



#### Governance

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## O-2 Weather Policy

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### Wind Speeds

Able Sail Toronto boats are not permitted on the water in constant wind speeds of 15 knots or greater, or when gusts exceed 25 knots.

Sailing shall not be canceled due to low wind speeds.

### Rain and thunderstorms

No Able Sail Toronto boats are permitted on the water during thunderstorms. When a thunderstorm is in the forecast, weather reports should be checked at least once every half hour.

Able Sail Toronto members should be warned of a possible storm prior to casting off and are required to stay within 15 minutes of shore.

If there is uncertainty about whether a storm is coming, the program manager will consult with a board member to make the final decision.

Sailing programs shall not be canceled for light rain or forecasted rain.

### Restricted Visibility

No Able Sail Toronto boats should be operated after sunset, before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

### Temperature

Able Sail Toronto programs may be cancelled when temperatures exceed 35°C and when there are official smog alerts, at the discretion of program staff.

All members should be informed of any dangers associated with the weather conditions prior to casting off.



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Members will not be penalized for late cancellations under these conditions.

## Emergency Weather Conditions

e.g. Flash thunderstorm, water spout, squall

LIVES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BOATS, take students out of boats if you must.

Send all boats to land with “head-in, no questions asked” safety signal.

Students are to report to emergency meeting location.

Use discretion, one person should report immediately to shore and the other should help students to the dock.

The larger and more maneuverable coach boats are suggested to stay and help students on water.

Inform NYC Office and relay person of on-water crisis.