

Level 1 Skipper
American 18 or Harpoon 16 Daysailer
Shrewsbury River

We have attempted to provide as much detail as possible about the requirements for attaining each level. However, ultimately it is a judgment call that the Skipper Certification Committee (SCC) is making, and they reserve the right to deny authority to any person who in their view does not have all of the necessary crew management, sailing and seamanship skills, and experience necessary, even if they meet the requirements "on paper". Conversely, the SCC may also waive specific requirements review if they feel the candidate can safely manage a boat and crew in the designated waters. Lastly, certification is dependent on attending an Annual SEAS Monmouth Skipper Orientation in the current year. This requirement applies to all levels of skippers and must be attended annually.

Requirements / Experience / Knowledge / Skills	Self - check
Minimum 13 years of age (Documentation required)	
Parent/Guardian written consent for ages under 18 (Documentation)	
NJ Boating Safety Certificate (Documentation)	
Current first aid course training (Recommended)	
Annual SEAS Monmouth Skipper Orientation (Documentation)	
Possess sound judgment, emotional maturity, safety awareness, and appropriate crew management skills.	
Sailing Resume or Summary of Experience (Documentation)	
Minimum 12 hours on daysailer before requesting skipper check-out. (Documentation)	
Training/Experience SEAS Basic Sailing Course Completion Challenge SEAS Basic Sailing Course Exam (80%+) ASA 101 Certification or US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification Current or previous sailboat owner within the past ten years	
Safety In addition to the certification requirements that keep the vessel sailing safely, the following safety-specific requirements are directly related to crew safety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with SEAS Safety Program • Ability to don and wear PFD safely, and to instruct others on same • Ability to articulate boat-specific safety review for crew prior to departure • Use of VHF radio, and understanding of primary channels and safety jargon. Proper use of Ch16. • How to summon assistance in an emergency (VHF and Cell phone) • Knowledge of closest landing point to meet medical emergency personnel • Knowledge and use of all safety equipment included on boat, including but not limited to fire extinguisher, safety checklist, and throwables. • Knowledge of how to and when to deploy emergency anchor • Ability to direct and control boat for MOB procedure • Demonstration of understanding of small boat capsized recovery • Apparent ability to maintain composure under pressure and communicate effectively with crew. Proper confidentiality maintained relative to knowledge of crew specific health issues. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with sailing “rules of the road”. Vessel types and right-of-way with regard to stand-on & give-way. Collision avoidance and maintaining a close lookout at all times. • Knowledge of basic navigation in the area to be sailed: ATONs, local aids, regulatory aids, day markers, basic chart reading skills • Knowing when to make a go or no-go decision based upon wind speed and sea state given the skill set of your crew. • Knowledge of general first aid techniques, and symptoms of heat & cold illnesses, and seasickness • Pre-sail checklist knowledge. Outboard, fuel, radio, anchor, running & standing rigging, sails, centerboard, cockpit drains, etc. 	
<p>Weather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of several local weather sources • Proficiency in both light and moderate weather conditions • Able to determine when conditions are a "no-go" or an "early" return to the dock due to inclement weather • Estimating wind speed on the water (white caps, wave size, wind patterns on water) 	
<p>Sailing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate how to read the wind and determine points of sail • Safely tacking and jibing • Demonstrate proper sail trim with accurate sheet adjustment of the main and headsail. • Make use of the sail telltales and identify points of sail • Perform a heaving-to maneuver • How to reef/depower sails • Emergency anchoring - Why and How 	
<p>Docking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper outboard handling pre-sail • Familiar with slip departure and arrival procedures • Ability to determine current conditions regarding wind, tide, and currents in relation to the boat, slip, and fairway when readying to depart or return to the slip • Ability to direct helm and crew positions to assist with docking and undocking • Post sail outboard procedures • Stowing/covering of sails, rigging, and all equipment • Thoroughly clean the boat and remove cockpit drain plugs • Final check of secured stern, bow, and spring lines 	
<p>Minimum of two members of the Skipper Certification Committee (SCC) or their agent(s) to personally vouch for the applicant, based on firsthand sailing experience with the applicant.</p>	