

On the Water Test Checklist

This On the Water Test Checklist covers skills that the potential keel skipper must be able to show well in a practical environment to pass the test. Those listed as Discretionary for testing are required skills that may or may not be included in the on-the-water test at the discretion of the instructor. Skills listed as Mandatory for testing must be shown during every on the water test, unless the instructor giving the test has seen the skills demonstrated before in a previous test and the instructor has total confidence that the potential skipper is fully capable of that skill.

Mandatory for testing:

- Show proper safety briefing for any new people present
- Show proper rigging and presail check
 - sail inventory and use of sails
 - presail check
 - proper instruction for rigging
- Show proper departure and arrival to/from dock
- Demonstrate proper sail trim and boat handling under main, jib, and spinnaker.
- Demonstrate proper leadership, authority and control of crew.
- Show knowledge of necessary safety equipment
- Demonstrate proper use of motor
- Show knowledge of Lake Lanier location (reef areas, racing marks, channel marks, Aqualand (GTSC docks and fuel and pump out), and LLSC
- Demonstrate good situational awareness
- Demonstrate proper recovery of man-overboard
- Show knowledge of right-of-way rules
- Show knowledge of BUI laws
- Show knowledge of responsibilities to GTSC
- Show knowledge of parts of the boat
- Show proper knowledge and/or instruction of all crew positions.
- Show proper knowledge of anchorage location and anchoring procedure.
- Show knowledge of recovery from running aground
- Show knowledge of hypothermia, heat stroke, seasickness, general first aid, and/or cold weather precautions

- Show knowledge of proper rafting up and what are the concerns
- Show knowledge of proper towing and being towed

Secondary for testing (any CAN be chosen by instructor to test):

- Show knowledge of how to avoid and recover from a broach, knockdown, or accidental jibe
- Show knowledge of reefing and procedure for reefing
- Show knowledge of electrical, head usage and safety issues
- Demonstrate anchoring and retrieval of anchor
- Show knowledge of proper lighting for various conditions
- Show knowledge of day beacons, buoys, marks, etc.
- Show knowledge of boat's draft, capacity, and systems
- Show knowledge of weather systems and what to watch for
- Show knowledge of seasonal/winter maintenance and biannual haulout programs
- Show knowledge of other sailing topics.