

BASIC CRUISING INSTRUCTOR STANDARD

Prerequisites

The candidate must:

1. Be age 18 or older;
2. Have the CYA Basic Cruising Standard;
3. Have the CYA Coastal Navigation Standard;
4. Have 2 or more years sailing experience;
5. Have Red Cross or St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid Certificate or nationally recognized equivalent and a current nationally recognized certificate in CPR level A or higher;
6. Have a PCOC card;
7. Have a VHF Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) with DSC endorsement;
8. Demonstrate characteristics and motivations worthy of being at CYA LTC/P Instructor;
9. Demonstrate a willingness to support the goals of the CYA LTC/P program.

Note: It is important that candidates be current in their sailing skills and knowledge prior to entry into Instructor clinics. The sailing evaluation demands above average basic sailing skills and there is no time during the clinic for remedial work.

Ashore Knowledge

The candidate must:

1. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *CYA Basic Cruising* examination;
2. Achieve a mark of 75% on the *CYA PCOC* examination;
3. Achieve a mark of 70% on the *CYA Intermediate Cruising* examination;
4. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *CYA Colregs and Buoyage Exam* based on Rules 1 through 37, 40 and 45 of the Collision Regulations (Colregs), and the Canadian Buoyage System;
5. Achieve a mark of 90% on all *CYA Basic Cruising Working Papers* as supplied in the Basic Cruising Instructor Candidate Workbook. These are open-book and completed at home before the clinic.

Ashore Skills

In addition to the Basic Cruising Instructors Resource Book and Candidate Workbook, there will be presentations by the Instructor-Evaluators (IEs) on teaching methods and techniques.

The candidate will be required to prepare and present a classroom lesson from an assigned topic based on performance objectives from the CYA Basic Cruising Standard. The specific topic will be assigned during the clinic and the candidate will be given time to prepare a lesson plan.

Afloat Skills

I. Afloat Evaluation #1: General Sailing and Seamanship

The candidate under evaluation will be on the helm. The jib sheets will be handled by two other candidates. The boat will start closehaunched and sail the following: closehaunched, close reach, beam reach, broad reach, run, gybe, run, broad reach, beam reach, close reach, closehaunched, tack, close hauled on the original tack. The manoeuvre will then be repeated by the same candidate sailing the "circle" in the opposite direction.

On each of the named points of sail the candidate will pause, check and adjust the sail trim and the direction of the boat; when these satisfy the candidate, he/she will call out the point of sail, for example, "steady on a beam reach".

The candidate on the helm will handle the mainsheet if possible, and will be assessed on the following:

- a) Smoothness of the manoeuvres (no overshooting course when tacking, no broaching or violent boom swing when gybing, etc.);
- b) Turning in the correct direction;
- c) Commands to the jib sheet crew;
- d) Although the person on the helm will not be assessed for the handling of the jib, this candidate will be responsible for the final trim of the jib and the main before the "steady on course" call.

The candidate on the jib sheets will be assessed on the following:

- a) Safety of winch work;
- b) Casting off on tacks and gybes;
- c) Easing and hardening sheets;
- d) The trim of the jib before the person on the helm calls for any other adjustments.

The mainsheet traveller will be kept in its amidships position.

II. Afloat Evaluation #2: Single-handed Sailing

The candidate will be assessed on ability to do the following single-handed:

- a) Starting with the boat at anchor with the sail furled, sail the boat from the anchorage and sail a prescribed course which involves at least three tacks (closehauled to closehauled) and three gybes (run to run to run);
- b) Put in and shake out a reef;
- c) Successfully demonstrate the Triangle Method COB procedure;
- d) Anchor and secure boat.

III. Teaching and Evaluation

Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to teach each performance objective of the Standard and to note omissions and errors when students carry out these procedures and offer suitable constructive criticism.

For each performance objective, the candidate will be expected to know it, to be able to teach it, and to be able to critically evaluate and coach the performance of students.

Certification Power

Introduction to Boating, Basic Crew Standard and Basic Cruising Standard and Spark Start (PCOC). Teaching and certification in a liveaboard (Cruise and Learn) format is authorized only for Basic Cruising Instructors with the Advanced Cruising Student Standard.

Instructors/IEs must register annually prior to teaching or awarding CYA certifications.

An Instructor/IE Candidate should possess all prerequisites prior to enrolling in a clinic, and must complete all the requirements for certification within four months of the last day of the IDP in which the Instructor Candidate participated.

Recertification is required for all instructor/IE levels within 36 months of the first calendar yearend following the last day of an initial certification, recertification or IDP as authorized by the CYA LTC/P Committee.

Recertification is by application to the CYA as per Training Division Policy Manual or by attending an IDP to renew or upgrade Instructor/IE qualifications.