



Sail Canada Keelboat & Powerboat Cruising Instructors Requirement to demonstrate physical competence

Sail Canada has adopted a new requirement for all Keelboat and Powerboat Cruising Instructors delivering on-water training. This requirement to demonstrate physical competence is to be phased in over a three-year period (2016 - 2018).

2016 for Advanced and Offshore Cruising Instructors

On initial certification or certification renewal Advanced and Offshore Cruising Instructors will be required to submit proof of successful completion of a Transport Canada Marine Medical. These Instructors will be required to provide proof of completion of a Marine Medical in order to register for the 2016 season.

2017 for Keelboat and Powerboat Instructors Delivering Liveaboard Courses

On initial certification or certification renewal instructors delivering liveaboard courses will be required to submit proof of successful completion of a Transport Canada Marine Medical. The Marine Medical includes evaluation of both physical health and colour vision. Instructors unable to successfully complete the colour vision portion of the examination may be certified to deliver training that does not include a night sailing component. This requirement will apply at time of registration in 2017 for all liveaboard instructors that did not meet the requirement in 2016.

2018 for all Keelboat and Powerboat Instructors

For day time sailing and power boating courses with no liveaboard component

When certifying or renewing certification, Cruising and Powerboating instructors must successfully demonstrate (to a LTC/PIE) the ability to operate a vessel without assistance from crew. The instructor may choose to demonstrate the appropriate level of competence or may complete a marine medical as specified for daytime liveaboard courses. In the sail environment successful completion of the single-handed sail evaluation on a keelboat as outlined in the Basic Cruising Instructor clinic materials will provide proof of capability. In the power environment the ability to anchor the vessel and to raise anchor as well as to safely bring the vessel to and secure the vessel to a dock will provide proof of capability. This requirement will apply at time of annual registration for 2018 to all instructors that did not previously provide proof of competency.

For all courses with a night time sailing or power boating component

The Instructor must show successful completion of a marine medical at time of certification and at every re-certification. This requirement will apply at time of annual registration in 2018 for all instructors that did not previously provide proof of competency.

Option To Appeal

Instructors who do not successfully pass a Marine Medical and are negatively impacted by this policy shall be given the right to appeal their individual situation. It is up to the appellant to demonstrate why the marine medical would be discriminatory in their situation and what (if any) accommodations they require or would make to continue to teach at their certification level.

Notes: The Marine Medical examination is provided by Transport Canada approved physicians across the country. Transport Canada makes available a list of physicians providing this service in the marine safety section of their website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/mpsp-training-examination-certification-medical-2058.htm#>.

Proof of completion of a Marine Medical will be provided through supplying a copy of completed Marine Medical Form from the evaluating physician and any explanatory material which might be appropriate to cover lack of completion due to failure of the color vision test component.