# **Captain's Test for Scullers**

DIRECTIONS: Rower contacts the Adult Rowing Director (Lori Daugherty) to arrange for test. Rower fills out & signs back page, prints name below and brings this form to the test. Rower should reserve a Peinert 26 or x25 for the test. If rower passes, then this form is retained by the Adult Rowing Director. If rower does not pass, then test administrator holds onto this form for later retest.

PRINT rower's name: Date of test: Needs P<u>ass</u> Retest 0 100 miles = 160 km in a single (spot check with logbook) 0 Read, discuss & sign Boat Damage & Responsibility 0 0 0 0 Verify membership/fees status 0 0 Boathouse security 0 0 Contacting emergency services & club officers Filing "Incident Report Forms" 0 0 0 0 Possess & be familiar with GDRA Club Rules 0 0 Possess & understand all Island Park Rowing Rules Ο 0 Using reservation book and signout log 0 0 Set out slings for hose down after row Explain that 1 man carry, especially with oars, is discouraged 0 0 Ο 0 Unrack boat and carry to dock 0 0 Set boat in water, avoiding skeg damage

- O O Launch from middle of dock
- O O Paddle arms & body only
- O O Full slide rowing, with blades off the water. *Tapping the water occasionally during the recovery is permitted, but constant contact with the water is not.*
- O O Turn while rowing full slide
- O O Look ahead while rowing full slide, upon hearing "Look ahead!"
- O O Stop from full speed, upon hearing "Hold water!"
- O O Spin 360° in place: clockwise and counterclockwise
- O O Row backwards
- O O Land in middle of dock (flybys are ok; hitting the dock is not)
- O O Wash boat with soap & water
- O O Check for loose parts, bolts, tracks
- O O Rerack

- Boats should be wiped down after every row. Performance boats should be hosed off or washed if the water was dirty!!!
- O Overall ability in carrying the boat
- O Overall ability in caring for the boat & oars
- O O Overall ability in rowing

If a Retest of all or part of the test is required, the tester may specify a minimum number of rows or kilometers before a Retest will be administered. State details below.

By my signature, I attest that I have personally observed the rower demonstrate competence in all of the above skills and that they can be entrusted with the club's Performance boats.

Signature of Test Administrator:

Date:

## Sculling Mileage in a Single

The Sculling Captain's Test requires 160km (100 miles) in a single. The dock to the I-75 bridge is 2.5 km, so a round trip is 5 km. The tip of Triangle Park to I-75 is 2 km, so a round trip is 4 km. Thus, a two lap row consisting of a full lap plus a lap of the 2000m race course is 9 km.

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Mileage rowed in Dayton only counts if the rower properly signed out the boat in the logbook.

### Damage to Club Boats

If you choose to row "Performance" boats, you should be aware of how expensive they are, how very easy they are to damage and what we expect when you damage a boat.

A Kaschper double costs \$8,000. A quad costs \$12,000. They are expensive because so much effort goes into making them lightweight. They are unbelievably delicate! Hitting the dock will break the boat.

When you damage a boat, you must let us know what happened, so that:

- (1) The boat can be taken out of service, if necessary.
- (2) The repair can be done properly, especially on hidden damage.
- (3) We can figure out whether we need to do something to prevent similar accidents in the future.

So, if you think you may have damaged a boat, please file an incident report and/or talk to a club officer about it. If it looks bad, then go ahead and immediately mark the boat with a "Do Not Row" tag.

### Accidents are forgivable. But failing to report boat damage and how it occurred is inexcusable.

#### **Financial Responsibility**

Under the GDRA Club Rules, the Trustees can require a member to cover the cost of major damage or loss, if they determine that the member was negligent. But you would have to act pretty badly to be called negligent. Like rowing when the water height is in the red zone, or ramming a bridge in broad daylight.

In actual practice, no one has ever been asked to cover the cost of repairs (so far). That is thanks in part to the care that most of our members practice in handling the boats. It is also due to the generous work of some members in repairing boats. Let's not take their time and effort for granted.

I have read the above and the GDRA Club Rules and understand my responsibility for the boats.

Signature of Rower: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Rower is under 18: Date: