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Use Policy for Club-Owned RS Feva's, Club 420's, Optimist and O'pen BIC

To the Membership:

This year, the Sachem's Head Yacht Club is adopting a new policy for usage of its club-owned sailboats: the four RS FEVAS, six Club 420's, one Optimist, and one O'pen BIC. We have enacted this policy to keep these one-design boats in full working condition for teaching sailing classes and equal racing condition for our team races, regattas, Saturday series, and holiday races. The policies are in-place to keep our sailors safe and to ensure that the boats are properly and safely put away after use.

- Outside of sailing class, Ladies Sailing, and private lessons with SHYC sailing instructors, adult members and children of members that are currently enrolled in or have successfully graduated the junior sailing program are only allowed to sail in the club-owned boats so long as they comply with the safe sailing weight requirements (see chart below) and **must check out and check in** the boats before and after rigging with the launch operator, steward, or sailing instructor on duty, who may in turn designate an appropriate 420, Opti, or O'pen BIC to be used.
- **RS Feva's are not meant to be free-sailed by adult members alone.** Adult members can sail the RS Feva's so long as they are accompanied by a sailor currently enrolled in the SHYC Jr. Sailing program and abide by the safe sailing weight requirements.
- Only those who have had **prior experience in the particular type of boat** can use the boats outside of classes. (i.e. someone who sails RS Feva's in class but has never sailed a Club 420, may not free-sail a Club 420)
- **Proper amount of people/weight per boat** is required for sailing outside of class:

	Combined Crew Weight		Maximum # of Sailors	
	Minimum	Maximum	for Racing	for Leisure
Club 420	180 lbs	325 lbs	2 people	3 people
RS Feva	130 lbs	250 lbs	2 people	3 people
Optimist	40 lbs	125 lbs	1 person	2 people
O'pen BIC	60 lbs	175 lbs	1 person	2 people

- Children must be **actively supervised by at least one responsible parent or guardian** at ALL times during use of the boats. Responsible adult must either be on the water with the sailor (in the boat or in a safety boat) or the club owned boats are not to leave the SHYC Harbor.
- **Usage area** – the boats must stay in the harbor, Joshua Cove, and/or close proximity to the club (example: Sailing to the Timbles or Faulkner's Island is too far away).
- **Life jackets** are required while sailing the club-owned boats and when rigging the boats on the dock at all times
- **No intentional capsizing** or turtling shall be permitted
- All boats, sails, and blades shall be **put away in a manner that is equal to or better** than the condition that they were received. Boats are to be securely tied after use. Boats must be return and put away **before sunset**.
- **Member assumes full responsibility for use of club-owned boats outside of sailing class time or club races.** Member will be responsible for paying for any damage and helping to coordinate and pay for a timely repair.
- Use of the **club-owned boats for SHYC holiday and series races** are on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given in the following order: 1) sailors on the SHYC Junior Race Team members, 2) sailors enrolled in the SHYC Junior Sailing Program, 3) sailors not enrolled in the SHYC Junior Sailing Program. If demand exceeds the number of boats, the SHYC Race Coaches will develop a registration/list process to manage.
- The **Club 420's are only permitted to be used at two travel regattas: POYCC and MBC.**
- At this time the **RS Feva's will not be used at travel regattas**, unless a policy change is made mid-season.
- The **Honor System** shall be in place for all of the above rules. Any issues or questions with this can be referred to a launch operator, steward, or sailing instructor on duty and/or the SHYC Flag Officers.

Any questions about the rules can be directed to the Fleet Captain, Mike Schnitt @ mjschnitt@gmail.com or 203.641.6387. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain our boats. Looking forward to a fun and safe season out there on the water!

Cheers,

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