

## **CERT/Elite Sailing Code of Conduct**

(Please print and review with your child)

The goal of Coastal Elite Racing Team (CERT) is to provide a safe and educational environment for all participants. It is of utmost importance that all sailors and their parents be aware of the standards expected regarding behavior both on and off the water.

CERT wishes to promote mutual respect amongst its sailors, coaches, parents, volunteers, and guests through the use of appropriate language, attitude and behavior.

All participants, including parents and youths of CERT, agree that:

1. Safety is the top priority.
2. I will demonstrate mutual respect for all sailors, coaches, parents, and volunteers regardless of age, race, gender, religion, national origin or abilities.
3. I will represent CERT with my best efforts, never bringing embarrassment or an unfavorable view to the team.
4. I will respect all equipment and property. I will take personal and financial responsibility for any damage I incur. Parents will take joint responsibility for damage caused by their children.
5. I will not verbally and/or physically threaten or abuse any other person.
6. I will refrain from smoking, drinking and/or illegal drug use.
7. I will not bring any weapons to any CERT practice or events.
8. I will not use any social media website or tool to mock, belittle or abuse any sailor, coach or anyone else associated with CERT.
9. I will continually strive to demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the water. I will follow the fundamental rules of fair sailing.
10. I will not argue the placement of my sailor when he/she is placed in groups or teams determined by skill, experience, or commitment level.
11. I understand that the Coastal Elite Racing Team is a private sailing team and a privilege to be a member. Sailors may be asked to leave at the discretion of the head coach, Mike Dowd.
12. I will not rig for my sailor at any clinics or regattas, I understand that CERT coaches need sailors to become independent and responsible for their own equipment. Parents/Guardians are for transportation only. They must stay away from the rigging area when coaches are on duty.

\_\_\_By checking this box and signing below I/we acknowledge I/we have reviewed the Coastal Elite Racing Team's Code of Conduct and agree we will abide by it at all times. I/we understand that any violation of the Code of Conduct, by any sailor or the sailor's parents, may result in disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to, suspension or non-refundable expulsion from the team. The Executive Director of CERT shall make the determination as to whether a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred, and the disciplinary action resulting from any violation, and such determination shall not be subject to review or appeal. I/we agree that CERT may amend the terms of this Code of Conduct at any time, and those changes will be effective when they are sent to me via email.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sailor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_