Boat Rental-Skills Checkout Form

Skills checkout MUST be done annually for EACH renter by an NNYC representative.
During the skills checkout **knowledge of the following is expected of the renter:**

Dinghy use
- ☐ How to use the dinghy
- ☐ How to tow the dinghy
- ☐ How to properly secure dinghy at dock during and after sailing

Motoring skill
- ☐ Ability to properly start, operate, and stop outboard
- ☐ Ability to drive the boat
- ☐ Ability to stop at a mooring buoy and properly tie up
- ☐ Able to leave and return to the dock safely and under control

Sailing skills
- ☐ Identify wind direction
- ☐ Understand points of sail and show proper trim
- ☐ Tack in control
- ☐ Gybe in control
- ☐ Heave-to and/or safety position explained
- ☐ Familiarity with rigging including how to reef sails
- ☐ Overboard rescue methods (quick stop, figure 8 and how to safely bring a person back on board.)

General Boating knowledge
- ☐ Knowledge of weather (cell phone apps)
- ☐ Knowledge of right of way, navigational markers, navigational hazards
- ☐ Able to tie basic sailing knots and use cleats properly
- ☐ Correct use of fenders
- ☐ Renter appropriately dressed
- ☐ Able to deploy anchor and technique for emergencies
- ☐ Able to use VHF radio
- ☐ Able to use navigational lights
- ☐ Emergency procedures and able to locate on-board emergency equipment
- ☐ Able to return boat to mooring ball, secure and stow all equipment, sails and lines
- ☐ Demonstrates appropriate "decision making abilities"

Rental Agreement
- ☐ Rental agreement form signed
- ☐ Damage agreement form signed
- ☐ Review of sailing boundaries- in the harbor and lake as on provided chart
- ☐ Review of boat use rules
- ☐ Review of procedures for problems or emergency

If rental candidate does not meet minimum skill level, extra instruction with a qualified NNYC member volunteer will be available. This would include current year FVSS adult students. No fee, but donations to NNYC or FVSS are always welcome.

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Printed name of renter   Signature of renter   Date

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Printed name of checkout instructor   Signature of checkout instructor   Date