

--FLEET CAPTAIN JOB DESCRIPTION--

Minneapolis Sailing Center

First Consideration: Safety For All Sailors

Before Racing or Cruising: Check the Weather Conditions! Weather awareness is important! Work with and communicate with the Judge/PRO to postpone or abandon racing if weather looks threatening, or if weather trend looks to develop high winds or a storm. Stay in touch with Judge/PRO and, if conditions dictate, inform your fleet of postponement or abandonment either on shore or on the water!

Remind all sailors to have their life jackets onboard for everyone.

Experience: Ideally, a Fleet Captain should be an experienced racer having skippered or experienced 5 to 10 races. If needed, help the Judge/PRO set up equipment on the Committee Boat prior to departing out on the lake.

Encourage Participation: Racing or cruising, much more fun with others! You are the Cheerleader for your Fleet! Work with new sailors and match new sailors with experienced skippers!

Rules are important: Be familiar with latest Racing Rules of Sailing! Conduct rules discussions and answer rules questions when needed. You want to create a fair 'playing field' for all skippers, just as the Judge/Pro seeks to lay the best racecourse possible.

Timely: Be aware of schedules, especially for races; ensure that all racers know WHEN the races start, when they need to be on the line!