

About US Sailing

As the National Governing Body for the sport of sailing, US Sailing's mission is to provide leadership, integrity and advancement for the sport of sailing. The organization works to achieve this mission through a wide range of programs, education and events which help set the course for sailors to enjoy the sport for a lifetime.

For first-time sailors, US Sailing ensures that they will learn from experienced and certified instructors who follow national guidelines and curriculum developed by leaders in the training and education fields.

For sailing programs and one-design organizations, US Sailing hosts networking events and symposiums that bring together experts who address the latest developments in these areas of the sport.

For racing sailors, US Sailing provides a level playing field by training and certifying race officers, judges and umpires to ensure standardized rules and sailing instructions.

Young sailors can learn about sailboat racing through one of the many USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festivals organized by US Sailing and host organizations every year.

US Sailing could not achieve its mission without the ongoing support of its members and volunteers. We invite you to join us and share our passion for this lifelong sport. Help make US Sailing smarter, safer, faster and stronger!





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Instructor Courses



Level 1 Instructor

Target Audience: Anyone interested in teaching beginner level sailors

Prerequisites: Must turn 16 in the calendar year; hold NASBLA–approved boating certificate*

Materials: Small Boat Instructor Guide; Learn Sailing Right – Beginner; Learn Sailing Right – Intermediate; Teaching Fundamentals for Sailing Instruction; Safety, Rescue & Support Handling

Course Overview: The Level 1 Instructor Course provides sailing instructors with information on how to teach more safely, effectively and creatively.

Course Length: 4 days



Level 2 Instructor

Target Audience: Second-year instructors

Prerequisites: Current Level 1 Certification; must wait 9 months after receiving Level 1 Certification*

Materials: Small Boat Instructor Guide – Level 2; Learn Sailing Right – Intermediate, Level 2 Workbook; Safety, Rescue & Support Boat Handling; Teaching Fundamentals for Sailing Instruction

Course Overview: The Level 2 Instructor Course focuses on developing knowledge and skills in teaching sail theory, sail controls, spinnaker and trapeze use and powerboat operation for emergency situations. Safety awareness is a major component of this course

Course Length: 2 days



^{*} A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Sailing website www.ussailing.org or by contacting smallboat@ussailing.org

Small Boat Instructor



Level 3 Head Instructor

Target Audience: Head Instructors, individuals who have on-the-water management responsibilities and Junior Committee Chairs

Prerequisites: Level 2 Instructor Certification; may also be audited by those seeking education but not certification*

Materials: Sailing Program Management for Head Instructors

Course Overview: This course is designed for sailing instructors who are making the transition to a leadership or management role in their programs, and also for parents and volunteers who want to better manage their sailing programs but do not want to receive certification. It focuses on the management side of sailing programs.

Course Length: 2 days



Level 3 Coach

Target Audience: New and Intermediate Level Coaches

Prerequisites: Level 2 Instructor Certification*

Materials: Level 3 Coach Course Workbook; Racing Rules of Sailing; Sailing Drills Made Easy

Course Overview: The foundation course of US Sailing's coach training program, this course provides coaches with information to effectively develop performance boat handling and racing skills and instill the importance of ethical behavior and sportsmanship in their athletes. Topics include race management procedures, team management, logistics and drills.

Course Length: 2 days

Instructor Courses



Sailing Counselor

Target Audience: Anyone involved with camp counseling, sailing, or a scouting program

Prerequisites: Basic sailing experience; must turn 14 within the calendar year*

Materials: Learn Sailing Right!

- Beginner Sailing; Sailing Smart
Activity Book; Sailing Smart Instructor's Handbook

Course Overview: The Sailing Counselor Course prepares participants to supervise small boat recreational sailing activities conducted on sheltered and protected waters, with an emphasis on safety and hands-on practice to familiarize candidates with proper terminology and boating techniques.

Course Length: 2 days

This course offers a certificate of completion only.







Keelboat The US Sailing Keelboat Certification programs offer superior instruction that will open up the doors to new waters. Whether you're planning to cruise over the horizon or sail in local waters near home, we're here to help you gain the knowledge and the skills to achieve your goals. These programs include eight levels of certification for sailors. Courses range from Basic Keelboat, for sailors with little or no experience, through Offshore Passage Making for blue water sailors. Each course certification builds on the previous level, combining learned skills with hands-on training. You will gain new knowledge and experience in each course level and the opportunity to take your skills as far as you want to go and at your own pace. US Sailing's student level courses are offered through a vast network of accredited Keelboat Schools which can be found at sailingcertification.net.

