Renton Sailing Center
Winter Dinghy Sailing Signoff Sheet

SAILOR NAME: _____

- ➢ Renton Sailing Center members who have completed their Advanced Level Signoff and completed this Signoff may skipper a small or large dinghy without supervision during the winter, from November 1st to March 31st
- ➢ Intermediate members may complete this form before the Advanced sign-off, but no additional privileges are granted until Advanced sign-off
- ➢ RSC Dockmasters and Instructors are authorized to sign off on skills.
- ➢ Once this Signoff 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.

Expectations

- Email dockmasters@rentonsailing.org with float plan before sailing unsupervised (approximate times, destination(s), crew manifest), and after returning to the dock ("closing" the float plan)
- Single-handing on Zests only; Visions, Quests, or the Venture require skipper and crew
- Try to sail with a buddy (join winter-sailors@rentonsailing.org)
- Wear gear suitable for extended submersion (up to 30 minutes)
- Carry a VHF radio and know how to operate it
- Every sailor aboard must have successfully completed this winter sign-off
- No guests

Acknowledgement of Risk & Liability Waiver

In recognition of the inherent danger of cold water sailing, I confirm that I am physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity and using the equipment. I participate willingly and voluntarily, and I assume full responsibility for personal injury, accidents, or illness, including death. I, the undersigned, assume all responsibility for damage to or loss of personal property as the result of any accident that may occur. I also agree to indemnify and hold Renton Sailing Center, its members, and its Board of Trustees harmless from any liability whatsoever, caused by or related in any way to use or possession of the Center's equipment and facilities by me, my family members, or anyone else while it was in my stewardship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Knowledge

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Cold water safety risks (refer to https://www.coldwatersafety.org/)	☐ _____
Water temperatures (refer to https://www.coldwatersafety.org/)	☐ _____
Typical water & air temperatures for December, January, February	☐ _____

Skills

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Solo capsize recovery of a double-handed dingy, such as a Vision or a Quest, in full winter gear and water below 15°C	☐ _____
Cold water comfort check for 5 minutes in 10°C or colder water	☐ _____
Proper usage of VHF radio: push-to-talk, hailing, distress calls, dual watch	☐ _____

Equipment

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Drysuit or 6mm full-body wetsuit w/ booties	☐ _____
Winter gloves with full-finger coverage	☐ _____
Whistle	☐ _____