



Accompanying Pilot

Student attends Pilot Class, acts as copilot for a minimum of 5 required swim events with Senior Pilot providing helpful instruction. When student pilot feels competent they request to be evaluated by an Assessment Pilot who will determine if pilot is ready to safely act as an Accompanying Pilot for a swim. If the pilot is recommended as competent by the Assessment Pilot the Senior Pilots will vote to add the new pilot as an Accompanying Pilot.

An Accompanying Pilot is required to have a Lead Pilot in another boat or in their boat when on the water. They may not pilot outside of either the Golden Gate or Bay Bridges. An Accompanying Pilot may pilot with the current and only another Pilot during swims that are not club swims.

Pilot

Accompanying Pilot when he/she feels they are competent and have had enough experience may apply to the Pilot Committee to be moved to the Pilot category. Assessment Pilot observes them on a club swim and determines if pilot is ready to safely act as Pilot. If the Accompanying Pilot is recommended as competent by the Assessment Pilot the Senior Pilots will vote to add the individual as a qualified Pilot.

A Pilot may pilot all club swims but must have a Lead Pilot accompanying them either in their boat or in another boat on club swims. A Pilot may pilot swims that are with the current without a Lead Pilot.

Lead Pilot

- Pilot wishing to move to the Lead Pilot category will contact the Pilot Committee and ask to be evaluated for advancement to Lead Pilot.
- Pilot Committee will ask the Pilot to act as Lead Pilot during two club swims under the instruction of a Senior Pilot designated by the committee.
- Pilot will be observed on a third club swim by an Assessment Pilot. They must complete all the tasks of a Lead Pilot unaided e.g. organization of pilots, VTS contact, pilot briefing, leading pilots during the swim, coordinating with Marine Police during a swim. They must demonstrate knowledge of a Lead Pilot, ability to stay calm and make strategic decisions that result in the safety of all involved in the swim, be able to communicate with USCG, Police, other vessels and all

other parties that effect the swim in anyway. They must also demonstrate they have the attributes of a Lead Pilot.

- Once this practical assessment is finished, the Pilot Committee shall meet with and /or contact a selected group of Lead Pilots to vote as to whether this person should be moved to Lead Pilot.

A Lead Pilot is able to pilot any swim with the South End Rowing Club. A Lead Pilot is also able to act as a Lead Pilot during any South End Rowing club swim.

Senior Pilot

A Senior Pilot is a Lead Pilot who has volunteer to act as a mentor to instruct student Accompanying Pilots and Pilots to train to move to the next category.

Assessment Pilot

These are Lead Pilots designated by the Pilot Committee who assess pilots prior to their moving up a category and give recommendations to Senior Pilots and the Pilot Committee as to whether or not a pilot should be moved to the next category.

The Pilot Committee is able to make exceptions in the case of ex members who have rejoined after a recent absence, who have previously demonstrated their abilities to act in one of the above categories.

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