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US Sailing is the National Governing Body of Sailing in the United States and represents the sport before Olympic, government and international organizations. Sailing instructors, coaches, judges, umpires and race management personnel are routinely called upon to exercise a high degree of proficiency in the operation of small powerboats as well as an ability to assist or rescue boats. These demands require a much greater level of skill than just motoring from one point to another. To provide a standardized training structure to facilitate the development of these skills, a series of on-the-water courses and materials have been developed. US Sailing's services and products are extensive and include:

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Welcome to The Certification Series

This Certification Series is part of US Sailing/US Powerboating's *Drivers Education for Boaters* program and was developed to provide training and certification based on US Sailing's extensive experience with on-the-water instruction. The Series offers participants many advantages:

- On-the-water powerboat training and certification
- Certified instructors for professional and sensitive attention to their safety and learning experience
- Training materials developed by experienced professionals to help them become a competent and confident powerboat operator
- Documented certification as proof of their achievement
- An online database where their certification credentials can be verified by charter companies and marinas
- The ability and confidence to operate a powerboat

The Certification Series is the result of a cooperative effort by community programs, schools and organizations offering on-the-water instruction as well as volunteers and US Sailing staff. Choose a program or school that offers hands-on, on-the-water powerboat training with US Sailing/US Powerboating certified Powerboat Instructors and become a certified powerboat operator.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

This booklet details the standards for powerboat operator certifications and for Powerboat Instructor certification. It supports the Official Logbook where a record is maintained of all course completions, certifications, and on-the-water experience. Upon successful completion of the knowledge and practical examinations for each level, a student will receive a sticker and signature from an instructor in his or her Official Logbook. This information will be entered into the US Sailing national database.

Choose a program, school or training center that offers hands-on, on-the-water training with US Sailing/US Powerboating certified Powerboat Instructors and materials and become a participant in The Certification Series.



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SAFE POWERBOAT HANDLING CERTIFICATION

To responsibly operate a simple powerboat in familiar waters in light to moderate wind and sea conditions.

Recommended Equipment: It is recommended that Safe Powerboat Handling Certification courses and examinations be conducted in basic powerboats (typically less than 26 feet in length) with adequate equipment inventory to complete all required certification outcomes.

Prerequisite: There is no prerequisite for Safe Powerboat Handling Certification.

Certification Requirements: Safe Powerboat Handling Certification requires the successful completion of the following knowledge and practical skill requirements. These requirements are to be performed safely with confident command of the boat in familiar waters with a wind velocity up to 15 knots. Some regions may have stronger prevailing conditions, which are acceptable if the candidate can safely control the boat and be aware of his or her limitations in these conditions.

Practical Skills

Preparation

1. Be able to demonstrate ability to recognize and forecast weather conditions and evaluate hazards to navigation and other environmental factors.
2. Determine wind direction. Explain clues to finding wind direction (e.g., moored boats, smoke, wind on the water).
3. Determine current direction. Explain clues to finding current direction.
4. Demonstrate how to determine the serviceability and fit of a life jacket and put it on.
5. Demonstrate how to attach a kill switch for use underway, if applicable.
6. Demonstrate how to properly board a boat.
7. Inspect boat and engine systems, flotation integrity, and safety and legally-required equipment.
8. Check all other equipment specific to your boat not indicated above.
9. Demonstrate ability to properly stow equipment and gear to ensure optimum balance and trim of the boat.

10. Demonstrate cleat hitch, bowline, a round turn with two half-hitches, sheet bend, coiling and heaving a line.
11. Demonstrate the use of pre-start procedures appropriate for the type of engine and equipment used.
12. Demonstrate how to start an engine safely and ensure it is running properly.
13. Demonstrate how to prepare boat for departure by readying lines and crew.

Leaving a Dock or Slip

14. Demonstrate appropriate lookout during departure from dock or slip.
15. Demonstrate proper seamanship and boathandling using engine, lines, crew coordination or a combination, and taking the effects of wind and current into account for a departure appropriate for the wind and current conditions.

Leaving a Mooring

16. Demonstrate appropriate lookout during departure from mooring.
17. Demonstrate proper seamanship and boathandling appropriate for wind and current conditions, using engine and crew coordination.