Student Level Courses



Basic Keelboat

You will learn the fundamental principles of safe, confident day sailing on a keelboat ranging from 18 to 27 feet in length and in light to moderate winds. Learn the basics while enjoying a beautiful day on the water. Students will see their confidence rise from day one to that of a competent sailor by the end of the course.

Prerequisites: None

Basic Keelboat Online

Based off of the Basic Keelboat textbook, Basic Keelboat Online brings the material to life with interactive content and lively graphics. This course works in conjunction with the Basic Keelboat course and is not a replacement for the certification.

Prerequisites: None



Basic Cruising

Basic Cruising Certification opens the door to an exciting new world of cruising. You will learn to sail and operate a midsize auxiliary cruising sailboat under sail and power during daylight hours and in sight of land.

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat*

Cruising Catamaran Endorsement

The Cruising Catamaran Endorsement is available to anyone who has completed Bareboat Cruising and is held on a catamaran of at least 34 feet. During this course you'll develop the skills to handle a catamaran confidently and safely, whether it's a single or twin screw boat.

Prerequisites: Bareboat Cruising (may be taken concurrently with any certification from the Bareboat Cruising level or higher)*

^{*} A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Sailing Certification website www.sailingcertification.net or keelboat@ussailing.org



Keelboat



Bareboat Cruising

With coaching from an experienced instructor, you will gain the knowledge and skills to successfully charter boats in destinations that were only distant dreams by practicing your boat handling skills on a 30 to 45 foot cruising sailboat. You will learn everything from reading charts and electronics to navigating and meal planning for your crew.

Once you've completed the Bareboat Cruising Course, you'll be eligible for the International Proficiency Certificate© which will help you charter a boat in Mediterranean and European waters.

Prerequisites: Basic Cruising*



Coastal Navigation

The Coastal Navigation course teaches traditional navigation techniques while integrating electronic navigation tools into the navigation plan. The course features a lively and visual format with excellent charts, illustrations and diagrams, all working together to make navigation and piloting easy and understandable to apply.

Prerequisites: None

Performance Sailing

Our instructors will help you learn to analyze, adjust and shape your sails for maximum speed. A variety of topics to help you achieve optimum racing performance are covered. This course brings your keelboat sailing skills to a new level without moving up to a bigger boat.

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat*

Student Level Courses

Coastal Passage Making

You will learn and practice the skills required for safe coastal passages as a skipper or crew aboard an inboard auxiliary-powered cruising sailboat during passages on coastal waters and in all weather conditions, including all levels of visibility and all hours of the day and night.

Prerequisites: None



Celestial Navigation

Master the ancient art of open ocean position fixing using a sextant and timepiece. You will be able to apply your knowledge of sight reduction methodology to reduce a sextant sight to a plotted line of position using any celestial body found in the Nautical Almanac.

Prerequisites: Coastal Navigation*



Offshore Passage Making

Sailors who are contemplating the exploration of offshore passages will gain skills and knowledge in planning, watch keeping, living aboard, safety at sea and more in this course. You will learn to sail a cruising sailboat in passages for most weather conditions, including all levels of visibility and all hours of the day. Get the training you need for handling the more challenging coastal passages of the world where the conditions and distances call for more than coastal passage making skills.

Prerequisites: Coastal Passage Making* (Celestial Navigation recommended)







Spinnaker Endorsement

Take what you learned in the Performance Sailing course to the next level! You will learn how to fly a spinnaker downwind without losing boat control or speed. You will also learn how to best adjust your sails based upon shape and other variables.

Prerequisites: None

International Proficiency Certificate

As an extension of the US Sailing's Keelboat Certification series, an International Proficiency Certificate will open up the possibilities to charter a sail or powerboat in the Mediterranean and European waters.

