



**BYLAWS of**  
**the**  
**McGill University Sailing Team**

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**1. Practice Policy**

1. Attendance

- a. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team are responsible for attending at least two practices per week during the whole season.
- b. Each team member is allowed one excused absence from regularly scheduled practice. A reasonable excuse to be exempted from attending practice as stipulated above must be previously approved by the team coach before midnight the day of practice.
- c. Failure to honour commitment to all scheduled practices, with the exception of the one aforementioned excused absence, will lead to a hearing administered by the Captain and Coach of the team, which will result in suspension or expulsion as stipulated in Article III, paragraph V of the Constitution of the McGill University Sailing Team.
- d. In the event of unforeseen personal emergencies, a member of the team may contact the Coach or Captain to seek relief from practice without repercussion.

2. Driving Reimbursement.

If a member drives teammates to practice, they shall keep a running count the number of ways, amount of times, and the dates they drove others to practice. At the end of the season they shall submit this documentation to the Treasurer, and McGill Sailing will make a contribution to their gas costs.

**2. Regatta Policy**

1. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team are ambassadors of McGill and should act accordingly.
2. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team must follow all rules and regulations laid out by national, state, and provincial laws. In addition, team members must follow rules and regulations laid out by the NEISA. Sailors are responsible for knowing and abiding by these rules and regulations.
  - a. Individual sailors are responsible for any infractions of local laws and rules laid out by NEISA. Sailors will be subject to temporary or permanent loss of membership from the McGill Sailing Team based on any such infractions, to be determined by the team coach.
3. The McGill University Sailing Team also adds the following rules:
  - a. Alcohol possession and consumption is strictly prohibited, regardless of age, during the entire weekend away at a regatta.

- b. All sailors must spend every night during a regatta in a hotel or motel of the local area so as to ensure adequate rest the night before a competition and to encourage safe long-distance travelling unless an exception is granted in writing by the team coach.
  - c. Competing sailors must be driven to events by a non-competing individual 20 or over.
4. The above policies apply to all sailing events.

### **3. Damage Policy**

1. All damages to boats and/or loss of equipment occurring during a McGill University Sailing Team practice are to be paid in full by the responsible sailor(s).
  - a. Skipper and crew may be held equally responsible for damages resulting from on-the-water collisions or failure to properly rig and/or secure equipment.
  - b. The team coach will determine who is responsible for damages and loss of equipment, in conjunction with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

### **4. Involvement Policy**

1. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team are expected to participate in boat maintenance sessions which will take place whenever conducted by the Team Captain, as stipulated in Article IV, paragraph VII of the constitution of the McGill University Sailing Team.
2. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team must participate in the cleaning of the Royal Saint-Lawrence Yacht Club property whenever conducted by the Team Coach.
3. General volunteering at the Royal Saint-Lawrence Yacht Club is strongly suggested to the members of the McGill University Sailing Team.
4. Team members have a responsibility to help in fundraising events for the team.

### **5. Punishment Policy**

1. Members of the McGill University Sailing Team agree to abide by these bylaws at all team events for the entire season. Any infractions of the bylaws will be brought to the attention of the Team Coach and the Executive Committee.
2. A minor infraction includes but is not limited to: inappropriate behaviour during a regatta weekend or failure to attend a boat maintenance day.
3. A major infraction includes but is not limited to: any violation of federal, provincial or state laws during a regatta weekend, any action that puts oneself or a teammate in danger.
4. The Team Coach is responsible for deciding the severity of an infraction and any major or minor infractions (with consultation of the Athletics & Recreation Competitive Clubs Administrator) will be dealt with as stipulated in Article III, paragraph VI of the McGill University Sailing Team Constitution.