

## SSA Boat Use Program

This program is intended to encourage SSA member participation in the club and use of the SSA owned boats. To make better use of all of our boats, the SSA Board has put in place this boat use policy.

### Highlights of the policy include:

- Members can use the boats, with some restrictions, at any time they want.
- To promote responsible use of boats, a skills test and a detailed pre & post use checklist is required.
- Use of the boats is strictly limited to SSA members and their guests.

### Who can use the SSA Sailboats:

Each person on any SSA sail boat shall have signed a waiver and be wearing a life jacket at all times. Each boat shall have at least one SSA member over the age of 18 on board. The boats cannot be rented or otherwise used by the general public.

In addition to being an SSA member, the person responsible for using each boat shall have passed a Sailing Certification which includes:

- Be able to swim
- Has demonstrated basic sailing skills:
  - Rig, launch, tack, jibe and land the boat without assistance or running into things.
  - These skills shall be demonstrated on the boat the user intends to sail. ○ Can use a VHF radio
- Complete the pre-use and post-use survey of the boat
- Accept personal responsibility for any damage to the boat, damage to other boats or property, costs of retrieval, towing, or search and rescue efforts that may arise from use of the boat.

All Passengers on SSA Sailboats:

- Shall sign a waiver (Guardians sign for those under 18)
- Shall be able to swim
- Shall wear a life jacket at all times

### Conditions of Use for Holders and the Capris 18

Weather (for both Holders and Capri 18)

- Maximum sustained winds of 15 MPH. No gusts of 18 or more within the last 60 minutes based on Windbag weather station. [Windbag Weather Link](#)
- No sailing with visible lightning or audible thunder.
- No sailing with predicted weather fronts that might exceed wind limits (per VHF Weather Channel 2 or 5).

Times of use;

- SSA Boats are reserved for educational programs and youth sailing
- Club boats can be sailed from ½ hour after sunrise to 7:30 pm through the end of August, 6:00 pm September.
- Holders and the Capri 18 may be reserved at: [CAPRI RESERVATION WEBSITE](#)

- Reservations are required for participation in a race with a SSA boat
- Reservations are required for use for more than 4 consecutive hours

Sailing Area;

- Holders: (See map of sailing areas)
  - West of a line from Kootenai Point to Contest Point
  - 300 yards North of the RR Bridge
- Capri 18 (see map of sailing area)
  - West of a line from Sunnyside boat ramp to Anderson Point
  - 300 yards North of the RR Bridge

Safety:

- Mandatory use of life vests – NO exceptions.
- Shall have a either a personal VHF, a club VHF or a water proof cell phone onboard.
- Shall have notified someone onshore of expected travel plans and return time.
- Shall have confirmed weather requirements are met by checking forecast and local conditions

Damage:

- Report any damage to the quartermaster.
- Check in / check out sheets shall be completed prior to and after each use.

**Questions? Contact:**

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