

### Skills-Check Requirements

This is a qualitative list of essential skills that are required in order to rent a boat without the supervision of a PBCB staff member. Each maneuver or objective must be successfully completed within as few attempts as possible, and the passing of each task is left to the discretion of the staff present. *If all of the tasks are not completed to the satisfaction of the staff conducting the skills check, we reserve the right to ask you to take lessons before reattempting your skills check.*

#### Before Departure:

- Sailor is comfortable boarding and moving about the vessel
- Sailor can correctly identify basic boat parts/directions and determine the wind direction. (Bow, stern, mast, boom, rudder, tiller, centerboard, port, starboard, etc.)
- Sailor can rig independently and display the necessary knots required to rig (Figure 8, bowline, square knot)

Note: You are welcome to ask for an extra set of hands, but the staff present can not provide hints, with the exception of introducing sailors to the crank box halyard system, if applicable.

#### On the Water:

- Sailor can safely depart from the mooring and navigate the mooring field
- Sailor is capable of making safe and complete Tacks and Gybes

Note: A safe and complete tack will be judged on its speed, control, and the ability to not get stuck in irons. Tacking is a vital skill, and will be judged accordingly. A safe and complete gybe will be judged on the same criteria as a tack, but close attention will be paid to the speed and *intention* of the gybe. All gybes must be controlled, and happen only when the sailor intends them to.

- Sailor is able to maneuver out of irons

Note: This can be very challenging for even the most experienced sailors. You will not be judged harshly for the time it takes you to get out of irons, only if you are able to do so within a *reasonable* amount of time without assistance and without becoming a hazard to other boats or objects.

- Sailor can navigate to each point of sail and hold a steady course (Close hauled, beam reach, run, etc.)

Note: Proper sail trim and boat handling are the primary focus

- Sailor can successfully reach a destination regardless of wind direction
- Sailor can demonstrate safety position

Note: If you are not immediately familiar with this maneuver or terminology, the staff present can explain it to you and demonstrate **once**. It is not a difficult maneuver, but may be new to some sailors.

- Sailor can safely maneuver back to their mooring

Note: This can be difficult, and you will not be judged harshly for making multiple attempts, given that each attempt is a safe and reasonable approach to the mooring. This will be left to the discretion of the staff present, but it is usually self-evident if your approach is unsafe or out of control.

#### Upon Return:

- Sailor can derig independently

Note: You are welcome to ask for an extra set of hands. Boats must be put away in a neat and secure fashion. This is an important part of the test, and can be the difference between passing or failing. If a boat is left in an unsatisfactory condition, you will be asked to try again.