

Pre-entry assessments

A quick request for Dinghy Coach Assessors running pre-entry training and pre-entry assessments.

You will all be aware that we have slightly modified the guidance concerning the minimum windspeed for conducting the pre-entry assessment by removing the 11 knot minimum. The reason for this has been the problem of candidates having difficulty completing the assessment prior to the instructor course due to both time constraints and lack of wind on pre-arranged assessment dates, often involving much travelling and return visits.

However, candidates are still turning up at instructor courses having no pre-entry assessment at all, which creates quite a problem for coaches. They not only have no idea of the personal sailing ability of the candidate, but they also have to try and fit the assessment into an already busy week.

Therefore, barring a completely zero wind situation, you should feel confident to make a decision on the candidate's sailing ability one way or the other and sign off the logbook accordingly at the time of the pre-entry assessment. Please don't leave the problem to the coach running the instructor course.