

## Marin Rowing Association Chaperone Responsibilities

**When chaperoning any Marin Rowing Association activity, there are certain things for which you will be responsible and certain things for which you will not be responsible. Remember that your role is to help the coaching staff, so defer to the coaches whenever you have a question. In each circumstance, coaches should let you know what they expect of you and when they want you available.**

### General Guidelines

- First and foremost, remember that as a chaperone, you are representing the MRA and should act in an appropriate manner. Set an example for those in your charge.
- You should feel comfortable ensuring that the kids are behaving in a manner that the coach deems appropriate; they are representing the MRA and should act accordingly. If you are feeling uncomfortable, talk to a coach.
- Any punitive discipline for improper activity is the responsibility of the coach. If a coach is not present when an activity occurs that you deem inappropriate, do what you feel is necessary to manage the situation, then report it to the coach and let the coach impose the discipline.
- Communicate with the coaches in as timely a manner as possible if you see anything that you feel is out-of-line, or questionable.
- Be sure you are accounting for each child under your supervision while traveling (air travel, to and from regattas, etc.)
- Once the kids are in the hands of the coach, you are relieved of your responsibilities.
- Coaches are responsible for bed checks and room checks unless they specifically ask you to help them in this regard.
- At meals, work with the coach to ensure that the bill is settled fairly and appropriately.
- It is permissible to have an alcoholic beverage while chaperoning at a meal, but remember you are responsible for the welfare of those in your charge and you need to be acutely aware of all legal limits. Particularly when driving, you should err on the side of caution and conservative behavior in this regard.
- All chaperones and coaches should have working cell phones with them at all times so that they can communicate with each other whenever necessary. Be sure you have the cell phone numbers of the coaches and other chaperones, and that they have yours.