

Rating System

Adopted October 23, 2014

Basic Rating

A Basic-rated member may use the club sailboats and sailboards, and is expected to follow all club rules. A Basic rating requires an elementary level of sailing skill.

A member who passes the following requirements becomes Basic-rated when the Vice Commodore signs the form or upon approval by the Executive Board.

A member who has passed the instruction requirement of the Key-rating may sign any two requirements. A Skipper may sign any number of requirements.

1. Swim 50 yards.
2. Know what to do in case of capsize.
3. Attend a lecture on basic first aid or demonstrate knowledge of basic first aid.
4. Know the club rules and right-of-way rules for general sailing.
5. Show how to properly coil and stow line. Tie the following knots and explain their uses:
 - Cleat hitch
 - Chain hitch
 - Figure-eight knot
 - Bowline
 - Sheet Bend
 - Two half-hitches
6. Know the parts of the boat and other terms needed for proper sailing and maintenance.
7. Rig and unrig a sailboat. This includes checking the repair of the boat, rigging the centerboard, sails, rudder, and any other necessary parts, launching, keeping lines neat and untangled, and providing correct life jackets. It also includes unrigging, bringing the boat ashore, rolling sails, and stowing equipment in the boathouse.
8. Sail a boat in enough wind to maneuver and dock realistically, perhaps 5 knots or more. Perform the following maneuvers: Leave the dock by sailing backwards. Hike and perform basic crewing duties. Sail the boat on all points of sail, setting sails correctly. Tack and jibe using the proper commands. Pick up an object overboard unassisted. Demonstrate the safety position. Dock the boat three times properly during the test.

Demonstrate working knowledge of the following terms: head up, fall off, tack, jibe, run wing and-wing, broad reach, beam reach, close reach, close-hauled, port tack, starboard tack, windward, leeward, in irons, come about.

Demonstrate a working knowledge of the general right-of-way rules.

Basic Rating Sheet

Name: _____

Last

First

Requirement

Signature

Date

1. Swimming

2. Capsize

3. First Aid

4. Rules

5. Knots

6. Nomenclature

7. Rigging

Unrigging

8. Sailing

Vice Commodore

Date

Key Rating

A Key-rated member is entitled to possess keys to the club and to open the club in winds up to 15 knots (whitecaps). He or she is expected to take responsibility for club operations in moderate conditions and for general maintenance of the fleet. A Key-rated member has all the privileges that a Basic-rated member has. A Key rating requires an intermediate level of sailing skill.

A member who passes the following requirements becomes Key-rated upon approval by the Executive Board.

All requirements may be signed by Skippers. The Vice Commodore may sign the instruction requirement; the Fleet Captain may sign the repair requirement. No one person may sign more than four requirements or more than one sponsorship.

1. Have passed all the current requirements for the Basic rating.
2. Know how to open the club, supervise sailing, and close the club in all seasons.
3. Show how to recognize threatening weather conditions and how to alter club operations as conditions change.
4. Demonstrate the ability to teach basic sailing and know the standards for administering all Basic-level tests.
5. Show how to operate the safety boat.
6. Right a turtled boat and show how to use the safety boat at a capsize.
7. Perform routine maintenance and/or repairs on the fleet.
8. Obtain three sponsors who will attest that it is appropriate to give the member a Key rating. Sponsors should consider the following areas, as well as any others they think meaningful:
 - Sailing ability
 - Level of participation and volunteer work on the club's behalf
 - Demonstration of good judgment and maturity;
 - Respect for others, ability to communicate, and teamwork
9. Demonstrate the ability to maneuver a boat in moderate winds (requiring vigorous hiking, perhaps 10 knots or more). Perform all maneuvers required for the Basic rating, easily and without difficulty. Demonstrate heave to. Know how to get off a shoal.

Key Rating Sheet

Name: _____

Last

First

Requirement

Signature

Date

1. Basic rating _____

2. Open/Close Club _____

3. Weather _____

4. Instruction _____

5. Safety Boat _____

6. Capsize _____

7. Repair _____

8. Sponsor _____

Sponsor _____

Sponsor _____

9. Sailing _____

Vice Commodore

Date

Executive Board Approval

Date

Skipper Rating

A Skipper may open the club for sailing in all conditions and may sail without a member on shore to keep watch and operate the safety boat. He or she is expected to take responsibility for all club operations including safety, instruction, and fleet maintenance. He or she also has all the privileges that a Key-rated member has. A Skipper rating requires an advanced level of sailing skill.

A member who passes the following requirements becomes a Skipper upon approval by the Executive Board.

Each requirement and sponsorship may be signed by a Skipper who has held that rating for at least a year. The Vice Commodore may sign the instruction requirement; the Fleet Captain may sign the repair requirement. No one person may sign more than four requirements or more than one sponsorship.

1. Have passed all the current requirements for the Key rating.
2. Know the standards for administering all Key- and Skipper-level tests.
3. Demonstrate the ability to make structural repairs
4. Demonstrate the ability to teach intermediate sailing.
5. Obtain three sponsors who will attest that it is appropriate to give the member a Skipper rating. Sponsors should consider the following areas, as well as any other they think meaningful:
 - Sailing Ability
 - Mastery of related skills like weather, repair techniques, or navigation;
 - Level of participation and volunteer work on the club's behalf;
 - Demonstration of good judgment, maturity, and self-reliance;
 - Respect for others, ability to cooperate and communicate, teamwork.
6. Demonstrate the ability to maneuver a boat in heavy winds (hiking is insufficient to keep the boat level, and the wind is challenging for the strength and weight of the person being tested—perhaps 15 knots or more).

Perform all maneuvers required for the Key rating, showing polish and experience.

Control the boat on a high-speed plane. Properly adjust the centerboard and secondary sail controls (e.g., vang, outhaul, halyard tension, cunningham) for wind strength and point of sail.

Skipper Rating Sheet

Name: _____

Last

First

Requirement

Signature

Date

1. Key rating

2. Testing

3. Repair

4. Instruction

5. Sponsor

Sponsor

Sponsor

6. Sailing

Vice Commodore

Date

Executive Board Approval

Date