and the enjoyment of all participants and club members.

- Coast Guard approved and properly-fitted life jackets must be worn at all times when you are on the docks or on the water. No exceptions.
- Appropriate closed-toe footwear must be worn at all times when you are on the docks, ramps and boats. Filp-flops are **not** considered appropriate footwear.
- All sailors new to our program will be required to pass a swim check on the first day of instruction.
- Sunglasses, hats and sunscreen are strongly recommended.
- Shoes and dry clothing (no wet swimsuits) are required in the clubhouse.
- Jr. sailors should use the designated restrooms.
- Jr. sailors are not allowed on the hoist pier or ladder and are not allowed to operate the hoist.
- Jr. sailors are not allowed in the club bar.
- SGYC and the SGYC Foundation are not responsible for loss or damage to participant's property. Please leave expensive items such as electronics and jewelry at home.
- Do not board or touch the privately owned boats in the marina.
- No bike riding, rollerblading or skateboarding on the SGYC property.
- Your best conduct is expected at all times. No offensive language, actions or horseplay will be allowed.
- No running on the docks or ramps!
- All sailors are expected to help with rigging and launching of boats in the morning. At the end of the sailing session, junior sailors are expected to assist with cleaning and storing of the equipment.
- Jr. sailors should not leave the club property during program hours unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. SGYC program staff should be notified if you leave the premises.

I have read these guidelines and agree to abide by them:

Sailor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sailor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_