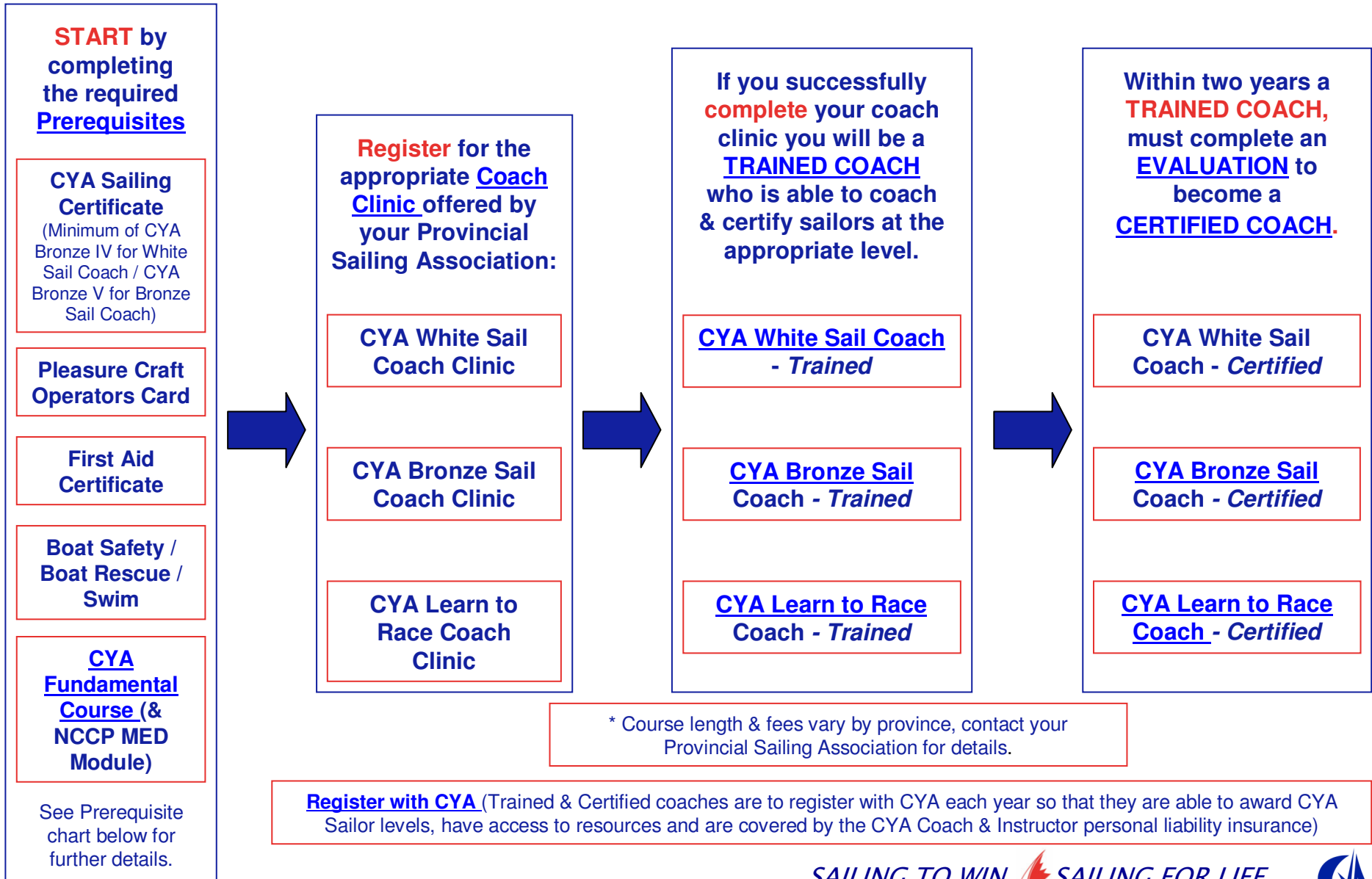


# How do I become a CYA Coach?



## CYA Coach Prerequisites

Prerequisites	Type / Level Required	Where to take it / Organizations Accepted	Length of Validity
<b>CYA Sailor Certificate</b>	White Sail Coach – minimum Bronze IV; Bronze Sail Coach – minimum Bronze V; Learn to Race Coach – appropriate sailing racing experience	Through a local club or school with CYA Certified Coaches  (equivalent foreign certificates will be considered)	N/A
<b>Pleasure Craft Operators Card</b>	N/A	Through a <a href="#">CYA PCOC Instructor</a> or other Transport Canada Accredited Provider	N/A
<b>First Aid Certificate w/ CPR</b>	Minimum 'Emergency Level w/ CPR C'  Higher levels also accepted	<a href="#">St. John's Ambulance</a> , <a href="#">Canadian Red Cross</a> , or any other nationally recognized program.	2 – 3 years depending on the certifying organization
<b>Boat Safety / Boat Rescue / Swim</b>	CYA Boat Safety Course, Life Saving Society Boat Rescue Course, Bronze Medallion Swim Certificate or any higher certification	<a href="#">Provincial Sailing Association</a> , <a href="#">Life Saving Society</a> , <a href="#">Canadian Red Cross</a> or any other nationally recognized program	2 – 3 years depending on the certifying organization
<b>CYA Fundamental Course (&amp; NCCP Making Ethical Decisions module)</b>	CYA Fundamental Course	<a href="#">Provincial Sailing Associations</a>  (NCCP Making Ethical Decisions module to be completed online at <a href="http://www.coach.ca">www.coach.ca</a> after the CYA Fundamental course, further details will be provided)	N/A

# Terminology

**COACH CLINIC** - A workshop at which coaches are trained and assessed within the context. Organized by Provincial Sailing Associations and include land and on-water sessions.

**EVALUATION** - Takes place at a clinic or at a home club within two years of a coach being 'TRAINED'. It will be conducted by an appointed evaluator who will watch a land lesson & on-water coaching session and evaluate a coach based on the context specific criteria.

**TRAINED** - A coach who has successfully completed a training clinic within a context. A trained coach is able to coach and certify students within the context. They must successfully complete a coach evaluation within two years of becoming trained in order to maintain certification.

**CERTIFIED** - A coach who has successfully completed a training clinic and evaluation within a context. A certified coach is able to coach and certify students within the context. Eligible for recertification at the end of the 3 year certification period.

**WHITE SAIL COACH** - Can coach and certify the CYA White Sail I, II & III sailor levels.

**BRONZE SAIL COACH** - Can coach and certify the CYA Bronze Sail IV & V sailor levels.

**LEARN TO RACE COACH** - Can coach and certify the CYA Learn to Race sailor level (& CYA Silver Sail VI if the coach has his/her CYA Silver VI sailor certification).

**CYA FUNDAMENTAL COURSE** - A classroom course organized by your Provincial Sailing Association that covers the theory you need to know before taking a technical coach course. This course also covers the National Coaching Certification Program (level 1 & 2 or A & B) content in a format specific to sailing. Once this course is complete the online 'Making Ethical Decisions' (MED) module must also be completed through the NCCP.

**REGISTERING WITH CYA** – All CYA coaches and instructors are to register with CYA each year to obtain their personal liability insurance. Annual registration is also required to be able to award CYA sailors levels, be eligible to coach at CYA events and to be eligible for national coaching awards. Registration can be completed through your CYA online [CANSail profile](#).