Prerequisites: Bareboat Cruising*

*A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Sailing Certification website www.sailingcertification.net or by contacting keelboat@ussailing.org



Instructor Courses



Basic Keelboat

Target Audience: Experienced keelboat sailors

Prerequisites: Must turn 18 in the calendar year; hold NASBLA-approved boating certificate*

Materials: Basic Keelboat; Teaching Fundamentals for Sailing Instruction; Basic Keelboat Instructor Manual; Risk Management

Course Overview: Basic Keelboat is the start to the keelboat instructor series. This intensive evaluative course is designed to provide keelboat instructors with key teaching theories and to evaluate their sailing abilities in a variety of conditions.

Course Length: 3 days



Performance Sailing

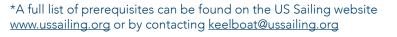
Target Audience: Those interested in learning to fine-tune sail shape without moving into a bigger boat

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat Instructor*

Materials: Performance Sailing and Racing; Level 2 Instructor Course Workbook (Excerpt)

Course Overview: Performance Sailing expands upon concepts introduced in the Basic Keelboat Instructor course, mainly to further educate candidates in advanced sail trim, rig tuning and safety. Candidates will apply principles and theories discussed through shore time to on-the-water sailing.

Course Length: 2 days





Keelboat



Cruising / Coastal Navigation

Target Audience: Experienced navigators

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat Instructor; 5,000 nm of coastal and offshore sailing experience; and current U.S. Coast Guard License with Auxiliary Sail Endorsement*

Materials: Basic Cruising; Bareboat Cruising; Coastal Navigation; Cruising Instructor Manual; Coastal Navigation Manual

Course Overview: Live and sail aboard a cruising keelboat 32' to 45' in length while challenging your teaching, sailing and navigation skills in a wide range of varying conditions.

Course Length: 3 days



Catamaran Endorsement

Target Audience: Those looking to

teach catamaran sailing

Prerequisites: Cruising Instructor*

Materials: Bareboat Cruising

Course Overview: Cruise in a catamaran of at least 34 feet with wheel steering and twin engine auxiliary power, while demonstrating your practical skills.

Course Length: 1 day

Instructor Courses



Coastal Passage Making

Target Audience: Experienced passage making sailors

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat Instructor; Cruising and Coastal Navigation Instructor; Current U.S. Coast Guard License with Auxiliary Sail Endorsement*

Materials: Passage Making

Course Overview: Demonstrate your ability to plan and make coastal passages in varying conditions. You will live aboard a 30 to 50 foot inboard auxiliary-powered cruising sailboat throughout the course.

Course Length: 5 days



Offshore Passage Making

Target Audience: Offshore sailors with documentation of an unbroken ocean passage more than 700 nautical miles

Prerequisites: Coastal Passage Making; Celestial Navigation*

Materials: Passage Making

Course Overview: Prepare a passage plan for an offshore route assigned by the committee. The passage plan should include, but is not limited to, the following: vessel selection; crew management and health; navigation; safety plan; and heavy weather tactics.

Celestial Navigation

Audience: Those interested in teaching Celestial Navigation

Prerequisites: Basic Keelboat

Instructor*

Materials: None

Course Overview: Demonstrate your understanding and ability to teach celestial navigation using only a sextant and timepiece.



^{*} A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Sailing website www.ussailing.org



Powerboat

US Powerboating offers the nation's best and most comprehensive onthe-water training and education courses for recreational boaters. Our hands-on courses, taught by Certified Powerboat Instructors, empower students with the skills and confidence they need to get more out of their boating experience and become safer powerboat operators. US Powerboating's student-level courses are offered through approved schools, community programs, clubs, marinas and independent US Sailing Certified Powerboat Instructors.

Our mission aligns closely with the strategic objectives of the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division. We aim to support them in their mission to make America's waterways safer for all and to minimize property damage, personal injury and loss of life by creating a new generation of educated and experienced recreational boaters.



Student Level Courses



Safe Powerboat Handling

Safe Powerboat Handling combines classroom instruction with practical, hands-on experience. This two day course is U.S. Coast Guard and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved. Recommended for new boaters, first time boat owners, or boaters looking for a hands-on educational experience to build confidence operating a powerboat 26 feet and under.

Prerequisites: None

Course Length: 2 days



Accelerated Safe Powerboat Handling

This course focuses on the practical application of skills; consequently, it is not approved by the U.S. Coast Guard or the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) as meeting requirements for a state boating safety education certificate. If you have taken your boater education course, this is a perfect opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience to safely operate a powerboat.

