

## **Co-responsibility Agreement between the Tethys Institute and the parents of the minor**

Parents and minors are aware of the type of activities that take place on the boat and of what is required of all participants.

When participating in Tethys projects, the following behaviours and activities must be complied with in order to establish a collaborative and inclusive group dynamic:

1. Follow the rules and instructions of the team of researchers and the skipper.
2. Actively participate in all research activities, data collection exercises and lessons, in line with the timetable provided.
3. Maintain an appropriate behaviour when acting and speaking, and a respectful attitude towards other participants and crewmembers, also through wearing adequate clothing and using appropriate verbal and body language.
4. Use any personal mobile phone responsibly and in accordance with the agreement regarding the use of photos depicting staff of the Tethys Institute.
5. Behave in accordance with the safety regulations presented whilst on board of the vessel on the first day of boarding and share responsibility for taking care of the on-board environment.
6. Accept, respect and help others, whilst committing to understand the reasons for the behaviour of others, avoiding the use of digital tools and other communication media to attack, denigrate and harass other people, being aware that certain behaviours can amount to criminal offenses and are punishable by law.
7. Have regard for and not damage the on-board environment, furniture, equipment, tools and aids.
8. Avoid taking decisions that endanger yourself or others.
9. Inform (privately) the researchers of any illness or discomfort, even if this not immediately apparent, in order to allow the researchers to intervene and assist the minors in the shortest possible amount of time.

The following actions may be taken against minors who violate the points of this co-responsibility agreement:

1. Immediate contact with parents to inform them of the relevant incident.
2. Report the incident to the senior management of the project.
3. Claim for compensation in the event of intentional damage to on-board equipment as well as compensation for other costs (e.g. fines).
4. Expulsion from the project and return to parents. Parents undertake to come to the port to collect their child or alternatively to arrange their return trip home.

During the Tethys cruise, the following behaviours and activities are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disembarkation of the minor:

1. Possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and/or illegal drugs, including sharing of prescription drugs.
2. Intimate and/or sexual relations.
3. Leaving the boat without authorisation.
4. Leaving the port unaccompanied without written permission from a parent. Parents are aware that the researchers and the skipper are not responsible for the minor when he/she disembarks the boat.
5. Not returning on board at the time agreed with the researchers (and the parents).
6. Leaving the port without a researcher authorised in writing by the parents.

The following actions may be taken against minors who violate this agreement:

5. Report of the incident to the senior management of the project and the Institute.
6. Immediate contact with parents to inform them of the incident.
7. Claim for compensation in the event of intentional damage to on-board equipment as well as compensation for other costs (e.g. fines).
8. Expulsion from the project and return to parents. Parents undertake to come to the port to collect their child or alternatively to arrange their return trip home. In all cases of expulsion, the costs derived, including travel costs, will be borne by the parents of the non-compliant minor. No refund will be offered in case of early disembarkation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_