

HELM RATING SHEET

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Helm-rated members are entitled to open the club in winds up to 15 knots (whitecaps). They are expected to take responsibility for club operations in moderate conditions and for general maintenance of the fleet. Helm-rated members have all the privileges that Basic-rated members have. Helm-rated members may supervise club operations from the water; they do not need to stay ashore. A Helm rating requires an intermediate level of sailing skill and proficiency of powerboat driving skills.

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

All requirements must be signed by Skippers. However, the Vice Commodore may sign the instruction requirement and the Fleet Captain may sign the repair requirement, even if these two board members are not Skippers. No one person may sign more than one sponsorship nor may his/her signature appear more than four times anywhere on this sheet (including the Vice Commodore's final signature).

1. Have passed all the current requirements of 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. Present MI Motor Boat Safety Certificate or an NASBLA approved certificate.
 - a. Demonstrate how to operate a safety boat, including awareness of relevant rules and regulations and club procedures, preparing/equipping the boat, proper boat handling, docking, and anchoring.
 - b. Demonstrate how to use the safety boat at a capsize to provide assistance, including rescuing people, righting a turtled boat, and towing.
6. Demonstrate the ability to self-rescue by righting a turtled boat without outside assistance, other than a second person in the case of a double-handed boat.
7. Perform routine maintenance and/or repairs on the fleet.
8. Demonstrate the ability to maneuver a sailboat in moderate winds (requiring active 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.
9. Obtain three signatures of Skippers willing to sponsor who will attest that it is appropriate to give the member a Helm rating. Sponsors should consider the following areas, as well as any others they think meaningful:
 - a. Sailing ability and powerboat driving skills
 - b. Level of participation and volunteer work on the club's behalf
 - c. Demonstration of good judgment and maturity
 - d. Respect for others, ability to communicate, and teamwork

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Name: _____
Last First

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Name of Skipper (printed)</u>	<u>Signature of Skipper</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Basic Rating	_____	_____	_____
2. Open/Close Club	_____	_____	_____
3. Weather	_____	_____	_____
4. Instruction	_____	_____	_____
5. Boating Safety Certificate	_____	_____	_____
<i>Do not proceed with any motorboat training until a valid Boating safety certificate is presented. Please email a copy of the certificate to webmaster@michigansailingclub.org</i>			
a. Safety Boat Demo.	_____	_____	_____
b. Safety Boat/Turtle/Tow	_____	_____	_____
6. Self-rescue & Turtle	_____	_____	_____
7. Actual Repair/Maintenance	_____	_____	_____
8. Sailing	_____	_____	_____
9. Skipper Sponsors: <i>Do not proceed unless ALL signatures required above are signed first.</i>			
Sponsor #1	_____	_____	_____
Sponsor #2	_____	_____	_____
Sponsor #3	_____	_____	_____

Vice Commodore Date

Executive Board Approval Date

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