

Skipper Rating

Adopted October 23, 2014

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