--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!