

CHILD PASSENGER GUIDELINES



May I take my children onboard the boat?

Maybe **YES** . . . Maybe **NO** . . . or just . . . **MAYBE**:

Definitely Yes! – Marine experiences are broadening and exciting for children. Well-behaved children have a fun outing, are respectful of other passengers and follow our safety guidelines. Welcome Aboard!

Maybe No! - Vessels are not well-fit venues for children who are unable to distinguish between our vessel, and a playground. Horseplay, climbing on railings and running on possibly wet surfaces can cause serious injury. Vessels are also ill-fit to inattentive parents who believe our crew can function as day care workers – they can't.

Just Maybe - Some children enjoy the trip, and for others 90 minutes is just a little too long of a ride for them. You know your child best. If you find after you have purchased your tickets that this might not be the right time or day to take your child on the cruise (*and all us parents have been there before*), please return to the ticket counter where you will receive a refund before the cruise.

Am I expected to keep my child in sight at all times?

Absolutely. Vessel crew members cannot police unruly children, and attend to the other safety and service needs of all passengers. Parents and children are free to move around the boat.

Special caution about kids and railings!!

- Don't play on, hold children over, climb or sit on railings.
- ALL body parts must remain inside the railings at all times – no leaning over the railing.
- Please do not stand a child in your lap, this may put them over the top height of the safety railing and lead to falling off the boat.

What other child guidelines are required of parents for the safety of their children?

- Tables, chairs and railings are not playground equipment – Climbing or standing on tables, chairs and railings is dangerous on a rocking vessel, and prohibited.
- No running. Vessel decks are often wet and rocking, unlike land-based settings.
- Please bring a few items for smaller children such as a book, card games, small toy etc. to help pass the time. We do carry a few books, coloring books and crayons, and games onboard the boat for your child to use, if you would like one of these items for your child please ask a crew member, and they will be happy to get them for you.
- Swinging or crawling up the poles on the lower deck is not permitted.
- Aisles and stairways must be kept free and clear.
- Please do not allow your child to disrupt (extended crying, screaming, combative behavior) the positive experience of other guests. We respectfully ask if your child becomes distraught while on board please take them to a less crowded area of the boat to console them as a courtesy to other passengers.

May we take our stroller on board?

Due to limited/confined space onboard the boat and Coast Guard regulations mandating that we keep aisles, stairways and emergency equipment area free and clear, we respectfully ask that all strollers be left in the stroller mooring area dockside. Please make sure you take your valuables with you.

Are there any rules to follow with when leaving and approaching the dock?

Please remain seated as the boat leaves and returns to the dock, and anytime the captain/crew members ask you to take a seat. Once the boat has pulled away from the dock, the captain will let you know when you may safely move about the boat.