



## ALAMEDA COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

### **ACSC Youth Program Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Who do I contact for urgent questions/issues?**

For anything urgent during the Sailing Club day, call or text the Program Director (Emily Zugnoni) on the ACSC phone number at **(510) 629-9282**.

#### **Does my child need to be a strong swimmer to participate?**

Feeling comfortable wading into the Bay and floating with a life vest is important. Strong swimming skills are NOT a requirement. We do get into the Bay, sometimes on purpose and sometimes by accident, so we ALWAYS wear life vests in and around the water. Please know that even where it's shallow, it's not always possible to see the bottom, so some water comfort is key.

#### **Do I need to sign my sailor in and out? Can they bike to ACSC?**

An ACSC staff member will manage the sign-in and sign-out clipboard each morning and afternoon. **Drop-off and pick-up are "curbside."** For those who will be biking, there is a bike storage area in the back of the ACSC site.

#### **Can I watch the sailing?**

Of course! **Only sailors and staff are allowed inside the ACSC site while programs are in session,** but ALL are welcome to come watch from the sidelines ... err, the Bay Trail, where there are benches and an excellent view of the ACSC Cove.

When checking out the camp day, please allow your sailor to stay focused and with their group. There will be [opportunities to sail and splash around together](#) after camp is over.

#### **When is the best opportunity to watch the sailing?**

The second-to-last day of each program is the best time to watch the action. You can view the sailing from the Bay Trail or the Encinal Beach. If you can't make it, no worries! We'll take photos and videos to share.

#### **May my sailor arrive late or leave early? What if they need to miss a day?**

No prob! Just send a text to the number above or email to [ProgramDirector@SailAlameda.org](mailto:ProgramDirector@SailAlameda.org) so that their Sailing Instructor gets the memo. For planned and unplanned absences, please notify us as early as possible.

#### **My sailor has their own gear (life vest, wetsuit, etc.). May they bring it?**

ACSC will provide life vests and wetsuits, but sailors are welcome to bring their own gear and leave it on site overnight during their camp session.

**What about medications?**

Sailors should bring their emergency medications, such as inhalers and epi pens. We keep them in the office except for all-day adventure sails, during which emergency medications go into a staff “dry-bag” on the safety boat.

**Where do sailors store their belongings?**

Each group has a designated “classroom” with tables and chairs and each sailor is assigned a locker where they may store their belongings. Padlocks for the lockers are not provided.