

Blue Tag Checkout

Name: _____

Instructors: Please INITIAL each of the items 1 to 17, 22 as it is completed. Item 18 is to be initialed by the patrol-boat instructor. Items 19 to 21 MUST be performed for an examiner as part of the final checkout during the testing sessions. Please leave the completed sheets in the Training Directors mailbox.

- _____ 1. Put on and properly secure a CSA approved PFD.
- _____ 2. Describe and demonstrate suitable sailing clothing and personal equipment for various conditions. Know what gear the law requires.
- _____ 3. Tie and describe uses of the reef, figure eight and bowline knots.
- _____ 4. Rig an Albacore properly (stow halyards safely, check safety gear, etc.).
- _____ 5. Stow essential loose gear in the Albacore (bailers, paddles).
- _____ 6. Launch an Albacore safely ensuring the dolly is pulled up out of the water.
- _____ 7. Carry out mainsheet and jibsheet adjustments while underway.
- _____ 8. Carry out rudder (helm) operations while underway.
- _____ 9. Demonstrate the procedure known as "heaving-to" (Jib cleated on one side and the tiller to the opposite side of the boat).
- _____ 10. Get out of irons by backing the jib. This technique may also be used to complete a tack in strong winds.
- _____ 11. Bring an Albacore to shore in various conditions, especially to a lee shore.
- _____ 12. De-rig an Albacore.
- _____ 13. Fold and bag sails and return rudder, tiller, etc. to their proper places.
- _____ 14. Describe typical local weather patterns.
- _____ 15. Draw a sketch of the navigational hazards in the KSC area.
- _____ 16. View a laser being rigged.
- _____ 17. Learn and be familiar with the rules of the road.
- _____ 18. Demonstrate use of the club patrol boat including:
 - Safety equipment carried on board.
 - Launching (use of docking facility)
 - Operation (steering forward and reverse)
 - Rescue techniques (motor OFF to assist swimmer, watch for tangled lines, etc.)
 - Returning to shore and securing boat (use of whips).
 - Storing patrol boat equipment in shore locker.
- _____ 19. Sail and Albacore on a triangle course demonstrating tacking and gybing.
- _____ 20. Sail on all points of sail and be able to name the points of sail.
- _____ 21. Demonstrate man-overboard rescue procedures while at the helm of an Albacore.
- _____ 22. Right a capsized Albacore, clear it of water, and sail away.

Date Training Completed: _____ Blue Tag Issued By: _____

Instructor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Examiners Signature: _____ Date: _____

Skippers Acknowledgement and Waiver (must be signed by skipper on receipt of his/her blue tag)

I, _____, having read, understood, and agree to observe all Club rules and regulations established for maintenance of order and the safety of members. In consideration of acceptance of my qualifications as a KSC Blue Tag Skipper, I hereby release for negligence the Kanata Sailing Club, its Officers, Instructors and Members from any action, claim, and/or demand for loss, damage, injury or death, however arising which may hereafter be sustained by me, my relations or guests in consequence of my activities as a qualified blue tag skipper.

Signature: _____ Date: _____