Prerequisites: State boating education card recommended*

Course Length: 1 day

*A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Powerboating website www.uspowerboating.com or by contacting powerboat@ussailing.org

Student Level Courses

Powerboat



Safety & Rescue Boat Handling

Safety & Rescue Boat Handling topics range from equipment, preparation and operator and crew responsibilities during an emergency to the practical techniques used in rescue situations.

Prerequisites: Safe Powerboat Handling*

Course Length: 1 day

Basic Powerboat Cruising

This course will teach you how to responsibly operate a powered cruising vessel 26 feet or larger single screw or twin-screws during daylight hours within sight of land in light to moderate wind and sea conditions. You will learn how to maneuver in close quarters and pivot turn, leave and return to a dock, a variety of emergency procedures, and much more!



Mark-Set Boat Handling

This on-the-water course is for anyone who will be operating a mark-set boat for a race, regatta or event. The operator of a mark-set boat is expected to be able to perform safety, rescue and mark setting operations.

Prerequisites: Safe Powerboat Handling* (Safety & Rescue Boat Handling recommended)

Course Length: 2 days







*A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Powerboating website www.uspowerboating.com or by contacting powerboat@ussailing.org



Instructor Courses



Safe Powerboat Handling Instructor

Target Audience: Experienced boaters, sailing instructors, marine industry professionals, race management volunteers

Prerequisites: Safe Powerboat Handling or Accelerated Safe Powerboat Handling Certification*

Materials: Start Powerboating Right; Safe Powerboat Handling Instructor Manual; Logbook

Course Overview: The Safe
Powerboat Handling Instructor
Course prepares experienced boat
operators to teach the student
level Safe Powerboat Handling
ans Accelerated Safe Powerboat
Handling Certification Courses.
Candidates in the course are
evaluated in their powerboat
handling skills as well as their
knowledge, presentation and
evaluation skills. This course is
taught by US Powerboating SPH
Instructor Trainers.

Course Length: 3 days



Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Instructor

Target Audience: Experienced boaters, sailing instructors, marine industry professionals, safety-focused race management volunteers

Prerequisites: Safe Powerboat Handling Instructor, Safety and Rescue Boat Handling*

Materials: Safety Rescue & Support Boat Handling, Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Instructor Manual

Course Overview: The Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Instructor Course prepares the Safe Powerboat Handling Instructor to teach the student level Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification Course. It typically is preceded by a one-day student level Safety Rescue Boat Handling Course to help potential canidates meet the prerequisite. This course is taught by US Powerboating SRB Instructor Trainers.

Course Length: 1 day

*A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Powerboating website www.uspowerboating.com or by contacting powerboat@ussailing.org



Instructor Courses



Mark-Set Boat Handling Instructor

Target Audience: Safe Powerboat Handling Instructors involved in Race Management; Anyone who will be operating a mark-set boat for a race, regatta or event

Prerequisites: Safe Powerboat Handling Instructor, Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification, one-day Race Management Seminar*

Materials: Safety, Rescue & Support Boat Handling

Course Overview: The Mark-Set Boat Handling Instructor Course prepares the SPH Instructor to teach the student level Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification Course. The course is offered as a one-andone course. It is typically preceded by a one-day student level MSBH course to help potential candidates meet the prerequisite. This course is taught by US Powerboating Mark-Set Boat Handling Instructor Trainers.

Course Length: 1 day



Cruising Powerboat Instructor

Target Audience: Those operating large powerboats with both single and twin-screw experience

Prerequisites: Must turn 18 years old within the calendar year. Coast Guard OUPV License*

Materials: Start Powerboating Right; Basic Powerboat Cruising; Inshore Powerboat Cruising Supplement; Night Operations Supplement; Logbook

Course Overview: Live aboard a cruising powerboat 26 feet or larger while testing your navigation skills, emergency preparedness and ability to handle challenging conditions. Upon successful completion candidates will be able to teach courses such as Basic Cruising Powerboat, Inshore Cruising Powerboat and the Night Operation Endorsement.

Course Length: 3 days

*A full list of prerequisites can be found on the US Powerboating website www.uspowerboating.com or by contacting powerboat@ussailing.org





Coastal Safety at Sea

Target Audience: Inland and coastal racers or cruisers

How: Take a half-day, in-person Coastal Safety at Sea course

Course Overview: Learn the essential safety information for coastal sailors and powerboaters, presented by experts, that you can use immediately. This course will cover topics including personal safety gear, man overboard situations, emergency communications and search and rescue.

