



Ahoy Kids Set Sail Parents:

We are very excited to have your child enrolled in Kids Set Sail summer camp! Our Camp Instructors look forward to meeting your young mariner and getting out on the water!

Please review the following information carefully for how we will manage our program to assure a safe environment for your children. **Please make sure that your child comes to camp every day with the following:**

1. A positive attitude and an open mind.
2. Life jacket – please see below for suggested lifejacket resources.
3. Refillable water bottle.
4. Towel.
5. Sunglasses and a hat. (Neither are required but are recommended.)
6. A change of clothes in the event of a rain shower. (We do not permit swimming, though we will have sprinklers running on super-hot days, so a swimsuit is fine for that activity but not required. Campers will change clothes inside our secured houseboat if needed.)
7. Sunscreen! We do not dispense sunscreen due to the potential for allergies, therefore, each camper is required to have their own bottle.
8. Lunch & Snacks (we have a refrigerator and coolers for perishables.) Please note that DC Sail does not supply food or beverages, other than ice water, so be sure to bring along what your camper will need for each day. **“Food sharing” is not permitted by campers or staff.**
9. Footwear: Shoes that you don’t mind getting wet, but **NO LOOSE-FITTING SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS!** Old sneakers or inexpensive water shoes are just perfect. We will permit sandals that cover the toes completely and have a heel strap, however, make sure the soles are rubber and not plastic. This requirement is for your child's safety as foot injuries are easy to experience and we wish to keep your camper safe on the docks and boats, especially in wet conditions.

Kids Set Sail Code of Conduct/Camp Rules:

- ☞ Obey and respect Camp Directors and Instructors.
- ☞ Sailors must be safe and respectful to others.
- ☞ Good manners and sportsmanship are always expected.
- ☞ Appropriate language must always be used.
- ☞ Swimming is not allowed.
- ☞ Life jackets required to be worn while on the docks and on boats, for the exception of being seated during lunch and restroom breaks.
- ☞ Sailors will treat equipment and facility with care.
- ☞ Keep your area clear of trash and recycling items – place them in the bins so that they do not fall into the water.
- ☞ No roughhousing/pushing.
- ☞ No running the docks.
- ☞ Shoes to be worn at all times.
- ☞ **HAVE FUN – MAKE NEW FRIENDS – ENJOY LEARNING!**

Parents & Campers Should be Aware: *Failure to follow the Code of Conduct and Camp Rules will result in Instructor and the Director/Assistant Director meeting with your camper to have a conversation to help them understand why their actions are unsafe or harmful to others. They will identify ways to prevent future issues. If the situation is repeated and/or breaking of other safety and conduct rules, the Director will contact parents/guardian to discuss. If unresolved, campers will face possible dismissal for the balance of the program without refund.*

Life Jackets:

All campers will be required to have their own personal life jackets. **Life Jacket Resources:** [Please click here](#) for an inexpensive option for youth life jackets. These are the same life jackets we would normally use for our Kids Set Sail sailors. It is less than \$20. You're welcome to shop for "sportier" models but this one is perfectly fine and meets all USCG guidelines. (For children who weigh more than 90 pounds, you'll want to shop for adult sized jackets ([please click here](#).) There is a West Marine store in Alexandria that is open for foot traffic. [Please click here](#) for their location information. Other retailers may include [REI](#) or [Dick's Sporting Goods](#) as options. We recommend you contact their stores to inquire about available stock if not purchasing online. *(Please contact us if you are unable to purchase a life jacket due to finances. We may be able to assist you with a loaned life jacket for the week.)*

Health, Wellness, and Illness Protocols:

If your child is not feeling well, they will not be permitted to attend camp and we will be unable to provide partial refunds for missed days during the week, which has always been our policy. Any student not feeling well or with a temperature will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible. If a student is recorded with a high temperature, tests positive for COVID-19 or another contagious illness, or is exposed to the virus by a household member, they will be unable to return to camp for the balance of the week.

