

COMPETENCY CHECKLIST - UNLIMITED (UL) STEERING ENDORSEMENT

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

- If interested, contact the Steering Coordinator

Date_____ Steersperson_____ UL ASE_____

General Information

UL canoes are constructed from lightweight carbon fiber, a rigid, strong material but one that is unable to absorb impacts like fiberglass. They weigh approximately 150 lbs. including the ama. The design prioritizes speed and efficiency for long-distance racing, with straighter tracking and minimal hull rocker. However, this makes them fragile, difficult to maneuver in regatta-style turns and more prone to huli due to their lower waterline and lighter weight.

Transitional Training: Preparing for an endorsement evaluation

- ☐ Shadow an experienced steersperson by sitting in seat 5 or seat 6.
- ☐ Train with, at least, 3 UL endorsed ASs <https://outriggersantacruz.org/members-list-steerspeople/>
- ☐ Practice in an OC 1 (The ama on an OC1 is light like an unlimited canoe).
 - ☐ When ready for endorsement paddle, contact the Steering Coordinator.

Skills (check off):

- ☐ Demonstrate how/where to secure dry bag and bailer in the canoe.
- ☐ Demonstrate rigging - some have plugs in ama. Know where to find the necessary tools.
- ☐ Execute a huli recovery. There are no mukus and the gunnels are thinner than a spec.
- ☐ Execute making turns in the harbor and around a buoy in open ocean.
- ☐ Demonstrate how to adjust foot braces once seated.
- ☐ Use an appropriately marked "Unlimited" dolly for transport and storage. The straps on these dollies sit a little higher than the spec canoe dollies. The biggest difference between the spec dolly and unlimited dolly are the knobby tires on the unlimited dollies. Spec canoe dollies have smooth tires. A spec canoe dolly can be used if no other unlimited dollies are available.

Endorsement achieved? YES___ NO___

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