

Standards of Behaviour at CORK events.

This document is based on "Ontario Sailing Standards of Behaviour".

The Canadian Yachting Association and Ontario Sailing are responsible for the development of young athletes through various programs. CORK supports those programs in its various events. It is considered an integral part of such youth development that standards of general behaviour be achieved and maintained.

1. SAILORS

- Shall regard the Racing Rules as a form of agreement.
 - *The Rules represent the spirit that you should not evade or break.*
- Shall remember that winning isn't everything.
 - *Having fun, improving skills and making friends are just as important.*
- Shall be gracious in victory and defeat, be co-operative, respectful and always remain a team player.
 - *Remember that your actions on and off the water reflect on you and your sailing organization.*
- Shall respect and treat the club and other people's property as their own.
 - *Any willful vandalism of property or theft is not permitted. Full restitution will be required.*

2. COACHES

- Shall adhere to the CYA "Coaches Code of Conduct"
- Shall not verbally abuse athletes. Athletes learn best by example.
- Should ensure a fun and rewarding environment to increase an athlete's confidence.
- Shall never question a Race Official's honesty or judgment.

3. PARENTS AND CHAPERONES

Parents as well as adults who are participating in CORK events are expected to support the above Principles and those laid out in the parents/chaperones code of conduct for CORK events.

Parents, please also remember that:

- Sailors should compete, set goals, and enjoy the sport of sailing for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Competitors should be taught that doing their best is as important as winning. Parents should never make a child feel defeated due to an outcome of a race.
- Young sailors learn best by example. Be a good role model.

4. OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

CORK officials and volunteers are expected to support the above principles as well as adhere to the CORK volunteer code of conduct. As volunteers we must be aware of our impact as role models for the participants and at all times conduct ourselves bearing this in mind, both on and off the water. We are hosting competitors and their support consisting of coaches, and families. Only by working smoothly with other volunteers can you help their time at CORK be positive and rewarding. Cooperation is the key to a successful season.

Volunteers must treat everyone with respect regardless of gender, place of origin, race, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, religion or economic status. Volunteers will refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language. The use of illegal drugs or other banned substances is forbidden and it is illegal to consume alcohol while on the water.

(Please see the CORK/Sail Kingston Policy manual for complete information)

NOTE: Senior Officials and/or CORK personnel on site may investigate any disciplinary problems that arise, and may initiate a hearing, which could result in the following:

- Termination of an individual's participation in the given event;
- Removal of an individual's right to compete in future related events.