



DC Sail *American Spirit* Schooner Sailing Programming and 2022 COVID-19 Protocols

American Spirit – Schooner Ticketed Events and Private Charters

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DC Sail is dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of our passenger, members, students and their families. With the guidance of US Sailing, CDC, and local governmental health entities, we have developed strong sanitation and procedural protocols as we resume our operations.

Effective February 2022:

While COVID-19 and variants of the virus is still very much an issue, until further notice, the following operating protocols remain in place and will only be lifted or changed when health and governmental authorities issue an “all clear” notice. We hope that by the time our sailing season resumes, there will be improvements in the public health arena. We respectfully request that you honor our policies to keep you, our staff, your fellow sailors and their families in good health by taking precautions in the effort of reducing the transmission of the virus.

Fleet & Facility Sanitation Maintenance: Even prior to COVID-19, *American Spirit's* decks and equipment were power washed before and after each sail. The boat is routinely prepped with a detailed deck and facility cleaning prior to use and after passengers depart. We have on board a no-contact, foot-pump operated handwashing station for staff and passenger usage. *American Spirit* staff are well-trained in all aspects of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and will be wearing face coverings/masks for the duration of the event where appropriate.

Passenger Capacity: We have limited the number of passengers to under 30 for the time being, but most likely through the season. The schooner is USCG licensed to carry up to 40 passengers though we will host the reduced number of passengers to provide a little more space to spread seating out on the deck.

Mandatory Face Coverings/Masks: Passengers will be required to wear face coverings/masks upon entry to the marina, during boarding, departure, while Crew are adjusting sails, return to the docks, and only removed after departing the facility, for the exception of while actively eating or drinking while out on the water.

For those who are “Fully Vaccinated,” we strongly encourage wearing face coverings/masks at our facility. The CDC continues to recommend that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons continue to use face coverings/masks for their safety and those around them when in close proximity to others. All our events and sails are of course outdoors, but physical distancing is reduced by the nature of available seating on the boat.

Preparing for Your Sail: With concern for the health and safety of yourself, other students, and our staff, as you prepare for your trip with us, we respectfully request that you follow the COVID-19 recommendations for wearing face coverings/masks, wash your hands frequently, and please limit your time spent in large groups where appropriate.

Health & Wellness: Passengers will also non-contact temperature screenings at check in with the Captain/Crew. If you are feeling at all unwell, have tested recently positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone who has the virus, please do not attend. You may contact us to request a refund.



Life Jacket Provisions: Unlike our small boat sailing programs and frequency of usage of shared Life Jackets in normal conditions, passengers on the schooner are not required to wear Life Jackets based on the safety railings surrounding the decks, passengers remain seated for the most part, and other factors. (The exception for this policy is during Educational Charters where children are on board,) We have a full inventory of Life Jackets on the boat should passengers request to wear one and of course in the event of an emergency need arise to issue them to passengers.

DC Sail Members: Remember that part of your active/paid DC Sail Membership permits you to purchase up to four tickets for the Sunset Sails at just \$25/per passenger and now there will be a little more space on the boat for you and your guests. Membership with DC Sail can be found by [clicking here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you aboard *American Spirit* and providing the opportunity to engage in the beauty of the sport of sailing!