

Safety Boat Protocol

Thank you for volunteering for this U.S. National Championship! Your presence on the water is essential to a safe environment for our junior sailors. Please review the safety guidelines below – and enjoy this great event.

Thank you for your help!

1. Channel VHF ____ for communication on the race course.
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2. Club Sailing Program/Instructor boats are designated first for rescue/capsized situations, etc. If an instructor safety boat is not available or cannot be hailed, then volunteers should proceed to rescue.
3. Please turn engine OFF when boarding a child from the water.
4. For best control in windy conditions, approach capsized boat very slowly from directly upwind, and maintain capsized bow and rescue boat stern directly into the wind with intermittent reverse gear. This will allow sailors to right the capsized boat while head to wind. *All junior sailboats should have a painter (bow line).*
5. If boat is “turtled” with mast in the mud, *do not tow or move the boat.* Allow instructors to rescue, but please stand by.
6. Please inform the Race Committee of boats leaving the race circle under tow or retiring. Disabled boats should be moored to the “Mom” boat at each circle.
7. Please escort junior sailors off the race course at day’s end. Please be wary of high-speed powerboats.

--from Narragansett Bay YA