**TEAM PARADISE SAILING YOUTH SAILING CODE OF CONDUCT**

While it is in our mission statement for sailors to have fun, it is imperative that there be some restrictions on behavior. The primary reason for this is safety. It is assumed that your child is motivated and excited to be considered part of our team, and we are excited for the opportunity to share our passion for sailing with them! **(Team Paradise is not the place for your child if they are not motivated to want to learn to sail and is not the place for your child if you are looking for “day care.”)** It is of utmost importance that all sailors and their parents be aware of the standards expected regarding behavior both on and off the water. Team Paradise Sailing wishes to promote mutual respect amongst its sailors, coaches, parents/caregivers, volunteers and guests through the use of appropriate language, attitude and behavior. All participants, including parents and youth of Team Paradise Sailing, agree that:

SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY

* I will HAVE FUN!
* I will demonstrate mutual respect for all sailors, coaches, parents, and volunteers regardless of age, race, gender, religion, national origin or abilities.
* I will represent Team Paradise Sailing with my best efforts, never bringing embarrassment or an unfavorable view to the program.
* I will respect all equipment and property. I will take personal and financial responsibility for any damage I incur.
* Parents/Guardians will take joint responsibility for damage caused by their children.
* I will respect Biscayne Bay, its shores and the marine life that make it their home.
* I will not verbally and/or physically threaten or abuse any other person.
* I will not use any social media website or tool to mock, belittle or abuse any sailor, coach or anyone else associated with Team Paradise Sailing.
* I will continually strive to demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the water.
* I will follow the fundamental rules of fair sailing.
* I will arrive on time each day, ready and willing to listen and learn.
* I will use *WhatsApp* chat group to communicate with Team Paradise if I am going to be absent or if I am running late.
* I will come to Team Paradise Sailing prepared and dressed appropriately.
* I will have a substantial and healthy meal prior to coming to sail with Team Paradise. (Sailing while hungry is just not fun!)
* I will leave all electronics, toys, jewelry, and expensive clothing at home.
* I will stow my cell phone during programming and will only use it with coach’s permission.
* I will refrain from rough play! (It is unsafe.)
* I will be helpful to my crew. (Rigging and de-rigging/washing the boat.)
* I will keep my hands in the boat and to myself.
* I will not go on the dock without my life jacket. (Life jacket must be zipped & clipped!)
* Verbal or physical abuse, or behavior that jeopardizes your child’s safety or that of anyone else in the program will not be tolerated. Failure to observe the rules and procedures vary according to the nature of the infraction, but may include loss of boating privileges and/or program expulsion. All students will be accountable to the following three-step system

- Step 1 – This step is a first warning. Parent/Guardian will be notified of the incident and will receive a written note describing the incident.

- Step 2 – At the second step, a discussion will be held with parent/guardian. The student will receive a brief suspension from the program. The student and parent/guardian will also be reminded that a third step could result in a suspension from the rest of the session.

- Step 3 – At the third step, a meeting will be called with the Director. The student will receive an extended suspension from the program, possibly suspension for the remainder of the program sessions. (You will not be refunded your payment in this situation.)

If you have any questions concerning our Youth Sailing Code of Conduct, please contact the Administrator at 305-854-3500 or [admin@teamparadise.org](mailto:admin@teamparadise.org). We’re here to make your child’s sailing experience as safe and enjoyable as possible. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_ By checking this box and signing below I/we acknowledge I/we have reviewed Team Paradise Sailing’s Youth Sailing Program Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at all times. I/we understand that any violation of the Code of Conduct, by any sailor or sailor’s parents, may result in disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to, suspension or non-refundable expulsion from the program. The Executive Director of Team Paradise Sailing shall make the determination as to whether a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred, and the disciplinary action resulting from any violation, and such determination shall not be subject to review or appeal. I/we agree that Team Paradise Sailing may amend the terms of this Code of Conduct at any time, and those changes will be in effect when they are sent to me via email.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sailor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_