Boat Control in Confined Waters

18. Demonstrate appropriate lookout while operating in confined waters.
19. Demonstrate a pivot turn of at least 180 degrees.
20. Demonstrate proper use of intermittent power to maintain directional control of the boat at minimum control speed on a predetermined course.
21. Demonstrate ability to turn at low speed and judge the diameter of the turning radius.
22. Demonstrate ability to approach an object in the water from an upwind orientation, hold position within two boat lengths and keep the stern into the wind.
23. Demonstrate ability to approach an object in the water from a downwind orientation, hold position within two boat lengths and keep the bow into the wind.
24. Demonstrate stopping the boat from idle speed within one boat length.
25. Demonstrate backing the boat in a predetermined direction for at least 10 boat lengths.

Navigation (Piloting)

26. Point out Aids to Navigation in the harbor and local waters and respond accordingly.

Navigation Rules, International-Inland

27. Demonstrate use and understanding of Navigation Rules to avoid collisions.
28. Be able to demonstrate and understand use of bearings to determine risk of collision.

Boat Control in Open Waters

29. Demonstrate appropriate lookout while operating in open waters.
30. Demonstrate ability to adjust engine/outdrive trim and/or trim tabs for optimum boat performance and trim at different speeds.
31. Demonstrate safe transition from displacement to planing speeds and back to displacement speed.
32. Demonstrate ability to steer a straight course at high speed for at least 50 boat lengths.
33. Demonstrate ability to steer a range for at least 50 boat lengths.
34. Demonstrate controlled high-speed turns by assuming new headings of at least 45 degrees to port and starboard.
35. Demonstrate ability to make appropriate adjustments in direction and/or speed when crossing waves or wakes.
36. Demonstrate ability to safely stop a boat from high speed to within five boat lengths.
37. Demonstrate ability to safely perform an emergency stop from high speed to within less than two boat lengths.
38. Be able to demonstrate ability to anchor boat with appropriate scope.
39. Be able to demonstrate ability to be towed astern of another vessel: throw a line, tie it off and steer behind the other vessel.
40. Be able to demonstrate ability to approach and tow another boat astern using a bridle.

Overboard and Person-In-Water Rescue Methods

41. Demonstrate actions to be taken when someone falls overboard.
42. Demonstrate ability to safely approach an object, simulating a person in the water, make contact with boat hook or line, simulate attaching person to boat, and recover object on board.
43. Be able to demonstrate an appropriate method to assist a conscious person from the water into the powerboat without further injury to the person.

Safety and Emergency Procedures

44. Be able to explain the proper procedure for using an approved distress signal.

Returning to a Dock or Slip

45. Demonstrate appropriate lookout to confirm there are no conflicts with other boats and activities during return to dock or slip.
46. Demonstrate appropriate seamanship and boathandling: deploying fenders, taking the effects of wind and current into account, using engine, lines, and crew coordination to come to a safe stop within 12 inches of the dock or slip, and tying up.

Returning to a Mooring

47. Be able to demonstrate ability or explain how to approach a mooring (or anchored buoy) appropriate for wind and current conditions and how to tie up to it.

Retrieving a Boat

48. If possible, haul boat out using crane or ramp. Candidate must have knowledge of both and be able to explain the procedure in the event that the facility does not have both.

Securing a Boat

49. Be able to demonstrate ability to stow equipment, clean boat and install any covers. Flush cooling system of outboard motor with fresh water if appropriate and boat is on a trailer.
50. Be able to demonstrate appropriate setting of electrical and bilge systems for leaving boat in the water or on land.
51. Secure appropriate locks. Check docklines and fender placement if applicable.
52. Be able to demonstrate how to safely disembark from a boat.

Knowledge

Preparation

1. Identify weather information sources.
2. Be able to describe personal preparation such as sunscreen and clothing.
3. Be able to explain your state-specific boating regulations.
4. Be able to list recommended legal and safety equipment.
5. Be able to explain pre-start procedures.

Systems

6. Be familiar with nomenclature for basic parts of the boat and engine.
7. Be able to briefly describe the fuel and electrical systems. Explain how to troubleshoot for common engine problems.

Powerboat Theory

8. Describe basic powerboat hull shapes and how they affect maneuvering.
9. Describe how wind and seas will affect handling.
10. Explain the concept of pivot point.

Leaving a Dock or Slip

11. Describe the differences and alternatives for leaving in different wind and current directions.

Navigation (Piloting)

12. Be familiar with Aids to Navigation and their chart symbols: buoys, daymarks, regulatory marks and other marks specific to your local waters.

