



RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

Recommended safety briefing checklist from Transport Canada and this Rental Company for clients with appropriate training and sailing experience. **Check each box to confirm you understand each item the rental agent explained or demonstrated.**

**SAILING
DINGHY**
(NON-MOTORIZED)

BEFORE YOU GO



- There is one lifejacket of the proper size for each person on board.
- I understand that each person on board should wear a lifejacket at all times.



The rental agent reviewed a chart/map of the area I am sailing, and made me aware of:

- suggested routes for the rental period
- local hazards, such as currents, overhead powerlines, obstacles
- local restrictions, such as off-limit areas
- location and meaning of local buoys, signs and lights
- shipping lanes and high-traffic areas
- high and low tide times
- expected wind and wave conditions
- how to recognize risky conditions (e.g. white caps)



- The required safety equipment for this type of boat is on board, in good working condition, and easy to reach.
- I will keep a whistle attached to my lifejacket.
- I understand when and how to use the safety equipment on board.



- I have some means of communication with me, such as a cell phone in a plastic bag or a portable VHF radio.

ON THE WATER



Right of Way among Sailboats

- Port tack gives way to starboard tack



- I will keep constant watch for other boats, hazards to navigation, wind, water and weather changes.



- Windward boat keeps clear of leeward boat



- I understand that boating and alcohol do not mix and may affect my judgement and ability to sail safely.
- I will not sail (or allow others to sail), this boat while under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs



- Boats with the least ability to maneuver have the right of way.
- Sailboats usually have right of way over powerboats.



- If I have a hard time with the conditions, I will return to shore.
- If weather or the boat is getting ahead of me, I know to center the weight and let the main sheet go or point the boat into the wind.



- Large commercial boats like tankers, tugs, fishing boats that have their nets in the water, have limited turning and stopping capabilities and may not see me from the bridge. I will stay clear!



- I know what to do if dangerous weather occurs.

IN AN EMERGENCY



- I know how to get help in case of emergency.
- I know that I must stop and offer assistance in case of an accident or distress call.



- I have a plan in case of unexpected immersion, and understand the risks of cold shock and hypothermia even at warm temperatures.
- If the sailboat capsizes, I know to stay calm, remain with my boat and try to put it into the wind. I know to right the sailboat using the center/daggerboard or call for help if help is near.

SAILING DINGHY (NON-MOTORIZED)

VESSEL SPECIFIC



- I will not attempt a trip that is too long or too challenging for my physical condition and sailing ability.



To prevent capsizing, I can:

- Control the sail movements, especially when gybing
- Release the jib and main sail until the boat starts to flatten out when there are unexpected gusts of wind
- Hike out: the crew can hike out together just before the boat heels. (Hiking straps are positioned for comfort and convenience.)
- Luff the sails



- I have checked the drain plug and made sure it is properly secured.
- I have been shown how to secure a towline on this sailboat.



- I will take care to evenly distribute weight of people, equipment and gear on board and to not overload the sailboat.



- I am aware of the dangers of cold-water shock and hypothermia and know what to do if anyone falls into cold water.



The rental agency explained and/or demonstrated the unique handling characteristics for this sailboat, including a review of how to:

- Safely enter and exit
- Handle sails at dockside and when leaving and returning to the dock
- Perform basic manoeuvres under sail: Tack, Gybe, Stop
- Control the tiller
- Hike

CONFIRMATION OF SAFETY BRIEFING

- The rental agency provided me with a safety briefing and explained any additional rules they expect me to follow.
- I agree to sail this boat in accordance with all applicable boating laws and regulations and in a safe and secure manner.

Boat Type and Description:

Departure (date & time):

Return (date & time):

Area of Operation:

Total People Onboard:

Emergency contact for my area of operation:

Phone:

Customer Name (print):

Cell:

Customer Signature:

Date:

Rental Company Name:

Location:

Phone:

Signature of Rental Agency Representative:

Date: