

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Robotics Cruise - School Release, Assumption of Risk & Hold Harmless Agreement

Wonder of the Seas | December 21-24, 2026 | Miami, Florida



Student / Participant		School / Organization	
Team #		City / State / Country	

IMPORTANT: This agreement is intended for participating schools and organizations from any jurisdiction. It does not replace any mandatory school, district, cruise-line, event, or governmental form. It is interpreted only to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

1. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AND PERMISSION

I am the parent/legal guardian of the participant named above, or I am an adult participant. I understand that participation in the Anchors Aweigh robotics cruise, competition, cruise travel, onboard activities, port activities, transportation, recreational activities, and related events is voluntary. I knowingly give permission for the participant to participate.

2. SCHOOL DOES NOT OWN OR CONTROL THE SHIP OR THIRD-PARTY SERVICES

I understand that the School/Organization, its district or governing body, administrators, employees, teachers, coaches, volunteers, and chaperones (collectively, the "Released School Parties") do not own, operate, navigate, maintain, inspect, staff, or control the cruise ship or the independent services provided by the cruise line or other third parties, except for duties the School/Organization expressly agrees in writing to perform.

- The cruise line and its personnel control ship operations, navigation, shipboard facilities, security, medical facilities, food service, accommodations, and cruise-line recreational activities.
- Shore-excursion companies, transportation providers, ports, restaurants, hotels, medical providers, and other vendors may be separate independent entities.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF TRAVEL RISKS

I understand that cruise and group travel involve risks that cannot be completely eliminated. I knowingly accept the inherent and reasonably foreseeable risks associated with participation, including risks arising from travel, onboard movement, crowds, weather, sea conditions, illness, medical emergencies, recreational activities, ports of call, transportation, robotics activities, and the conduct of other persons.

- Slips, trips, falls, stairs, decks, elevators and moving surfaces
- Illness, contagious disease, allergies, foodborne illness and seasickness
- Accidents involving transportation, ports, shore activities or excursions
- Lost, stolen or damaged personal property or robotics equipment
- Pools, water attractions, sports, fitness and recreational activities
- Rough seas, weather, itinerary changes, delays or cancellations
- Limited shipboard medical capabilities, evacuation or delayed treatment
- Acts or omissions of passengers, vendors, contractors or other third parties

4. RELEASE OF THE SCHOOL / ORGANIZATION

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, I release and discharge the Released School Parties from claims, demands, damages, losses, costs, or causes of action arising from: (a) inherent or reasonably foreseeable risks of the trip or event; (b) acts or omissions of the cruise line or independent third parties; (c) circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Released School Parties; and (d) where legally permitted, ordinary negligence of a Released School Party associated with participation in the trip or activity.

5. CLAIMS THAT CANNOT LAWFULLY BE WAIVED

Nothing in this agreement is intended to release or waive liability that applicable law does not permit to be released in advance, including intentional misconduct or other nonwaivable conduct. If any provision is unenforceable in a particular jurisdiction, the remaining provisions remain effective to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6. SUPERVISION AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

I understand that teachers, coaches, and chaperones will provide reasonable group supervision but cannot provide continuous one-on-one monitoring of every participant. The participant agrees to follow school/team rules, event rules, cruise-line rules, safety instructions, curfews, meeting times, and directions from authorized adults and ship personnel.

7. THIRD-PARTY TERMS AND EVENT DOCUMENTS

I understand that participation may also be subject to the cruise line passenger contract, cruise-line safety and conduct policies, VEX/RECF participant requirements, Anchors Aweigh/RECAP event forms, excursion agreements, and other applicable travel documents. This School Release is supplemental to, and does not replace, those documents.



8. MEDICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

If I cannot be contacted during an emergency, I authorize appropriate school personnel, chaperones, event representatives, emergency personnel, or medical professionals to obtain or authorize reasonably necessary medical evaluation or treatment for the participant. I understand shipboard medical facilities may be more limited than land-based hospitals and that emergency evacuation may be delayed or costly.

9. MEDICAL, ACCIDENT, EVACUATION AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

Unless specifically stated in writing, I understand that the School/Organization is not providing health, accident, medical evacuation, or travel insurance for the participant. I accept responsibility for determining whether appropriate coverage is in place and for expenses not legally owed by another person or entity.

10. PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Released School Parties are not responsible for lost, stolen, misplaced, or damaged luggage, money, electronics, passports, identification documents, jewelry, robotics equipment, or other personal property, except to the extent liability cannot lawfully be waived.

11. PARTICIPANT CONDUCT AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY PARTICIPANT

I accept responsibility, to the extent permitted by law, for property damage or injury caused by the participant's intentional misconduct or violation of applicable rules. Nothing in this paragraph requires indemnification for conduct that applicable law prohibits from being shifted to a parent, guardian, or participant.

12. MULTI-JURISDICTION / SCHOOL-DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

This form is designed for use by participating schools and organizations from multiple states and jurisdictions. A school, school district, governing organization, or public authority may require additional consent, transportation, medical, insurance, or liability forms. Those requirements may be added or used alongside this agreement. No provision of this form is intended to override a mandatory law, regulation, collective requirement, board policy, or governmental immunity rule.

13. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read this agreement carefully. I understand that it contains an assumption of risk and a release of claims and may affect important legal rights. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and to seek independent advice before signing. I sign voluntarily and intend this agreement to apply to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

SIGNATURES

Parent / Legal Guardian Name (print)

Participant Name (print)

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

Participant Signature

Date

Date

Parent / Guardian Email

Parent / Guardian Phone

School / Organization

Team Number

Coach / Chaperone Name (for identification only)

Coach / Chaperone Email

For minors, a parent or legal guardian must sign. Adult participants may sign for themselves.

This document supplements - and does not replace - required cruise-line, VEX/RECF, Anchors Aweigh/RECAP, school, district, or governmental forms.