



International Proficiency Certificate (IPC)

for Powerboat Chartering in the European Union

If you desire to charter a powerboat in the Mediterranean, obtain US Powerboating's International Proficiency Certificate® to simplify the charter process and operate a vessel in compliance with EU law.

In order to make it easier for cruising powerboaters from the U.S. to charter powerboats in the European Union (EU), US Sailing/US Powerboating has created a simple certification program for cruisers seeking to charter powerboats in European Union waters.

The International Proficiency Certificate®, an extension of US Powerboating's current certification system, allows boaters who have completed the US Powerboating Inshore Powerboat Cruising course to charter without a captain in EU waters.

The International Proficiency Certificate® works much like a driver's license for a car. The certificate must be presented to a charter company to rent a boat, and then carried aboard at all times while boating.

In order to obtain an *International Proficiency Certificate*®, applicants must:

- Be US Powerboating Cruising Powerboat certified through Inshore Powerboat Cruising
- Have a current membership with US Sailing

A certificate costs \$50.00 and includes shipping and handling.

You can order the IPC online at:

<https://shop.ussailing.org/international-proficiency-certificate.html>

If you already an accomplished powerboat operator, you can 'challenge' the certifications. Please contact a US Powerboating school for details. A list of Cruising Powerboat schools can be found at www.uspowerboating.com.

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