



NSYC Skipper Qualification Checklist/Requirements

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In order for a person to be accepted and qualified as a Skipper in the NSYC Boat Share program the must demonstrate proficiency in all of the areas listed below, demonstrate sound judgment and seamanship and be over the age of 21.

Skipper Candidate:		
Year Born:		
	Proficient?	Remarks
Reservations: Understands reservation procedures, sailing session times, cancellations, early return-to-mooring, waivers, damage responsibilities		
Crew Preparation: Know your limits and the limits of your crew Proper clothing (Boat shoes, sun block, sun glasses, sailing gloves, PFDs, splash jackets). Maximum # of persons permitted aboard including the Skipper is 6 and must vary depending on their physical abilities and age.		
Boat Inventory: Standard inventory, anchors, horns, emergency equipment, lines, paddle, etc. See Inventory List		
Wind and Weather Awareness		
Boating Vocabulary (nomenclature)		
Demonstrates Knowledge of How to Use and Wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)		

Rigging to Sail:	Proficient?	Remarks
Remove sail cover and prepare to hoist/unfurl sails.		
Hoist sails		
Leaving the mooring –getting underway		
Sailing:		
On a reach, broad reach, beat (close hauled) run		
Trimming the sails		
Use of vang		
Use of Adjustable backstay		
Tacking		
Gybing		
Going head to wind		
Stopping		
Getting out of irons		
Sail a figure 8		
Reefing		
Sailing under main along		
Sailing under jib alone		
Handle wave and wake approaches properly		
Situational Awareness before & after maneuvers		
Bringing the boat to the mooring:		
Under sail		
Under motor		
Crew Supervision: Clear-cut assignments during each phase of sailing		
De-Rigging:		
Lowering/furling sails		
Covering the main with sail-cover and securing sails.		
Securing sheets halyards and mooring lines		
Outboard Motor:		
Operation – When to use		
Refilling the gas tank and Checking and refilling oil.		
Man overboard procedures		
Anchoring and retrieving the Anchor		

Towing:	Proficient?	Remarks
From the bow		
Alongside		
Clear Knowledge of hazardous areas in-Bay and extended area if applicable.		
Compass rose and distance on chart		
Seamanship		
Recognizing navigational buoys and their meaning		
Using a compass		
Use of Flares		
Rules of the Road		
Sailboats/motor boats/hand powered vessels		
Starboard/Port rule		
Leeward /windward rule		
Clear ahead/clear astern rule		
Changing course		
When under power in a channel stay to the right		
Dealing with tankers and barges		
Use of the Radio:		
Turns main electric switch ON		
Owens a hand-held VHF radio		
Demonstrates standard radio procedures and courtesies		
Weather channels		
Call CG, put out May Day or Pan Pan Ch 16 and 9		
Call NSYC on Ch 78		
Knots:		
Square knot		
Bowline		
Clove Hitch		
Putting the boat to bed and leaving the boat		
Sails secured, covered or stored		
Electrical switched off and secure		
Gas tank at least half full		
Tiller secure		
Secure mooring lines and pickup		
All sheets, halyards and lines secure		
Boat clean and all trash removed		

