



## **ROLE OF THE TOWNSVILLE SAILING CLUB PARENTS 2015**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my Youth Sailor by following the Role of the Parent and the TSC Parent Guidelines.

### **1. Role of the Parent:**

- a. I will demonstrate positive support for all sailors, coaches, and volunteers at every session be it practice, regatta, or youth event.
- b. I will ask my child to treat other sailors with respect regardless of race, sex or ability.
- c. I will train my child in the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- d. I will support TSC officials and coaches working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- e. I will be a respectful fan and fulfil my volunteer commitments.

### **2. Race Team Parent Guidelines:**

- a. Coach meetings and practices are for the youth sailors, coaches and TSC staff. We respectfully ask parents to view these from a distance and not to participate or interrupt practices or meetings unless invited to do so by the coaches or TSC official. There are many opportunities to view your youth racers during their participation in regattas and training where the support of 'parent fans' is encouraged.
- b. Parents, coaches and TSC officials should be mindful of the child's wishes and preferences. Parents should consult with their child as to the level of participation (or non-participation) that the child would prefer the parent to have.

### **3. Complaints:**

- a. We strongly encourage sailors to advocate on their own behalf, and to discuss any issues they have with their coaches or TSC officials directly.
- b. Before a parent addresses a concern, we ask that you consider that perception is not always reality. Please consider whether you can fully understand the situation before lodging a complaint.
- c. You will achieve the best result for your child if you:-
  - firstly, seek your child's opinion on your concern. It may be of no concern to him/her at all.
  - secondly, arrange to discuss it in person or by phone with the coach or official outside of Club hours, preferably away from the Club during the week;
  - If you cannot come to an agreement with the coach or official, you should meet with a Club management committee person with whom you feel comfortable and discuss your concerns. You should ask that person to advocate on your behalf and then leave it to them so to do.
  - If after a reasonable time period you still cannot understand the other viewpoint, you should write to the committee asking that an independent dispute resolution mediator be appointed to arbitrate the circumstances.
- d. Please address concerns in a private, respectful manner. Harsh language towards coaches or officials will not be tolerated and sets your child a bad example. Sounding off in front of other parents or youth will only embarrass your child.

### **4. Coaches:**

- a. All of our coaches have a high level of training and motivation. We ask parents to support the coaches in all of their decisions regarding how to run the practices and how to divide the groups for coaching.
- b. We have formalized the process for sailors moving up through our sailing groups.

- c. We have developed a 'check-list' of key skills for each group. Sailors will have the opportunity to meet individually with the coaches and have this list reviewed and signed. If skills need to be mastered the sailor will have lots of opportunity for development.

**We ask parents to support the coaches in their decision of which group a sailor will be in.**

This may vary at any given practice. Coaches take into consideration such things as the range of skills within the groups and the sailing conditions on the day.

**5. Volunteer commitment:**

- a. We need ongoing help from **ALL** parents of the team. We ask that all Junior Fleet families help at regular events that the TSC hosts. In addition, we require all families to contribute volunteer hours to help make our programmes successful.
- b. There are many ways in which you can help out. Task descriptions are available on request. If you have not signed up for a volunteer task on the day then one will be assigned to you. We appreciate all your assistance.

**6. Fund Raising:**

We expect all member families to participate in any of our fundraising efforts whenever the Townsville Sailing Club holds these events throughout the year.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ as parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,  
have read, understand and will abide by the "Role of Parent" and "Race Team Parent Guidelines".

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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