

Criteria for use of Sailing Dinghies

Correct application of these criteria will vary from vessel to vessel.
For criteria for use of Kittiwake, Lorax and Little Dipper see 'Cruisers'.

Show basic understanding of tide tables
Show basic understanding of Rules of the River
Demonstrate correct choosing and fitting of a buoyancy aid/life jacket
Explain and understanding of capsize drill

Helm

Name and recognise basic parts of rigging
Demonstrate how to rig mast and sails
Demonstrate fitting and operation of rudder and centre board
Launch the boat
Demonstrate how to enter the boat
Sail off the pontoon
Sail a course including tacking, gybing and rounding a buoy
Sail back to pontoon
When helming with a crew demonstrate the ability to issue appropriate commands
Understand responsibility for crew safety
Demonstrate exit from boat
Recover or moor boat
Demonstrate correct stowage of boat

Competent crew

Name and recognise basic parts of rigging
Demonstrate how to enter the boat
Demonstrate exit from boat
Recover or moor boat
Demonstrate correct stowage of boat

Below Cobden Bridge

Demonstrate full competency of the above
Understand mast clearances below bridges
Show complete understanding of local tides
Possess the physical fitness required for longer distances in adverse currents
Understand the hazard associated with solo excursions