Navigation Rules, International-Inland

13. Understand the concept of constant bearing and decreasing range to determine risk of collision.
14. Be able to explain the Navigation Rules for responsibility, look-out, safe speed, collision avoidance rules (risk of collision, action to avoid collision, overtaking, head-on situation, crossing situation, action by give-way vessel, action by stand-on vessel, responsibilities between vessels), and conduct of vessels in restricted visibility.

Heavy Weather Boathandling

15. Be able to describe boathandling for adverse weather conditions and dangerous inlets.

Person-In-Water Rescue Methods

16. Understand person in the water rescues, including: Race Track, Williamson Turn, constant visual contact, communications, rescue plan, sequence of maneuvers, boathandling.
17. Describe methods of getting a conscious person out of the water after the boat is stopped and alongside.

Safety and Emergency Procedures

18. Be able to describe the proper uses of wearable life jackets and Type IV throwable devices.
19. Be familiar with the use of at least six different distress signals (ref. Navigation Rule 37) as well as requirements for carrying these signals.
20. Be familiar with divers flags and understand appropriate actions.

Anchoring Techniques

21. Be familiar with anchoring procedures and appropriate amount of scope.

Shallow Water Techniques

22. Be able to describe special considerations for operating in shallow water, and departing from and returning to a beach/shoreline.

Returning to a Dock or Slip

23. Describe the differences and alternatives for arrival in different wind and current directions.

Courtesy on the Water

24. Be able to describe basic best practices of courtesy with other boaters and people onshore (e.g., avoid making excessive noise in the same area for any length of time or operating your boat in an inconsiderate manner, and minimize wake when near paddle boats, sailboats, docks, marinas or in anchorages).

SAFETY AND RESCUE BOAT HANDLING CERTIFICATION

To responsibly operate a small powerboat in safety and rescue roles.

Recommended Equipment: It is recommended that Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification courses and examinations be conducted in powerboats less than 26 feet in length with adequate equipment inventory to complete all required certification outcomes, including installed compass, hand bearing compass, VHF radio (with DSC when applicable) and GPS.

Prerequisite: The prerequisite for Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification is the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification.

Certification Requirements: Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification requires the successful completion of the following knowledge and practical skill requirements. These requirements are to be performed safely with confident command of the boat in familiar waters with a wind velocity up to 15 knots. Some regions may have stronger prevailing conditions, which are acceptable if the candidate can safely control the boat and be aware of his or her limitations in these conditions. It is recommended that the candidate have current First Aid and CPR certifications recognized by the US Coast Guard.

Practical Skills

Preparation

1. Demonstrate ability to recognize and forecast weather conditions and evaluate hazards to navigation and other environmental factors.
2. Inspect boat and engine systems, flotation integrity, and safety and legally-required equipment.
3. Check all other equipment specific to your boat's function not indicated above.
4. In addition to the knots required in the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification standards, demonstrate quick release knot, bowline on a bight, bowline finished off with a half-hitch, rolling hitch and rigging a bridle.

Boat Control

5. Demonstrate ability to steer a range inbound and outbound.
6. Demonstrate ability to steer a compass course.

7. Demonstrate ability to intercept a moving vessel.
8. Demonstrate ability to maintain position relative to a moving vessel.
9. Demonstrate a Williamson Turn.

Safety and Rescue Procedures

10. Be able to demonstrate familiarity with rigging and de-rigging a small sailboat.
11. Demonstrate ability to maneuver with a side tow with the other vessel secured alongside with bow, stern and spring lines.
12. Demonstrate ability to rescue capsized sailboats using the mast tip and centerboard push methods.
13. Demonstrate ability to tow boats astern by picking up a boat for a tow with another boat already under tow.
14. Be able to demonstrate ability to retrieve a conscious person from the water into the boat.
15. Be able to demonstrate ability to conduct an expanding square search.

Radio Communication

16. Demonstrate the operation of a VHF radio: operation of controls, channel usage, weather channels, use of DSC when applicable, and simulate Mayday and Pan-Pan calls.

Navigation (Piloting)

17. Demonstrate ability to take bearings with a hand bearing compass.
18. Determine a boat's position using GPS.
19. Demonstrate ability to plot a position using latitude and longitude.
20. Demonstrate ability to find a position on the water when given its latitude and longitude.

Knowledge

Preparation

1. Describe special safety gear required for your safety and rescue functions.
2. Determine tide and current by using tide and current tables.

