

These rules and policies apply to **all persons** using the UCI boats, equipment and the Intercollegiate Sailbase. They are especially important for all **UCISA members**. UCISA—UC Irvine Sailing Association is open to UCI students, faculty, staff, UC alumni and spouses.

Membership is a privilege and requires all members to be responsible for their actions and behavior while using the University's equipment. We expect all members to be courteous and represent UCI in an appropriate manner.

The following list of policies and rules has been established in the best interest of all members. **All members must follow these regulations.** Violators are subject to loss of ratings, membership, sailing privileges, or other disciplinary actions, including financial responsibility as determined by UCI.

GENERAL RULES

1. All skippers must have paid the current quarter fees and be a member of UCISA.
2. **The UCISA skipper must be in control and on board at all times.** The skipper **is responsible** for the safety of his/her guests and must confirm that all participants can swim. All UCISA skippers are responsible for maintaining their sailing skills and knowledge to the level required by their rating test.
3. All UCISA members must have their current paid membership receipt and identification with them when they go to take out a boat. Dock box combinations to the equipment are not to be given out to anyone, regardless of their reasons for request.
4. If you have a rigged boat and another member wants to use it, check their rating and membership card/receipt prior to allowing them to check out your boat. If you are unsure of their qualification, de-rig your boat, stow all equipment, and let them rig their own boat.
5. Unsafe, negligent or dangerous behavior is not allowed. You are responsible for knowing and following right of way rules, especially “**avoid a collision**” and “proper lookout at all times”. Do not take risks with the UCI boats.
6. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the Intercollegiate Sailbase or on the UCI boats. Smoking is not allowed near or on any of the UCI boats or docks. Pets are not allowed on the UCI boats or on the docks.

LIFEJACKET/PFD's POLICIES

All sailors should WEAR Coast Guard Approved Personal Floatation devices (lifejackets) at all times while on board UCI boats. See www.dbw.ca.gov [Wearing lifejackets saves lives!](#)

Required: There must be a PFD for each person on board the Capri's and the J 22. Additionally on the J 22's a throwable PFD and flares are required. These are required by the US Coast Guard. The law states that “**children 11 years and younger MUST wear a lifejacket** while on board”. YOU MUST PROVIDE CHILDREN'S lifejackets and they need to wear them on the docks as well.

Lifejackets should be located in the box for the Capri's and on the J 22's inside each boat. It is recommended that you purchase personal lifejackets for yourself and your guests. This will insure proper fit, and that you always have them.

RESERVATION AND SIGN OUT POLICIES

UCI Classes, Sailing Team and UCI Sailing program events including UCISA organized events have priority over individual use. Boats not being used for these events may be available for individual sailing. Sailing is not allowed during UCISA “work parties.” See www.sailingclub.net Calendar Page for updates. Quarterly class schedules and notes are found in the Capri and J22 log books.

Capri's: no reservations

You must sign your boat out in the log book, located in the jib box. The class schedule is in the front of the book. Sign the boat back in upon your return

J22's Reservations cannot be made for specific J 22 due to the docking configuration

1. Reservations may be made no more than ten days in advance.
2. Reservations may be made for only one day of each weekend. You may sail both days, but advance reservation can only be made for one day
3. One –half hour grace period is given to all reservations
4. You are responsible to try to cancel your reservation. Your writing should be legible on your reservation so if there is a need to contact you we have the correct information. We need name, contact phone and email.
5. There will also be one J 22 that is not available for reservation, and is available on a first come first served, basis. **ONLY 5 OF THE j 22s CAN BE RESERVED**
6. You must sign out the boat before going out AND sign it back in upon your return.

BEFORE GOING OUT SAILING

1. Check with the UCI Instructor, Rigger (some weekday afternoons) or UCI Dockmaster (some weekends). All boat use is under their direction and subject to any limitations or restrictions they request. If a dock master is working you must check with them before leaving the base to sail and after returning.
2. When the Dockmaster **is not present**, you must check the UCI log books for any special messages and for the current class and team schedules since these activities have priority over recreational use. When a class is scheduled, you may be able to use a boat as long as you check with the instructor first.
3. Prior to leaving the Sailbase, all skippers must call the **local weather forecast (949) 675-0503**, or check other weather sources, i.e. the Internet or NOAA Weather Forecast. All skippers must know the tides for that day.