Course Length: 1/2 day

International Offshore Safety at Sea with Hands-On Training

Target Audience: Crews participating in international races, long distance cruisers and sailors wanting to learn how life jackets and life rafts work in a safe environment

How: Take a two-day international course or combine our Offshore Safety at Sea supplement with an inperson, hands-on training.

Course Overview: You will use the gear, practice the skills, and hear from the experts about safe and successful racing and voyaging. Two days of intensive training for sailors who want

to be self-sufficient. Topics include all of those covered in the Offshore Safety at Sea course in addition to hands-on sessions utilizing life jackets and life rafts in the water, and group activities to test problem solving abilities.

Course Length: 2 days

Offshore Safety at Sea

Target Audience: Crew members of offshore races, long distance cruisers, and sailors wanting to improve their sailing skills

How: Through an in-person Safety at Sea course

Course Overview: Give us a day, and we will give you detailed safety skills and information that will improve your confidence and enjoyment on the water. Going beyond the Coastal course, this course also covers topics such as heavy weather, storm sails, crew health, hypothermia, jury rigging and repair, fire precautions, lending assistance, life rafts and signals.

Course Length: 1 day

Online Safety at Sea

Target Audience: Inland and coastal racers or cruisers

How: Online

Course Overview: This online course is designed to provide you with essential safety information that you can use immediately on the water. This course satisfies the requirements for coastal races being sailed under United States Special Equipment Regulations 4.3.2. Certificate of Completion issued upon successful passing of course.

Reach

In 2012, US Sailing launched Reach, a national education initiative to inspire sailing programs and schools to utilize sailing as an educational platform. Reach exposes youth sailors, arguably our most vested future highly skilled workers and environmentalists, to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and environmental education. Additionally, 90% of students participating in Reach are first-time sailors, creating an onramp to the sport for youth of all backgrounds.

STEM learning is an economic imperative. Experts say that almost all of the fastest growing occupations in the next decade will require at least some background in STEM. The overarching goal of the Reach initiative is to increase the quality of STEM education and inspire future environmental stewards through sailing.

For more information visit reach.ussailing.org or contact reach@ussailing.org











Educator Course:

This 8-hour professional development and training course focuses on how to integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics into local sailing programs. Providing hands-on experience with many of the instructional modules, this course will teach instructors how to keep kids engaged on no-wind or rainy days. Going beyond the course, instructors are given plenty of resources to help them build new STEM-based lessons.

Science Technology Engineering Math



Adaptive Sailing



To address the needs of sailors with vision impairments, physical disabilities or other challenges, US Sailing created the Adaptive Sailing Center Program to identify organizations that are offering high-quality adaptive programming throughout the United States. Programs of all types are eligible, provided they meet the specific guidelines set forth by the Parasailing Committee. We can help you introduce sailing to a unique group of sailors without major changes to your existing programs or facilities.

For more information visit ussailing.org/education/adaptive-sailing/ or contact adaptive@ussailing.org



Instructor Workshop

The Adaptive Sailing Instructor Workshop covers all aspects of setting up and teaching an adaptive sailing program. Topics include facility requirements, disability types/populations, breaking down barriers to participation, safety requirements, volunteer/staff training and a detailed overview of how to correctly adapt your equipment (or what equipment is available to purchase). This is a heavily interactive course using a variety of exercises to help them better understand what's required to teach sailors with disabilities.

Prerequisites: Level 1 Instructor OR Basic Keelboat*



Windsurfing is a fun and affordable way to experience the thrill of sailing. It's also easy to learn. But getting started right means less time splashing and more time sailing. It also means you'll advance your windsurfing skills faster and farther. And that's the most fun of all. US Sailing supports a curriculum of windsurfing instruction based on the *Start Windsurfing Right!* and is taught by certified instructors.

Windsurfing



Windsurfing Instructor Course

The Windsurfing Instructor Course serves those with intermediate to advanced windsurfing skills including rigging, de-rigging, general board handling and maneuvering, and leaving and returning to a dock or beach. Intermediate to advanced knowledge of wind-surfing related subjects is required, such as theory (how a sail works, steering a sailboard), no-go zone, points of sail, sail trim and tuning, wind, weather, tides, currents, safety, hypothermia, heat emergencies and rescue techniques.