Monday Through Thursday Drop Off and Pick-Up Times:

Drop Off: Between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Pick Up: Between 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM

Friday Drop Off and Pick Up Times:

Drop Off: Between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Pick Up time is an early release at 2:30 PM on Fridays

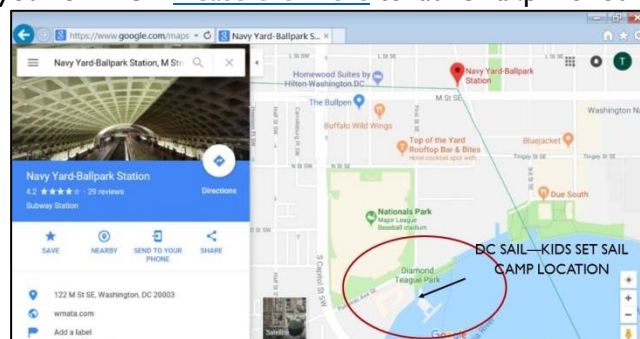
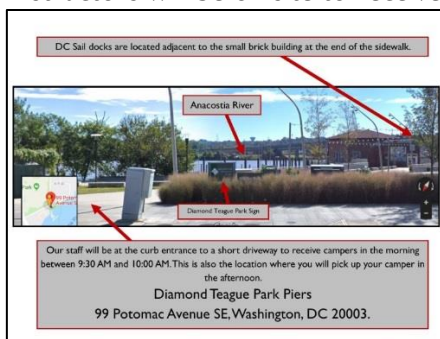
We welcome parents and family members to come to the docks at 1:00 PM on Friday afternoons so that parents may observe sailors demonstrating their sailing skills in a little regatta right off the docks. Please be aware that vehicle parking is difficult and can be quite expensive if you find a space in our area and we recommend taking public transportation or taxi/Uber/Lyft to our docks.

Important: Please allow for ample time to travel to our location as there is congestion in the area and normal rush-hour related traffic. Also, when the Washington Nationals are hosting home games, traffic will be a concern. We will provide updates as needed ahead of daytime game-days.

Do not leave your children unattended until you have signed them in with a Kids Set Sail staff member. We do not have staff available to monitor your children before or after camp drop off/pick up times.

Kids Set Sail Location:

Kids Set Sail Summer Camp takes place at our Diamond Teague Park Piers location. [Please click here](#) for a Google Map link. We are located just behind the Washington Nationals' ballpark at 99 Potomac Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003. Closest Metro station is Navy Yard/Ballpark, located at 122 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20003. Camp Directors and Instructors will be on site to receive your children [Please click here](#) to launch a .pdf of our location.





Our docks and pavilion are adjacent to the small brick building at the end of the sidewalk. Our banners are on the fencing at the gate entrance to our docks.



Weather Information:

In the event of strong, sustained thunderstorms which may last throughout the day, or other significant weather events, we may need to fully or partially cancel that day's schedule. You will be notified via email should this occur after drop off. We often try to "wait-out" forecasted afternoon storms and make a decision at lunchtime regarding early release. We'll make every effort to provide as much advanced notice of the cancellation of camp due to weather. (Historically, this has only happened very few times during the summer, as the weather conditions in our area typically have pop-up storms later in the afternoons, usually after normal pick up times.)

Less intense weather conditions will result in Camp Directors leading the campers in shore-based activities that are fun and instructive if we are unable to sail for reasons of boating safety and weather conditions. These conditions may include a passing shower (no lightning), very light air conditions where there is not enough wind to sail, or high wind conditions where there is too much wind.

Our long-established weather policy has always been that we do not issue partial refunds or adjustments if the weather is dangerous or not conducive to actual sailing (i.e.; light air, thunderstorms, etc.)

Required Paperwork First Day of Camp:

Please be sure to have the completed hard copy paperwork forms for your child and deliver it to the Camp Director on the first day of camp. **Your child will not be able to participate without this form.** [Please click here](#) to launch 2024 Registration/Medical/Waiver form.

If you registered your camper at the Scholarship Rate, please enclose in a sealed envelope the Scholarship Application along with the tax/income verification paperwork. [Please click here](#) for the Scholarship Application. (Please note that Scholarship will not be granted without the proper required paperwork.)

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you and we look forward to a terrific week of summer camp!

With best regards,

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