WEATHER RESTRICTIONS

1. If the windspeed at the Sailbase or in the harbor is 18 knots or greater, **NO** boats leave the dock. Visually check the wind and weather conditions at the docks closest to the channel, since it is blocked near the seawall. When there are white caps in the bay, it is too windy for the UCI boats.
2. If small craft advisories are posted (winds exceeding 25 knots), but the observed wind is much less, the boats may go sailing, but may not leave the harbor (J-1 limits apply to all and are further restricted to the harbor. They may not go out to the bell buoy and Capri skippers must stay close to base).
3. If gale warnings are posted, no boats leave the docks
4. If at any time the wind increases to 18 knots or more, take measures to reduce strain on the boats and return to the base.

Recommendations: Capri's should **use the "cut down" sails in winds of 15 knots. They can be difficult to sail in winds 15 to 18 knots.** Remember you can take the main down on the Capri and sail with just the jib.

J 22 mainsails should be reefed in knots 15 and up. Check the reefing lines before leaving the dock.

Note: During Santa Ana winds (the hot dry winds that blow from the East) the cliffs at the base block the wind and it may actually be blowing significantly more in the harbor than at the base. Use extreme caution and check the actual wind speed by calling the harbor patrol and checking internet sites Docking is also extremely difficult in these conditions. You should not go out in a Santa Ana wind.

If gale warnings or storm warnings are posted, **NO** boats leave the docks.

PASSENGER LIMITS

Capri's: May not be sailed with more than 3 crew aboard including skipper

J22's: May not be sailed with more than 5 crew aboard including the skipper, (four is more comfortable). **NO single-handed** sailing of the J 22's is permitted.

SAILING AND RATING LIMITS

1. Capri's and J 22's cannot be sailed under any bridges (including the Back Bay Bridge).
2. UCI boats shall not be sailed after dark. The only exception is J 22's inside the harbor with legal running lights, and a **night time check out approval** and proper lights **NO NIGHT TIME OCEAN SAILING.**
3. **Capri 14's-** May not be sailed in the ocean or in the main channel area bounded by the jetty.
4. **J22's: J 1:** Sail in the harbor and to a radius of 100 yards of the harbor bell buoy. (Located just outside the harbor entrance).
5. **J 2:** May sail up to 3 miles up the coast but not past the Huntington Beach Power plants and no more than 3 miles out. Going south, sail no further than the first point, El Moro. Do not sail inside (close to the beach) more than a line of sight from the end of the breakwater. Stay outside a line between the breakwater and always stay well outside the surf line...
6. **J 3 or 4's:** Allowed to race. Each rating has specific limits) same limits apply unless you have prior Boating Director approval
7. Spinnaker Use: There is a spinnaker use endorsement for those who have passed competency rating.

Harbor AREA limits: The following areas are restricted to J 22's and are not recommended for Capri's: (they are too narrow for safe maneuvering):

- The channels of Linda Isle
- The back of Balboa Island (the side west of the bridge)
- All mooring areas, especially those in the Lido channel (between Lido Isle and the peninsula).
- Back bay Bridge, not inside X buoy or inside the area marked "Shoal" on the buoy.

ACCIDENTS AND BOAT DAMAGE Treat these boats like your own!

1. If you are in an accident you must obtain all-important information including the other vessel's CF#, operator's name, address, phone; owner's name, address, phone, as well as the docking location of the boat. Also, write a description of the accident. Be sure to contact one of the people listed below even if you do not think there was any damage

If there are serious injuries or any type of emergency contact the Harbor Patrol or call 911.

2. Boat damage, breakage or any lost equipment must be reported promptly to the Boating Director (824-7592), For Any major damage or injuries call and if you do not get an answer call 949 922-1722 (after hours)

3. Individuals are responsible for damage, breakage or lost parts resulting from their use of the boats and will be held financially responsible and will be required to pay the cost up to our insurance deductible of \$500.00. The Sailing Program will cover damages resulting from regular wear and tear after a determination has been made releasing the individual from the responsibility. The Sailing Programs Director and Rigger will make these determinations.

UCISA member and UCI Sailing Program user has read the above and agrees to abide by these policies.

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