



ASA Instructor's Code of Ethics

Professional Conduct

As an American Sailing Association certified instructor, I agree I will:

- Do everything possible to achieve excellence in my professional conduct and deliver the highest quality instruction.
- Show respect for students in language and actions, and through the exercise of fundamental human courtesy and a respect for diversity of all people.
- Treat my employers and students with the same honesty I expect for myself. The same honesty will extend to my handling of sailing qualifications, certifications, assessment of students' abilities, and any circumstances that might exhibit potential for conflicts of interest.
- Treat people fairly without regard to race, sex, religion, age, disability, or national origin.
- Set aside conflicts between me and students or others, within the context of carrying out my professional responsibilities.
- Honor property rights, copyrights, patents, and trade secrets.
- Respect privacy, confidentiality and personal exchange of information.
- Strive for excellence in the sailing profession by maintaining and enhancing my own knowledge and skills.
- Strive to maintain continuous and positive communication between students, instructors, schools, members, affiliates, and the American Sailing Association.
- Know and obey laws, statutes and regulations pertaining to my professional work. I will accept full responsibility and consequences for any violation.
- Accept and provide professional review and criticism. This includes review from students, schools, peers, and other individuals or groups involved.
- Honor contracts, agreements, and assigned responsibilities.
- Improve public understanding of sailing's benefits.
- Support and help those individuals who are subordinate so that they can achieve a high level of success.
- Use the association's materials and resources in proper and authorized manners.
- Present and groom myself in a manner that is appropriate for the high level of influence and responsibility that accompany my role as a sailing instructor.

Safety

- Exercise prudent seamanship at all times putting safety first and foremost. Should any doubts about the safety of maneuver or activity arise, I agree to avoid any situation in which safety may be compromised and to err on the side of caution.
- Use all resources available to provide a safe learning environment for all students.
- Assume responsibility for the safety of students and others who have been put in my care.
- Conduct myself in a professional, sober (avoiding all intoxicating substances) and safe manner while carrying out all responsibilities associated with sailing instruction.

Moral Turpitude

I acknowledge that:

- I have not been convicted of a felony involving “moral turpitude”.
- I will not engage in any acts or conduct that would constitute “moral turpitude”.
- I recognize that such acts include, but would not be limited to, theft of property or money; lewd or lascivious conduct or comments; having or engaging in sexual relations with any student or employee, regardless of their purported “consent”; plagiarizing written materials belonging to any other person or entity; defaming any person or entity; accepting bribes offered by students or persons acting on their behalf or competitors; turning over any confidential or proprietary information or materials which belong to the American Sailing Association without its express, advanced written consent; and any other acts or conduct which would reflect negatively upon the reputation of the American Sailing Association, as determined in its sole discretion.

Compliance with the Code

As an American Sailing Association instructor in good standing, I consent to uphold and promote the principles of this Instructor Code of Ethics. I recognize that ASA certified instructors who have gone before me established this code of conduct and others who follow will follow not only its tenets, but also the example set by myself and others.

Instructor's Signature

Date

Print name