

CRUISING CATAMARAN INSTRUCTOR STANDARD

Standard Description

This Standard follows the Basic Cruising Instructor Standard. Candidates successfully completing this Standard will be authorized to deliver training on a Cruising Catamaran at their level of instructor certification and award the Basic or Intermediate Cruising Catamaran endorsement. Candidates registering for a clinic leading to this Standard should have experience in operation of a cruising catamaran. Candidates should be comfortable with the use and basic maintenance of the systems found on the modern cruising catamaran. Good communications and interpersonal skills will also be key in success at achieving this standard. This clinic focuses on developing the training, coaching and lesson presentation skills relevant to delivery of training leading to the Catamaran Endorsement. Candidates sailing, boat handling and navigation skills will be assessed to ensure that they are capable of demonstrating skills that are components of this level of instruction.

It is envisioned that this Standard be implemented in one 8-hour ashore session and a minimum of one continuous 48-hour period afloat. 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. This standard may also be attained by successfully team teaching with a Sail Canada Senior Instructor Evaluator certified to award this certification level.

Objective

To prepare, evaluate the capability of and authorize experienced Basic Cruising Instructors to deliver Sail Canada programs leading to the Cruising Catamaran Endorsement. At the end of this program the successful candidate should have the basic tools to be ready to plan a curriculum and plan and deliver quality lessons that will build student skills and knowledge in the operation of a Cruising Catamaran at a level consistent with keelboat instructor standards held.

Prerequisites

The candidate must:

1. Be currently registered as a Sail Canada Basic Cruising Instructor or Intermediate Cruising Instructor;
2. Demonstrate characteristics and motivations worthy of being at Sail Canada LTC/P Instructor;
3. Demonstrate a willingness to support the goals of the Sail Canada LTC/P program.
4. It is strongly recommended that candidates for a practical clinic have a minimum of 14 days experience as skipper in operation of a dual engine cruising catamaran including manoeuvre under sail and power, docking, anchoring and securing to a mooring ball.

Ashore Knowledge

The candidate must:

1. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *Sail Canada Cruising Catamaran examination*;
2. Achieve a mark of 90% on the *Sail Canada Rules and Buoyage Exam* based on Rules 1 through 37, 40 and 45 of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision, the Canadian Buoyage System and Canadian regulations;

Ashore Skills and Afloat Skills Evaluation

The candidate:

1. Will be evaluated on ability to plan, teach, coach and evaluate a selection of performance objectives from the Ashore and Afloat Knowledge sections of the Sail Canada Catamaran Cruising Endorsement.
2. Will be asked to prepare Curriculum plans for delivery of programs leading to the Basic and Intermediate Endorsements. Instructor candidates will also be asked to prepare a plan for completion of a student challenge leading to the endorsement for students at the Basic Cruise level and for students holding Intermediate Cruising.
3. Will be evaluated on ability to assume total command of the vessel and its crew;
4. Must demonstrate personal traits so as to be worthy of respect as a Sail Canada Instructor

Outcomes

At the end of a clinic leading to this Standard a clinic candidate 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 are *In Training* will be given a path to follow to address observed deficiencies and advised what will be required for them to achieve certification if desired.

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

Certification Authority

For Basic cruise Instructors, the Basic Catamaran Endorsement. For Intermediate Cruising Instructors, the Basic and Intermediate Catamaran Endorsements.

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 Instructor Development Program (IDP) in which the Instructor Candidate participated.

Candidates must demonstrate they are physically capable of caring for the students who placed in their care. This is required for initial certification and subsequent re-certification and is accomplished through demonstration of physical competence while sailing, or for the Intermediate level, completion of a Transport Canada Marine Medical examination. Candidates not meeting the Transport Canada Marine Medical colour vision requirements will be accepted as candidates for training leading to the Intermediate Cruising Instructor certification.

Recertification is required for all instructor levels by attendance at an Instructor Development Program to renew or upgrade Instructor or IE qualifications. For the initial 3-year instructor certification period, recertification is required within 36 months of the first calendar yearend following the last day of an initial certification clinic. Subsequent certification periods are for 5 years. Refer to the certification and recertification section on the Sail Canada website Cruising and Keelboat Instructor page for additional information.

An instructor holding the Intermediate Cruise Instructor level with the Cruising Catamaran Instructor Standard achieved as a Basic level Instructor may upgrade their Catamaran instructor level by writing the Intermediate Catamaran student exam to 90% without additional on-water evaluation.

Physical Requirements for Candidates

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 candidate to safely move around the vessel. Candidates will be expected (effective 01/01/2017) to successfully complete a Transport Canada Marine Medical (colour vision requirement waived for those not operating at night). Participants will be expected to demonstrate the ability to safely operate vessels up to 15 metres in length under sail and power in a wide range of weather conditions and in wind conditions that may reach gale force wind strength. Candidates must demonstrate good communications and coaching skills and the ability to correctly demonstrate any of the skills that are part of the intermediate cruising standard.

Further Information

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