



CANSail Instructor/Coach International Equivalency

Sail Canada welcomes Instructors with qualifications from National Sailing Federation (NSF) to apply for CANSail Instructor Certification via our equivalency program.

To apply, please view the equivalency chart below, and complete the [CANSail Instructor Equivalency Application](#). To complete the application, please send copies of required documentation to programs@sailing.ca.

If the NSF from which you hold certifications is not listed, please complete the application and email all documentation that may be applicable to programs@sailing.ca, including an NSF reference or contact. Sail Canada continues to work with other NSFs to establish equivalency and may have a solution on hand already.

Successful applications will be subject to a \$100 CAD administration fee.

Sail Canada	Irish Sailing	RYA	US Sailing	Yachting New Zealand	Australian Sailing
Community Instructor	Assistant Sailing Instructor	Assistant Instructor	Sailing Counselor	Assistant Learn to Sail Coach	Assistant Instructor
CANSail 1/2 Instructor	Sailing instructor	Instructor	Small Boat Level 1 Instructor	Learn to Sail Coach	Instructor
CANSail 3/4 Instructor			Small Boat Level 2 Instructor	Head Learn to Sail Coach + Race Coach	Instructor
CANSail 5/6 Instructor	Advanced Instructor	Advanced Instructor	Small Boat Level 3 Coach	Head Learn to Sail Coach + Regatta Coach	Racing Instructor
Prerequisites					
Fundamentals	Pre-Entry Assessment	Included in Instructor Certification	Included in Instructor Certification	Coaching Yachting 101	General Instructor Principals e-learning course
Standard First Aid & CPR	Must be from a Nationally/Internationally recognized provider, course length of a minimum of 13 hours. Online courses are not accepted.				
Coach Boat Safety	National Powerboat Certificate - Level 2	RYA Powerboat Handling - Level 2	US Safe Powerboat Handling &/or Evaluation completed during Instructor Course	YNZ / Coastguard Club Safety Boat Operator	Australian Sailing Powerboat Handling Certificate
Police Check (Not required for those under 18)	Included with Instructor Training	Garda or Other National Vetting		Garda or Other National Vetting	Working With Children Check
Student Level	Pre-Entry Assessment	Pre-Entry Assessment			Hold the level of competence in the Program they wish to instruct
Pleasure Craft Operator Card	Must be completed - https://www.sailing.ca/pleasure-craft-operator-card-pcoc/				
Safe Sport Training	Must be completed - https://safesport.coach.ca/				



Notes for Applicants:

- Equivalency Applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and must be supported by copies of all relevant documentation.
- In all cases where certifications are granted, CANSail Instructors are required to meet and maintain prerequisite requirements.
- All CANSail Instructors are required to complete an Annual Instructor Registration with Sail Canada in order to be eligible to deliver training.
- Expired certifications will not be accepted as proof of equivalency.
- Once your Sail Canada profile is complete, you'll need to pay the administration [fee for equivalency here](#)