Renton Sailing Center
Large Dinghy/Small Keelboat Signoff Sheet

SAILOR NAME: _____

- ➢ Renton Sailing Center members who have completed their Intermediate Level Signoff and completed this Signoff may skipper a large dinghy or small keelboat larger than 15 feet but 20 or less feet LOA such as the RS Venture in the same navigation area their level allows them to.
- ➢ Signoff must be completed for each specific boat a sailor wants to skipper.
- ➢ Renton Sailing Dockmasters and Instructors who have completed this signoff on the specific vessel are authorized to conduct sign-offs
- ➢ Signoffs may be done individually or as a small group
- ➢ All skills must be demonstrated hands-on by each member being signed off
- ➢ Skills for the Advanced and Intermediate Skills checkout must be completed on a 15 foot or smaller dinghy.
- ➢ Once this Orientation Sail Sheet is approved, please send it to the Chief Dockmaster at chiefdockmaster@rentonsailing.org for documentation in the database. Keep a copy of your completion.

Preparation
Be sure to complete your Intermediate Level signoff. It will cover basic skills you will need as you progress to larger and heavier sailboats. Be sure to read the rigging guides and owners manuals at https://www.rentonsailing.org/sail/fleet. Sailors using the coach boat to access sailboats on moorings must also complete the Powerboat sign off form.

REMEMBER that the RS Venture is an expensive and delicate fiberglass boat. Our smaller dinghies are rotomolded plastic and much more resilient to abuse. Damage to the Venture is easier to cause and much more expensive to repair. Sail with care at all times.

The RS Venture's draft is 3'2", and the keel is fixed, *not* a kick-up centerboard like the dinghies. Grounding is a serious risk and will damage the boat, taking it out of service. Avoid all shores and the south end of the lake near the airport as it is very shallow in some places.

Docking

Demonstrated Skill	Approved by:
	RS Venture
Access RS Venture with paddleboard or row boat	
Demonstrate how to leave row boat at mooring	
Rig boat according to boat's rigging checklist	
Sail off mooring ball into water clear of obstructions	
Prepare fenders and dock lines for docking while underway	
Sail onto dock with a controlled speed and direction for wind direction	
Get underway under sail from dock for wind direction	
Return to mooring under sail	
Secure boat to mooring using method shown in the boats unrigging checklist	
Prepare and clean the boat to leave unattended using the boat's unrigging checklist	

Sailing

Demonstrated Skill	Approved by:
	RS Venture
Set all sail controls for prevailing conditions	
Sail a course to windward and leeward with tacks and controlled jibes, head-up, bear away, and demonstrate all points of sail.	
Hove to	
Tuck in a reef underway	
Shake out a reef underway	
Set, gybe and douse spinnaker using a windward, leeward, or kiwi douse appropriate for the tack	