



## LNCS Sailing Rules & Procedures

**LNCS Equipment** - The use of our facility is only for current LNCS Members and their guests. In keeping with the LNYC/PYC/LNCS reciprocity agreement, at the discretion of the Center Director, the Hough HS sailing team may also access the equipment (420s and Scots) on a not to interfere basis with Member use. Anyone on the property must be aware of and follow all LNCS Rules & Procedures. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of privileges.

**Care of Equipment** - Users are expected to return boats clean and tidy. Do not use a boat that is out of service indicated by caution tape. Damage and/or broken or loose fittings must be reported immediately in the Checkout Log and/or to repairs@LNSailing.org. Extensive damage or personal injuries must be reported on the Incident Report form as soon as possible. Incident Report forms can be picked up at the office. Participants **will be held financially responsible for any damage done outside of normal wear and tear** and billed the deductible if there is an insurance claim. The paddle/Sunfish shed and paddleboards should remain locked.

**Availability** - All watercraft are available sunrise to sunset, seven days a week on a first-come first served basis to members that are qualified. We operate 12 months a year, weather permitting. All watercraft must be back at the dock before sunset. Equipment may be checked out for a maximum of three hours, at which time the skipper needs to verify there is nobody waiting for its use prior to continuing to sail.

**Boats** – Only Flying Scots and Sunfish are available for adult Open Sailing. Optis, 420s and Sunfish can be used by children of Family Memberships provided they have been through our youth programs and/or have been cleared by an instructor. Motorboats are for staff use only.

**Kayaks & SUPs** – Kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are available for all Members, regardless of skill level. Paddles do not float. Lost paddles will result in a \$50 replacement charge.

**Guest Policy** - Qualified skippers are allowed to bring guests during Open Sailing times on the Flying Scot. Guest availability is limited during scheduled Social Sailing events – Guests can participate once in a Social Sail event before they are expected to obtain a LNCS Membership. Members may bring guests to use the kayaks and SUPs for a \$15 Guest Fee to be put in the drop box on the back porch, paid at the office or paid online. Repeat guests will be asked to buy a membership.

**Minors** - Anyone on our property under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a parent or by an adult with authorization to act on their behalf. Minors are required to wear life jackets on the dock and on the water.

**Qualification** - LNCS equipment can only be checked out by current LNCS Members who have been qualified.

**Log Book** - Participants must record all equipment use in the Equipment Check-Out Log located under the drop box on the back porch.

**Waivers** - All participants and guests must have signed an “Assumption of Risk Waiver and Release Agreement” to include the “Rules of Safety and Conduct” form for the current year prior to going aboard any LNCS equipment. Blank waivers are kept in the log book on the back porch.

**Life Jackets** – Participants must carry properly fitted Coast Guard approved Type IV Personal Floatation Devices. Members should bring their own. For guests, PFDs are located in the bins on the back porch. Please return to the proper bin.

**Sailing Area** – Unsupervised sailing of Flying Scots and Sunfish takes place in Ramsey Creek – do not sail past the islands to the south.

**Communication** – Communication with the LNCS Office while on the water is via phone number (704) 947-7245.

**Emergencies/Calls for Assistance** – It is your responsibility to make wise decisions while participating at LNCS and to prevent unsafe activity. **In the case of a LIFE THREATENING emergency, call 911.** For other needs/assistance, call the office at 704-947-7245. You can also call Sean O'Donnell at 704-909-8929 Cell. We currently do not have towing coverage. If you call a tow service, you will be responsible for the fee, which can be several hundred dollars.

**Weather** - Unsupervised Sailing will not be permitted if: Wind speed exceeds 12mph, combined air and water temperatures are below 100 degrees, or if the chance of thunderstorms is above 30% (NOAA). It is the responsibility of participants checking out boats to be aware of the forecast and changes in conditions that are likely to occur. **LNCS Staff, permanent or part time, have the authority to cancel supervised sailing, cancel open sailing and/or restrict access to our equipment for any reason. Participants in any activity are to return to the dock immediately if at any point they hear thunder or see lightning.**