

DSC Cruising Statement of Liability and Responsibility
(Revised Nov 29, 2023)

No cruising vessel designated by the Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) as a Cruising Vessel may leave the dock without an approved DSC Cruising Skipper aboard. An approved Cruising Skipper is:

- A sailor who has passed the DSC Cruising Skipper Check-out examination and has accepted responsibility as the Designated Cruising Skipper in charge, or
- A sailor who is deemed by the Executive Director to be fully qualified and who has accepted the responsibilities and liabilities as Designated Skipper

The Designated Cruising Skipper shall accept responsibility for the safety of the boat and all aboard and shall:

- Adhere to the published DSC Safety and Cruising Limits guidelines and the General Statement of Liability and Responsibility
- Complete and submit a float plan for any voyage past the line created by buoy G"9" and Stony Pt. on the Patapsco (8 nautical miles from the DSC and 3 nautical miles past the Francis Scott Key Bridge) to the DSC Office in addition to any other trusted parties
- Make entries in the Ship's Log for each voyage
- Determine that the weather forecast for the duration of the event is within the skipper's ability and the DSC safety guidelines
- Conduct a pre-sail check of the boat and all of its equipment (covering all items on the boat specific check list) and not leave the dock if the boat or its equipment is unsafe
- Have on board and use a fully operational VHF radio
- Return the boat with the fuel tank at least 3/4 full, all trash removed, and the marine head pumped out. If the Baltimore Marine Center is closed on return, then leave sufficient funds and a note in the log book to account for the actions.
- Conduct a post-sail check to make sure the boat is stowed properly and enter in the ship's log any boat problems noted before or during the cruise
- Report any maintenance issues that require attention via the DSC RecHub Maintenance Tracker
- Be liable for any towing expense for the boat

DSC cruising boats will not be used for:

- Racing except as permitted by the DSC Executive Director
- Night sailing except as permitted by the DSC Executive Director

The Designated Skipper accepts liability for:

- The first \$1000 of repair costs to a DSC boat and the first \$2000 of repair costs to a non-DSC boat resulting from any boating activity involving such boats, and
- The first \$1500 or repair costs to a DSC boat and the first \$3000 of repair costs to a non-DSC boat resulting from any boating activity involving such boats as part of the racing or cruising program, and

- The first \$2000 of repair costs to a DSC boat and ALL of the repair costs to a non-DSC boat resulting from any boating activity involving any DSC boats while racing in a non-DSC race, and
- All arrangements and logistics related to having any necessary repairs performed with respect to any damage resulting from the use of such boat.

Failure to abide by the above responsibilities and liabilities may result in Disciplinary Action or Suspension of Cruising Program privileges by the DSC Cruising Council or DSC Staff at their sole discretion.

Indicate acceptance of Responsibilities and Liabilities of the Designated Skipper with your signature below:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____