

COMPETENCY CHECKLIST - DOUBLE HULL (DH) STEERING ENDORSEMENT

Readiness guidelines: 1 yr. exp. Accredited Steersperson (AS) spec OC6 and/or frequency of steering:

- If interested, contact the Steering Coordinator (SC)

Date: _____ Steersperson _____ DH ASE _____

General Information

The DH should not be launched and paddled in rough/choppy waters. Even large rolling swells can be harmful to the canoe structure. To minimize the risk of swamping either hull, the bow should be pointed into the swell or in the direction of the swell. The swell should not impact either hull broadside (starboard or port) unless turning the DH in the opposite direction. Two hulls lashed together causes twisting of the hulls at the gunnels when in inclement waters and large swell conditions. Maximum crew = 12; minimum crew = 10, depending on the crew. For safe navigation, it is highly recommended that both seat 6s are filled - one with an AS, the other with an AS, SIT or experienced paddler. It is advised to use a steering blade conducive to conditions and crew. A large heavy steering blade like a Biscuit or Foti, is recommended.

Transitional Training: Preparing for an endorsement evaluation

- Shadow an experienced steersperson by sitting in seat 5 or seat 6.
- Train with, at least, 3 DH endorsed ASs <https://outriggersantacruz.org/members-list-steerspeople/>
 - When ready for the endorsement paddle, contact the SC. DH is rigged Sept. - Mar. (approx.)

Skills (check off):

Demonstrate Crew Placement and Pre-Launch

- Know your crew and set seats accordingly.
- Stroker: Lead hull is at the discretion of the steersperson, based on crew.
- Identify 1 caller.
- Check rigging and alignment of iakos (parallel to wae).

Demonstrate Launching and Removal

- Choose a matching set of spec canoe dollies.
- Coordinate lifting and moving wheels at storage area. 2 people on wheels working in tandem.
- Coordinate lifting and moving wheels at launch ramp. 2 people on wheels working in tandem. Depending on the crew lifting the stern, consider moving the wheels 1 seat at a time.
- At dock, load paddlers into canoes. Options: 1. Load dock side only then paddle over to another dock to load the other side. 2. Load from the ramp "load and go". Before you decide to do this, be cognizant of the ebb and flow of water across the DH and parallel with the DH. Balance the weight when loading and unloading - start loading from seat 1 back to seat 6 on both sides. 3. Crawl across the iakos and load both sides.

Demonstrate Steering and Leadership Skills

- Can steer from either side based on direct site line to lead stroker. Recommended to have 2 ASs.
- Steersperson has a large command presence and is assertive.
- Anticipate needs and give commands well in advance.
- Due to width, is extra aware of where the front and back of canoe are when turning.
- Aware of slower reaction and greater momentum of DH.
- Poking works the same as for a single hull. Moves such as draw stokes or J stokes may be ineffective.
- Received verbal proximity feedback from paddlers in "other" hull when approaching docks.

Endorsement achieved? YES ____ NO ____ Comments: _____