

US Sailing Small Boat Certification 2004 Plan for Implementation

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Background: ASI has paid to certify three individuals as US Sailing Small Boat Instructors in 2003 (Larry Willis, Dan Gander, Bill Lane). The instructors, Joann Castle and I met on November 10 to plan for the implementation of a certification program for 2004. This plan summarizes our discussion.

Value Added Certification: We believe that the US Sailing Small Boat Certification will add value to our program. We are offering it to rated members who wish to obtain a nationally recognized certification in addition to their ASI rating. We feel that individuals obtaining this certification should demonstrate competency in all the skills listed in the US Sailing "Little Red Book" (and in the Start Sailing Right textbook used at Level 1). This includes an actual capsized recovery on the water. Many of the skills are parallel to the Level 1 test. For individuals who wish to become US Sailing certified at the small boat level, the US Sailing test can be substituted for the second Level 1 water test required for Level 2 eligibility, assuming that they pass.

Eligibility: Any ASI Level 1 Rated member with at least one year of sailing experience as a rated sailor is eligible to test out for US Sailing Certification. Other experience may be substituted for time as a rated sailor in ASI. Final decisions on this are made by the head of Level 1 instruction.

Fee: ASI will charge \$25.00 for testing for US Sailing Small Boat Certification. This fee will help to defray the cost of getting instructors certified, materials and administration of the program. Applicants are responsible for payment to US Sailing for certification. The fee to US Sailing is \$15 for non-members and \$12 for current US Sailing members.

Procedure: Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements should complete an application including information on their sailing experience. Once approved, they will submit payment (\$25.00) to the Sail Secretary (via visa or mastercard). When payment is made, the applicant will be directed to contact one of ASI's US Sailing certified instructors for a test. The instructor will test the applicant and sign them off in the "Little Red Book". The student then submits the book with the appropriate fees to US Sailing for certification.

Publicity: This information will be posted on www.sailasi.org along with the application form. Information about available certification will be published in the Mainsheet. It will appear in the class schedule. It will appear as a regular announcement in the weekly e-mail.

US Sailing Small Boat Certification

Yes! I want to apply for the US Sailing Small Boat Certification test. The information below represents my sailing experience and demographic information. I understand that once I have been approved, I will pay ASI the sum of \$25.00 to cover the cost of providing a certified instructor to give the test. Once I have passed, I will be given a copy of the "Little Red Book" signed by a certified US Sailing instructor and will then be able to submit it, along with the appropriate fees, to US Sailing to obtain my certification.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phones Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Other: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of Level 1 rating: _____

Other sailing experience (one year sailing experience is required; if you have not been rated for one year, list other relevant experience below):

Approved for testing by: _____ Date: _____

Date fee paid: _____

Date Assigned to tester: _____

Test completed by: _____ Date: _____