



London Corinthian Sailing Club

Club Skippers – Sign-off Process

A Committee is responsible for signing off new Club Skippers, to avoid the responsibility falling solely on one person.

This Committee includes 3 out of the following 4 members of ManCom - Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore Offshore and Chief Instructor.

They may request input from other Club Skippers/Instructors and other Club members.

Berenice to maintain the Skippers list on Google docs, to ensure they have up-to-date certifications etc.

Requirements for potential Club Skippers:

1. **Experience** - they must already have a proven track record of Skippering:

- Skippered at least 3 times.
- Attended at least 1 LCSC trip as crew – in order to understand what is required from a Club Skipper. Reference required from the Club Skipper they sailed with.
- Must have undertaken at least one trip as Skipper where they have been responsible for a commercial charter.
- Sailing CV required, detailing previous sailing experience.

2. **Qualifications:**

- Ideally Yachtmaster Coastal – Theory and Practical.
- The Committee might consider people who have Skipper experience with just the Day Skipper qualification (Theory and Practical), if they have the intention of obtaining Yachtmaster Coastal in the next 2 years.
- Must have VHF and a valid 1st Aid certificate – no exceptions.

3. **People Management Skills** - being a club skipper is much more than just being an experienced sailor.

Less easy to assess, but they do need to meet the following criteria:

- Coach – training less experienced crew, encouraging everyone to join in.
- Health and Safety – to ensure the crews safety and also make sure they feel safe.
- Holiday Rep – with the assistance of the 1st Mate, to take responsibility for organising the non-sailing details of the trip including victualling, meals, allocation of duties on board, cabin allocation, onshore entertainment, booking of restaurants, etc.
- Club Ambassador – making all members feel welcome and supporting the Club's values.

Process:

1. Apply to Rear Commodore Offshore with Sailing CV and Certificates.
2. Attend Skipper sign-off Weekend.
3. After being assessed as meeting the above criteria, to be signed off by the Committee.

Their 1st first trip as Club Skipper will be on probation as a “Club Day Skipper” – this must be UK based and not overseas, preferably Solent, and they should have another experienced Club Skipper as 1st Mate.

Whilst as “Club Day Skipper”, they cannot skipper overseas events, unless sanctioned by the Committee.

After several trips as a “Club Day Skipper”, they will be reviewed by the Sub-Committee and if appropriate, then they will become a full “Club Skipper”.