



Sail Canada  
Offshore Personal Survival  
Instructor Qualification, Accreditation, Requirements

Instructor Pre-Requisite Qualifications:

- Extensive experience of ocean sailing and heavy weather
- Extensive experience on sailboats as a skipper, watch captain or navigator; including significant offshore races or passages within the preceding five years
- Instructional experience or qualifications, ideally including marine safety
- Working knowledge of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations
- Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competency
- Pleasure Craft Operator Card
- Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime)
- Standard First Aid Certificate
- Sail Canada - ISAF Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course certificate

These qualifications are to be considered as a guideline. Equivalent or superior qualifications and experience may be considered.

Instructor Accreditation:

- Persons interested in becoming instructors may apply for entry to the Sail Canada Offshore Personal Survival Instructor Course. Application forms may be requested and completed applications may be returned by email from/to: [opsc@sailcanada.ca](mailto:opsc@sailcanada.ca).
- Additional information, personal interviews and references may be required prior to admission.
- Following admission and successful completion of the Sail Canada Offshore Personal Survival Instructor Course, or alternate arrangements satisfactory to Sail Canada, a Sail Canada Offshore Personal Survival Instructor accreditation may be issued.
- Instructor accreditations will be valid for an initial period not exceeding one year and for subsequent renewal periods not exceeding three years each.
- Instructor accreditation renewals may be subject to active instruction and instructor development requirements.
- After accumulating extensive experience with delivery of Offshore Personal Survival training, an Instructor may apply for and may be further accredited as a Senior Instructor.
- An accreditation is only valid while the instructor is registered and in good standing as a Sail Canada Offshore Personal Survival instructor. Instructor registrations must be renewed annually.
- Sail Canada reserves the right to review, suspend or terminate the accreditation of an Offshore Personal Survival Instructor.

Instructor Requirements:

- Instructors must deliver Offshore Personal Survival training in accordance with any conditions noted on their accreditation, and in conjunction with a Sail Canada Offshore Personal Survival Training Organization.