



## **SafeSport | US Sailing**

### How to Report Violations

US Sailing members and participants are prohibited from engaging in misconduct including but not limited to sexual, emotional, and physical misconduct as well as bullying, hazing, and harassment.

#### **Violations of SafeSport Code Involving Sexual Misconduct**

If you have reasonable suspicion of sexual misconduct involving a minor such as child abuse, non-consensual sexual conduct, sexual harassment, or intimate relationships involving an imbalance of power, please REPORT to the US Center for SafeSport (the "Center") electronically on their [website](#) or via phone at 1-720-531-0340. The Center has exclusive jurisdiction to respond and resolve allegations of sexual misconduct. If US Sailing receives an allegation of sexual misconduct, it immediately forwards it to the Center.

#### **Violations of the SafeSport Code Other than Violations Involving Sexual Misconduct**

Violations of the Code OTHER than sexual misconduct may be made to either US Sailing or the Center. Violations of the Code reported to US Sailing will also be forwarded to the Center to determine if the Center wishes to exercise jurisdiction over the reported violation. In the event that the Center declines jurisdiction over a reported violation, US Sailing will notify the reported party, who may then elect to proceed to employ US Sailing's grievance procedures as provided in the US Sailing Bylaws with respect to the reported violation.

#### **Mandatory Reporting**

Adult US Sailing members MUST report any conduct or suspicion of which they become aware that could constitute sexual misconduct, child abuse or neglect, or retaliation related to an allegation of sexual misconduct. Members should not attempt to investigate or evaluate the credibility of any allegation involving the foregoing types of misconduct before submitting a report as doing so may interfere with the Center's investigation and could delay the Center's response to the alleged conduct.

#### **Report to local authorities**

Contact local law enforcement authorities if you suspect that child sexual abuse or neglect has occurred. Note that this is in addition to your responsibility to report such misconduct to the Center as highlighted above. Reports of abuse not involving a minor may also be reported to local authorities.

**Contact the SafeSport crisis line for 24/7 crisis support**

A 24/7 hotline has been established by the Center for crisis interventions, referrals, and emotional support (<https://safesporthepline.org/>). This confidential and secure helpline 1-866-200-0796 is operated by RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. Life-threatening emergencies should call 911.