

## **DJST POLICIES- Sailor's Copy**

### ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

Every sailor will sign a Code of Conduct agreeing to behavioral expectations as outlined. Sailors failing to follow the Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible suspension or expulsion from the program. NO REFUNDS will be given for Code of Conduct suspensions or expulsions.

### ***NO SAIL DAYS***

DJST is a focused sailing program operating in an environment conducive to sailing. In the event of stormy weather, classes will be cancelled. In the event of conditions of no-wind, classes will be held with an on-shore instructional curriculum. The fate of classes during extreme rough seas or wind will be at the discretion of DJST management. There will be no refund for canceled classes.

### ***PARENT INVOLVEMENT***

DJST is a tremendously successful volunteer-driven organization thanks in large part to the involvement and enthusiasm of the parents. Each family is required to volunteer in at least one aspect of the program, including participation as the Parent-on-Duty during a session in which your sailor is registered. This important position is the on-land contact for all emergencies. Sign-up for Parent-on-Duty begins at the DJST Parents Meeting in late May and is requested throughout the season as needed.

### ***RULES FOR OBSERVATION***

The sailing area is off limits to non-participants during class time. Distractions hinder the instruction process and can cause delays. DJST recommends the swimming area of Weed Beach as a wonderful location from which to observe the sailors rigging, launching and sailing each day.

### ***BOAT RENTAL LIABILITY***

It is assumed that rental boats will be subject to normal wear and tear throughout the season. If any significant damage determined to be the fault of a DJST sailor requires the submission of an insurance claim for repairs, the parents of the sailor involved will be responsible for 50% of the deductible. That deductible is \$1,000.00 per incident.

### ***PRIVATE LESSONS***

DJST instructors offer private lessons on weekends throughout the season in Optimists and 420's for those sailors registered in the program who might benefit from a more one-on-one environment. Private lessons are not offered in place of group sessions. Fees are standard for a one-hour session and vary according to the number of instructors required. Please see Program Chair for details and to schedule a private lesson.

### ***REFUNDS***

Refund requests for DJST program withdrawal will be considered only if requested prior to June 1, 2009, or if withdrawal is for medical reasons. Absolutely no refunds will be granted after June 1, 2009.

### ***REGATTAS*** (Opti Levels 3 & 4, Opti Regatta Squad and 420 Racing)

#### ***RACING FEES***

Junior Sailing Association (JSA) dues are required for each sailor in order to participate in JSA sanctioned regattas and are covered by DJST. Separate registration fees for each regatta are the responsibility of the sailing families and must be paid at the time of the regatta registration. Refunds for withdrawals prior to the regatta date will be considered only if the hosting club offers such refunds

#### ***TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM RACES***

Parents are responsible for transporting sailors and their assigned Opti or 420 to regattas. Our instructors are prohibited from driving any sailor to or from these events. All other information regarding regattas will be included in the "DJST Racing Packet."

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### ***BEHAVIOR***

DJST sailors are required to be respectful and courteous to all instructors and fellow teammates; cooperative with all DJST instructors and fellow sailors; encouraging of fellow sailors; and helpful and willing to honor your share of responsibilities. Sailors will be written up for disruptive behavior or for violating the behavior policies. DJST management reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a sailor from the program for contradictory behavior in order to preserve and protect the integrity and strength of the DJST team as a whole. Under such circumstances, refunds will not be considered. The signatures of parent and sailor on the DJST Policies statement indicate your agreement to comply with the behavioral expectations.

### ***TIMELINESS***

Sailors should be on time every day and met at the designated drop-off area in the Weed Beach parking lot promptly at the beginning and end of each class. Instruction begins on time and we urge your respect of the specified hours in consideration of your fellow sailors and to insure that you receive the full benefits of the sailing program. Repeated tardiness will be brought to the attention of the DJST management and may be interpreted as disruptive behavior. In the event of a planned late arrival or early dismissal, please notify an instructor in advance so that we can make the necessary accommodations.

## **DJST MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Darien Junior Sailing Team is to provide a safe, fun and empowering learning environment in which to develop the skills required for sailing; to promote personal growth and independence within the sport; to achieve proficient levels in boat handling and maintenance; and to develop decision making skills while encouraging sportsmanship, leadership and team work in rigging, launching, and sailing together on Long Island Sound.

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