

Invitation to Participate in Friday Night Races (Code of Conduct)

The J-Town Executive invites you as a member of the club to take part in the community clubs' Friday Night Races. Friday Night Races are intended to be fun for all participants. They are also the races in which: a) new sailors are encouraged to start racing by crewing, b) learning takes place and c) people of all levels of expertise are expected to participate.

This invitation is made with the following qualifications:

1. Helms and crew must accept that the experience and skill of the person they are drawn with will vary widely and work to make the experience enjoyable for both people in the boat;
2. While good-spirited competition is encouraged, overly aggressive or consistently ill-tempered conduct will not be tolerated;
3. Helms and crew are expected to work with and mentor less experienced crew or helm good-naturedly;
4. Racers must demonstrate good sportsmanship, including respect for other racers, respect for the rules of racing and respect for race officials;
5. Crew should have CanSail2 or equivalent and helms should have been helming for at least one year in other races and/or race training. Helms must evaluate whether they have the skills to race in the actual weather conditions with the crew they have been drawn with and not race if they are in doubt.
6. Helms must at a minimum review the Racing Rules of Sailing, and ensure that they understand the basic right of way rules; and
7. Racers will endeavor not to place other club members and/or the Race Chair in the uncomfortable position of reminding them of expected behavior (as just described).

By accepting this invitation to participate in Friday Night Races, you also accept that the invitation may be withdrawn and your Friday Night Racing privileges suspended or revoked by the Executive, if the Executive concludes that you have acted in a manner inconsistent with the qualifications set out above. You understand that: i) any sanctions imposed are entirely at the discretion of the Executive, ii) no process is prescribed for the Executive to consider an incident, and iii) the Executive's interpretation of the qualifications set out above may differ markedly from your own.

Accepted this ___ day of _____, 2016

Signature _____

Name printed _____

Please return a signed copy by email to race@sailtoronto.com, or to Mary Neumann or other person doing the final match up on Friday. You may not race in the FNR if you have not completed and handed in a signed copy.