



Pathway to Become a US Sailing Safety at Sea Moderator

A Safety at Sea Moderator Candidate (MC) may come to the attention of US Sailing from a variety of sources: s/he may be a Safety at Sea course speaker with excellent subject matter knowledge and an effective speaking style, be associated with a professional training organization/college that specializes in maritime education or be involved in another US Sailing training program. The Chair of the Safety at Sea Training and Moderators Working Party will approve additional moderators as course demand exists.

MCs should have extensive experience on offshore sailboats and should be well versed in the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements. While the US Sailing Safety at Sea Course offerings are not specific to racing, many offshore events require training for participating racers.

Each MC shall fill out an [online application](#). To ensure the highest professional standards, US Sailing requires the information below:

MCs shall accomplish the following tasks before being considered as a US Sailing Safety at Sea Moderator. The links and information will be provided to you in a response email after you fill out your online application.

1. Take and pass US Sailing Teaching Fundamentals (education basics course available online) with a score of 85% or above,
2. Complete SafeSport.org online training to obtain 'SafeSport Trained' certification
3. Take and pass US Sailing Online Offshore Safety at Sea Course with a score of 85% (80% stated for students as pass rate on USS webpage) or above,
4. Present a minimum of three different topics at US Sailing Sanctioned Safety at Sea courses and be favorably recommended to teach those topics by at least one current Safety at Sea Moderator,
5. Be interviewed by the Chair of the US Sailing SAS Moderator and Training Working Party (or another member of the Working Party if the Chair is the MC proposer).

Chair of the Training and Moderators Working Party shall contact the existing Moderators to request MC confirmation. If positive, the MC will be notified of appointment as an approved US Sailing Safety at Sea Moderator for the applicable Course offerings and will be added to the list of Approved Moderators on the US Sailing Safety at Sea webpage.