

BASIC OUTBOARD INSTRUCTOR STANDARD

Standard Description

This is one of the entry level Instructor Development standards for Power boaters wishing to deliver Sail Canada practical on water training in small outboards. Candidates successfully completing this course and registering with Sail Canada will be certified to deliver training leading to the Basic Outboard and Introduction to Boating (Power) standards and will be authorized to teach and examine for the Pleasure Craft Operator card. This clinic, leading to the Basic Outboard Instructor Standard focuses the delivery of on water coaching in small outboard powered pleasure craft and on instructional skills appropriate to the delivery of PCOC training in a classroom environment. Candidate seamanship and boating skills will be evaluated as part of this course. This clinic is not intended to develop candidate boating skills. Candidates attending this clinic should be confident in their skills and be able to consistently demonstrate skills at a Basic Outboard level. During the clinic candidates will be coached on the development and delivery of lessons on water, at the dock and in the classroom. Curriculum planning and content appropriate for this level of training as well as the desired approach to student evaluation will be incorporated into the activities that are part of this clinic. In addition to the PCOC Instructor manual and the Basic Cruising Instructors Resource Book, there will be sessions led by the Instructor-Evaluators (IEs) on teaching methods and techniques.

It is envisioned that this Standard be implemented in 12 hours (6 afloat plus PCOC). Further clinic time may be scheduled to provide coaching on and to evaluate candidate classroom presentation skills. Candidates will need to allocate additional time to complete working papers, review materials and prepare for the clinic. Candidates may also need to commit additional time to complete required examinations.

Objective

To prepare small outboard powerboat operators to deliver Sail Canada programs leading to the Basic Outboard Standard and to evaluate their capability to do so. At the end of this program the successful candidate should have the basic tools to be ready to develop a curriculum and plan and deliver quality lessons that will build student skills and knowledge at the level of the Sail Canada Basic Outboard standard.

Prerequisites

The candidate must:

1. Be age 18 or older;
2. Have the Sail Canada Basic Outboard Standard;
3. Have 2 or more years boating experience;
4. 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;
5. Have a PCOC card;
6. Have a VHF Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) with DSC endorsement;
7. Demonstrate characteristics and motivations worthy of being at Sail Canada LTC/P Instructor;
8. Demonstrate a willingness to support the goals of the Sail Canada LTC/P program.

Note: It is important that candidates be current in their boating skills and knowledge prior to entry into Instructor clinics. The general evaluation demands above average boating 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 *Sail Canada PCOC* examination;
2. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *Sail Canada Basic Powerboat* examination;
3. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *Sail Canada Rules and Buoyage working paper* based on Rules 1 through 37, 40 and 45 of the Collision Regulations (Colregs), and the Canadian Buoyage System;
4. Achieve a mark of 90% on all *Sail Canada Outboard Instructor Working Papers* as supplied in the Basic Power Instructor Candidate Workbook. These are open-book and completed at home before the clinic.

Ashore Skills

The candidate will be required to prepare and present one or more classroom lessons from an assigned topic based on performance objectives from the Sail Canada Basic Outboard Standard and the PCOC syllabus. 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 Boating Skills

The candidate under evaluation will be on the helm and will be assessed on the following:

- a) Smoothness of all manoeuvres;
- b) Commands to other crew;
- c) Knowledge and action regarding Rules of the Road situations;
- d) Continuous display of good seamanship.

II. Afloat Evaluation #2: Single-handed Performance

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

- a) Start with the boat tied alongside a dock, start up, cast off and manoeuvre the boat through a prescribed course;
- b) Turn a complete circle around a floating mark in forward gear and then in reverse gear;
- c) Pick up a mooring buoy and secure, then cast off;
- d) Carry out a crew overboard recovery;
- e) Dock and secure the 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 (PO), 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.

Outcomes

At the end of this clinic candidates may be:

- a) Successful and complete,
- b) Trained - successful and incomplete (candidate missing prerequisites; examinations or working papers not completed to the required standard),
- c) In Training - unsuccessful (Candidate did not demonstrate an appropriate level of sailing or seamanship skills, unprofessional behavior at the clinic).

Candidates who remain in training at the end of the clinic will be given a path to follow to address observed deficiencies and advised what will be required for them to achieve certification.

Successful but incomplete candidates will be advised of their outstanding requirements and the time frame in which these requirements must be addressed.

Certification Power

Introduction to Boating, Basic Outboard Standard and PCOC.

Additional Notes

Instructors must register annually prior to teaching or awarding Sail Canada certifications.

An Instructor 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 levels within 36 months of the first calendar yearend following the last day of an initial certification, recertification or IDP as authorized by the Sail Canada Training and Certification Advisory committee or Cruising Sub-committee.

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

Physical Requirements for Candidates

These training sessions will require periods of moderate upper body exertion, a moderate level of arm strength as well as agility and balance sufficient to allow the instructor candidate to safely move around the vessel. Participants will be expected to demonstrate the ability to single-handedly operate the vessel while underway, anchoring and docking and will be expected to demonstrate an appropriate COB return and recovery strategy. Candidates should demonstrate good communications and coaching skills and the ability to correctly demonstrate any of the skills that are part of the standard they are being certified to teach.

Further Information

For further information on becoming a Sail Canada Keelboat / Cruising Instructor contact your Provincial Sailing Association or Sail Canada.