Prerequisites: None*







The Junior Big Boat Sailing (JBBS) Program is an opportunity for teens to sail with an instructor or coach on 35 to 45 foot well-outfitted sailboats. JBBS is structured around the use of a big boat lent for use to the program by a club member, owner or volunteer who receives no compensation for the use of the boat or its equipment. The program allows new sailors to learn the ropes on a big boat platform - or experienced junior sailors can apply their small boat sailing skills to a new challenge. JBBS highlights fun, social interaction and teamwork. With JBBS skills, teens can be valuable crew on cruising boats and club racers. The program offers an introduction to big boat sailing through a framework of skills designed to provide teens with the resources to participate in overnight cruises or weekly race series.

For more information please contact youth@ussailing.org



US Sailing has developed a Junior Big Boat Program Guide that provides a step-by-step guide for setting up the program and eight lesson plans to run the program. Additionally, the Guide features a copy of U.S. Coast Guard exemption allowing for Level 1 Instructors to facilitate the program without creating a "for hire" situation. US Sailing has also developed a series of Cue Cards that provide a positional guide for the sailors involved in the program. The Cue Cards, Basic Keelboat and a Certification of Completion are available as a packaged offering through the US Sailing store.



Race Administration

US Sailing Race Officials serve sailors and the sport of racing across the country. They bring credibility and standardized procedures, ensure safety and fairness, and promote excellence at events from club racing to world championships. We do this in cooperation with the Race Administration Committee, the Race Management Committee, the Judges Committee and the Umpires Committee, as well as the Area Race Officers and Regional Administrative Judges.

US Sailing trains, certifies and insures officials at all levels and in all disciplines.





Race Committee 101

Takes beginners through basic race committee concepts such as types of boats and racing, the purpose and duties of the race committee, equipment and jobs of the race committee and what to expect out on the water.



Race Committee 201

Learn race committee best practices in concepts including weather and safety, course selection, marksetting procedures and signal boat procedures through a mix of presentations, small group activities and land drills.

Race Management

Designed for people who have some race committee experience, but newcomers are also welcome. It is required for certification as a Club Race Officer.

Umpire Seminar

The Umpire Seminar and passing the Umpire Test are required for certification as a Regional Umpire.

Judge Seminar

Provides an introduction to judging and protest practices at the club level. This seminar is required for certification as a Club Judge.

Advanced Race Management (two days)

For experienced Race Officers who want to refresh and increase their skills; includes topics such as event organization, race documents, race committee preparations, advanced course management and safety. This course is a requirement for certification as a Regional and National Race Officer.

Advanced Umpire Seminar

Provides continuing education for umpires and satisfies the seminar requirement for certification as a National Umpire

Advanced Judge Seminar

Builds the skills necessary for more advanced judging, and is required for certification as a Judge and National Judge.

Pathways to certification can be found at www.ussailing.org/race-officials/

First Sail



First Sail is an initiative created by US Sailing to introduce new individuals to sailing through a two hour experiential learning session. The goal is to promote the benefits of sailing, encourage individuals to get out on the water, and grow the sport of sailing across the United States. The First Sail Experience begins with you – the community sailing center, the sailing school, the yacht club or fleet. The two hour lesson is a unique on-the-water opportunity designed to provide a memorable experience that will motivate newcomers to continue sailing. Join more than 170 locations across the country and open your doors to welcome the next generation of sailors.

First Sail locations receive access to prefabricated, customizable marketing material to help with local promotion of First Sail experiences. Materials are available at anytime through the online portal. For more information about the First Sail Initiative visit <u>firstsail.org</u>







US Sailing's Junior Olympic (JO) Sailing Festivals are a nationwide series of sailing regattas for youth ages 8 to 18. Each event in this family of regattas is hosted by a different club or sailing organization but all events share common goals: to encourage young sailors to enjoy sailing, to develop their sailing skills and become lifetime sailors. Events mix competition with elements of fun and learning at all levels. In 2018, 30 events are planned for waters in the continental United States and Hawaii and 5,000 sailors are expected to compete. Junior Olympic Sailing Festivals are coordinated by US Sailing and sponsored nationally by Gill, Sperry and Zim Sailing.



