

Cruising Dinghy Skipper Rating

The Cruising Dinghy rating allows you to take appropriately equipped dinghies into an expanded sailing area that includes Clipper Cove and the Richmond Yacht Club.

The requirements to gain this rating are similar to those of the Cruising Skipper rating (Senior Skipper rating, Cruising written test, first aid course) along with two supervised qualifying cruises on dinghies. The supervisors of the qualifying cruises submit reports to Ex Comm, who then decides whether to grant the rating. Refer to the [Operating Rules](#) for details. Note that a prerequisite is the Senior Skipper rating (both keelboats and dinghies), not the Senior Dinghy skipper rating.

For the qualifying cruises, the candidate is required to fully organize the route, timing, tides/currents, destination interaction (campsite, dock space, etc.), and crew/boat lists as well as the boat organization on the water. The candidate is responsible for the success or failure of the cruise, so sufficient knowledge of the destination and conditions possible are key.

The Cruising Dinghy skipper has the authority to bring dinghies skippered by Senior Dinghy skippers and above to the dinghy cruising area after filing the cruise form before leaving the dock. With the increased range of the cruising dinghy skipper comes the added responsibility for the safety and coordination of all boats involved in a cruise.

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