

Manhattan Sailing Club Membership Agreement

I, _____ (print name), understand that the Manhattan Sailing Club is a family of sailors and that the club is trying to increase the knowledge, skill and safety awareness of all members. By becoming a member of the club, I agree to the following:

1) Term of Membership

A) My membership will begin with the signing of this agreement and continue until I resign by sending a written letter to the club or the club ends my membership.

B) I authorize the club to charge dues and other charges to the credit card which I leave on file with the club.

2) Responsibility

A) I understand that being a Member entails a higher level of responsibility than an individual sailor because my actions can affect the well being of the club and the enjoyment of all members, both current and future.

B) I agree to abide by all club rules. I understand that these rules are posted on the club website.

C) I understand that membership in the club is a privilege and that if I cause difficulty to the club or other members, my membership will be ended.

D) I accept full responsibility for any guests which I bring to the club.

E) I understand that sailing is a sport which involves risk such as injury, loss or damage. I understand that I share the responsibility for safety and agree to practice safe boating. I agree not to sue other members of the club as well as the club and agree to hold harmless all other members, Manhattan Sailing Club, Manhattan Yacht Club, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees from all claims of injury to person or property arising from my participation in sailing through Manhattan Sailing Club.

3) Safety

A) I understand that the club recommends every member purchase their own Personal Flotation Device. I understand the club requires members to wear PFDs whenever boating at the club.

B) I understand that a skipper may only take a club boat sailing when they have a fully functioning VHF radio on board. I understand that the club encourages all members to own a VHF radio because it can provide important weather updates and communicate with maritime rescue services.

C) I understand that thunderstorms and squalls represent danger and that the club requires all boats to be back to the correct dock before a thunderstorm or squall strikes.

D) I understand that all boats must maintain a proper lookout at all times and avoid any and all collisions.

4) Contribution

A) I understand that the club is giving me an opportunity to become part of a boating community and that I should also contribute to the club.

B) I agree to be a contributing factor towards the club's emphasis on safety and education. I agree to assume a leadership role in demonstrating safe boating to other members.

C) I agree to volunteer for club activities and participate in the maintenance of the club fleet during the spring launching and decommissioning weekends and at other times when requested by the club.

I understand and agree to the above.

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____