US Sailing is expanding its JO event schedule. Perhaps you can bring the Junior Olympics to your area. A Junior Olympic event can be the spark that ignites your youth sailing program. If your club has the expertise to host a youth regatta that incorporates competition, education and fun, please contact Lee Parks at leeparks@ussailing.org.

Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Goals:

- Engage young people in the excitement of sailing
- Encourage young sailors to enjoy racing
- Increase participation locally, regionally and nationally
- Improve skills of young sailors through training

Championships

The US Sailing Championship regattas offer the opportunity to compete against the best sailors in the country in a variety of racing disciplines, with many of the most historic and prestigious trophies in the sport at stake. In 2018, fourteen championships, nine of which are open to sailors of all ages and five specifically for youth, will be held at host clubs around the country. Youth regattas feature provided regatta coaching and mentoring from some of the best coaches in the country, emphasizing skill development as well as competitive excellence. For more information please contact championships@ussailing.org



























Accreditations



Community Sailing Centers

The mission of US Sailing's Community Sailing Committee is to promote and support community sailing in the United States. To help us achieve our mission, we seek to identify organizations that provide the highest quality of education and support access to sailing for all. These are organizations that align with the standards set forth by US Sailing and offer safety, fun and learning through their programming.

Under the direction of the Committee, US Sailing provides grants, accreditation and resources to support the growth of community sailing. To learn more about the process, please contact communitysailing@ussailing.org



Keelboat Centers

The US Sailing Keelboat
Certification System is a
cooperative effort among sailing
schools, charter companies, the
sailing industry and US Sailing
volunteers and staff. It is designed
to provide quality training and
certification in keelboats for
day sailing, cruising, bareboat
chartering, navigation and offshore
passage making.

US Sailing is always looking to add qualified, high-caliber schools of all sizes to our network. If you think that your school or organization may be a good fit, please visit www.sailingcertification.net



Powerboat Training Centers

Powerboat Training Centers were established under the Drivers Education for Boaters grant from the United States Coast Guard, Division of Boating Safety.

Powerboat Training Centers promote promote high standards of education and boating safety. Students build confidence to safely operate powerboats through training that puts a strong emphasis on hands-on learning. Much of our education is done on the water operating a powerboat.

Training Centers are the backbone of our education initiative using US Sailing and US Powerboat-trained instructors.

Interested in becoming a Powerboat Training Center? Please visit www.uspowerboating.com



Adaptive Sailing Centers

To address the needs of sailors with disabilities, US Sailing introduced Accreditation for programs that offer high-quality sailing oppertunities to people with physical, cognitive and learning challenges. Local sailing organizations of all types are eligible to apply provided they meet the specific guidlines set forth by the Committee for Sailors with Disabilities

Organizations that are recognized as US Sailing Accredited Adaptive Sailing Centers will enjoy increased recognition as one of the top facilities in the country. There is flexibility with respect to the types of boats that an organization uses. A center may work with sailors with one specific disability or accommodate a wide variety of disabilities. Each program is expected to use boats that meet minimum safety requirements and educational curricula that align with US Sailing standards. If interested in becoming a center, please contact adaptive@ussailing.org











Organizational Member Benefits

Join the US Sailing family as a member organization and receive access to tools and expertise that will take your organization to the next level, not to mention loads of exclusive discounts.

We understand that as local sailing organizations (e.g., yacht clubs, community sailing programs, sailing schools, class and owner associations, Regional Sailing Associations, event organizers), you are the foundation for the sport and the work we do must meet your evolving needs. We look forward to working with you to grow and strengthen sailing across the United States.

Questions regarding your organizational membership or the benefits associated with your membership should be directed to organizations@ussailing.org





Organizational Member Benefits at a Glance

Benefit	Sustaining \$200	Supporting \$300	Benefactor \$500	Patron \$1000
Ability to be a Regatta Organizing Authority under the Racing Rules of Sailing	•	•	•	•
Member-only Partner Benefits/Discounts	•	•	•	
Organizational Resource Kit	•	•	•	•
Complimentary US Sailing Individual Membership		1 \$65 value	2 \$130 value	3 \$195 value
Spotlight Recognition (commensorate with Membership Level)		•	•	•
Discount on Sailing Leadership Forum or National Sailing Programs Symposium Registration (1 per organization)		\$50 value	\$100 value	\$375 value
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