



PENTAGON SAILING CLUB

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From: Training Commodore

Subj: **BAY SAIL BAGS**

1. We now have two Bay Sail Bags for use with our charter boats on the Chesapeake Bay. This was a process the Club started two years ago to provide key safety resources to our designated Bay training charter skippers. This was done to help minimize their out-of-pocket expenses associated with being a Club Skipper of Record (SOR).

2. We are continuing this practice into the 2012 sailing season. This year we now have two complete sail bags. The first or blue bag is for boats less than 40' in length. The red bag is for boats greater than 40' in length. The difference in bag contents is only the size of the preventer line and snatch block.

3. Each bag contains the following inventory:

- Qty 1 - USCG Navigation Rules
- QTY 1 - Preventer line (~75 feet)
- QTY 1 - Ronstan snatch block to match preventer line size
- QTY 1 - Orange Rescue Throw Bag
- QTY 2 - Jacklines
- QTY 4 - Harness
- QTY 4 - Orange whistle (attached to harness)
- QTY 4 - Six foot safety tether
- QTY 1 - Portable signal horn

4. An SOR only has to check out one bag per boat unlike last year where both bags were needed onboard. Either bag (blue or red) can be used on any boat less than 40' in length. However, the red bag has a larger preventer line and snatch block that is more appropriately sized for a larger sailing vessel (i.e., greater than 40' in length). The bags are clearly marked and color-coded.

5. Both bags are kept at the Annapolis Bay Charters office (Port Annapolis, MD), and should be picked up by an SOR at the time of a charter checkout. The bag should then be returned to the charter office upon completion of the sail.

6. These bags are also available for use by any Club member who charters with Annapolis Bay Charters. Just checkout and return the bag like a Club-sponsored sail charter. Priority will be given to a Club-sponsored sail over a private charter if there is a scheduling conflict.

7. Each SOR should inventory the bag after use and report any discrepancies to the Bay Skipper Coordinator or the Training Commodore.

8. Any questions or comments should be addressed to the Training Commodore at trainingcommodore@pentagonsailing.org.