



# 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 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.



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)

## 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: