

SAILING SKILL REVIEW CHECKLIST

Break out this list from time to time to make sure you're on top of these less-often-used skills so you can perform them without flaw when the need arises.

- MAN OVERBOARD:** Practice with a few different skippers and in different conditions. Drop a lifejacket as the overboard sailor.
- STEERING WITH THE SAILS:** A good skill if you need to check your balance, but even more important if you lose your rudder.
- HEADSAIL CHANGE:** Practice a straight-line and a tack change for good measure. Even better, practice in different conditions.
- DEPOWERING:** Every boat is set up differently. Make sure you and your crew know the best way to depower your particular boat.
- PUT IN A REEF:** Assign roles and make sure everyone knows the process. This is even more important when communication is limited in rougher conditions.
- CHECK SETTINGS:** Make sure your marked settings (halyards, jib cars, etc.) are still accurate and adjust as needed.
- MOORING & ANCHORING:** Have various crew practice at the helm. Even if you trailor sail, this skill is important.
- CHECK THE RIG TUNE:** If you don't tune your rig for each event or trip, make sure you check it throughout the season and adjust as needed.

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OTHER IMPORTANT SKILLS

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