

# How do I become a Sail Canada Powerboat Instructor?

You have a **Sail Canada Powerboat Certification** (Minimum of Basic Powerboat) or equivalent experience

**Start** by attending an instructor development clinic

Complete the **Prerequisites** for certification

Pleasure Craft Operators Card

First Aid and CPR Certificates

VHF ROC(M) with DSC

Safe Sport Training

Criminal Background Check

See Prerequisite chart below for further details.

**Register** for the appropriate **Instructor Clinic** offered by your Provincial Sailing Association:

Basic Powerboat Instructor  
(Includes PCOC and optional VHF instructor levels)

Intermediate Powerboat Instructor

When you successfully **complete** your Instructor Course and Prerequisites, Register with Sail Canada. You will be a **Certified Powerboat Instructor** who is able to coach & certify sailors at the appropriate level.

**Remain Current**

Regularly renew your certification, through application by attending an Instructor Development Clinic

**Register with Sail Canada** (Certified and Current Cruising Instructors are to register with Sail Canada each year so that they are able to award Powerboat levels, have access to resources and are covered by the Sail Canada Coach & Instructor personal liability insurance).



# Powerboat Instructors

## PREREQUISITE CHART

Prerequisite	Types Accepted	Certification Period
<b>Required Sail Canada Levels</b>	<p><b>Basic Outboard Instructor:</b> none</p> <p><b>Basic Powerboat Instructor:</b> Coastal Navigation or Basic Coastal Navigation, Basic Powerboat, Intermediate Powerboat (theory exam only). In special cases, candidates may be accepted for a clinic prior to completing these prerequisites. Contact your PSA for more information.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Powerboat Instructor:</b> Basic Powerboat Instructor, Intermediate Power, Intermediate Coastal Navigation</p>	3 Years to Dec 31 of expiry year (Initial certification), and 5 Years to Dec 31 of expiry year (subsequent certifications)
<b>First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	St. John's Standard, Canadian Red Cross Standard and others (see training division policy manual). CPR Nationally recognized level "A" of higher.	3 Years
<b>VHF ROC Maritime /DSC</b>	Required for all Cruising and Power levels.	N/A
<b>Pleasure Craft Operator Card</b>	Any Transport Canada Accredited Program	N/A
<b>Criminal Background Check</b>	Enhanced Police Information Check obtained from <a href="#">Sterling Talent Solutions</a> , Local Police Station or other nationally recognized provider.	5 Years
<b>Safe Sport Training</b>	<a href="#">Coaching Association of Canada – Safe Sport Module</a> Respect in Sport – Activity Leader Training (access direct link through Sail Canada profile)	5 Years

# Terminology

**CURRENT** – A certified Instructor who has registered with Sail Canada for the current year and who has prerequisites which have not expired.

**CERTIFIED** – An Instructor who has successfully completed a training clinic and evaluation within a context. A certified Instructor is able to instruct and certify students within the context. Eligible for recertification at the end of the 3 year certification period.

**BASIC OUTBOARD INSTRUCTOR** - Can instruct and certify Introduction and Basic Outboard levels.

**BASIC POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR** - Can instruct and certify Introduction, Basic Outboard and Basic Powerboat levels.

**INSTRUCTOR CLINIC** - A course at which instructors are trained and assessed within the desired context. Organized by Provincial Sailing Associations, includes both land and on-water sessions.

**INTERMEDIATE POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR** - Can instruct and certify Introduction, Basic Outboard, Basic Powerboat and Intermediate Powerboat levels.

**REGISTERING WITH SAIL CANADA** – All Cruising Instructors are required to register with Sail Canada each year in order to be able to award Sail Canada sailors levels and to obtain their personal liability insurance. Registration can be completed through your Sail Canada profile at [www.sailing.ca](http://www.sailing.ca).