Safety and Rescue Procedures

3. Explain at least one method of freeing a line wrapped around the propeller of an outboard motor and around a fixed propeller.
4. Be able to explain how to take into account the effects of wind and current on approaching a boat to be towed or rescued.
5. Discuss the method of an alongside tow, including how far back the working vessel should be. Discuss conditions that would be conducive to an alongside tow.

6. Discuss four types of multiple boat tow scenarios and their advantages and disadvantages: single-line, double-line, herringbone, pram-tow.
7. Explain how to determine whether a capsized sailboat can self-rescue or needs to be rescued.
8. Describe the two methods of rescuing a capsized sailboat. List the advantages and disadvantages of each.
9. Describe methods used to rescue a turtles boat.
10. Describe methods used to rescue a grounded boat.
11. Describe methods used to rescue a swamped boat.
12. Describe methods used to rescue a sailboat with its mast stuck in the mud.
13. Describe methods used to rescue a drifting boat.
14. Describe basic search patterns.

Navigation (Piloting)

15. Explain the concept of steering a range. Describe what to do to correct the steering when the range drifts to the left and right of your target.
16. Explain concept of bearings, bearing drift and constant bearing.
17. Be able to plot a course to steer.

MARK-SET BOAT HANDLING CERTIFICATION

To responsibly operate a small powerboat as a mark-set boat.

Recommended Equipment: It is recommended that Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification courses and examinations be conducted in powerboats less than 26 feet in length with adequate equipment inventory to complete all required certification outcomes, including installed compass, hand bearing compass, VHF radio (with DSC when applicable), GPS, and marks with counterweight, anchor and rode.

Prerequisites: The prerequisite for the Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification is the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification. However, the Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification is recommended.

Certification Requirements: Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification requires the successful completion of the following knowledge and practical skill requirements. These requirements are to be performed safely with confident command of the boat in familiar waters with a wind velocity up to 15 knots. Some regions may have stronger prevailing conditions, which are acceptable if the candidate can safely control the boat and be aware of his or her limitations

Practical Skills

Preparation

1. Check all mark-set boat equipment and its stowage.

Mark-Set Boat Procedures

2. Demonstrate ability to take accurate readings of wind direction with a hand bearing compass and wind indicator.
3. Demonstrate ability to set a windward mark and a starting line mark at a specified location, including the use of GPS.
4. Demonstrate ability to set a reaching/jibe mark.
5. Demonstrate ability to set a gate.
6. Demonstrate ability to move a mark to a specified location using both a range and bearing, and GPS.
7. Demonstrate ability to retrieve all marks.

Knowledge

1. Describe equipment required for mark-set boats.
2. Explain the effects of wind and current on positioning marks.
3. Explain the basic concept of wind direction in setting up a race course.
4. Be able to signal course changes, including use of flags and sound signals.

POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

To teach and conduct the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification course, the Accelerated Safe Powerboat Handling course, the Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification course and other powerboat training in a variety of powerboats (typically less than 26 feet in length) and wind and sea conditions in conformance with US Sailing's policies, practices and standards.

Recommended Equipment: It is recommended that the Powerboat Instructor Certification courses and examinations be conducted in a variety of powerboats less than 26 feet in length (preferably with wheel-steering console and outboard motor, but tiller steering on an outboard motor is acceptable) with adequate equipment inventory to complete all required certification outcomes, including installed compass, hand bearing compass, VHF radio (with DSC when applicable), GPS, and marks with counterweight, anchor and rode. Whenever appropriate and available, a small powerboat with inboard engine and fixed propeller should be included.

Prerequisites: A minimum age of 18 years; have Safe Powerboat Handling Certification, Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification, US Sailing membership, proof of the ability to swim 50 yards, and current First Aid and CPR certifications recognized by the US Coast Guard. An instructor candidate whose age is less than 18 years but at least 16 years may become certified as a Powerboat Assistant.

Certification Requirements: Powerboat Instructor Certification requires the successful completion of the following knowledge and practical skill requirements. The boathandling skill requirements are to be performed safely with confident command of the boat in familiar and unfamiliar waters in winds up to 25 knots with the variety of sea conditions associated with these winds in protected and open waters. The teaching skills requirements are to be performed safely and with confidence, ease and leadership as well as with an understanding and ability to apply multiple pathways teaching techniques, effective communications and motivation, and risk management. A Powerboat Instructor is expected to abide by US Sailing's policies on ethics, behavior, appearance, and procedures.

Practical Skills

Powerboat Instructors are expected to be able to perform all practical skills of the operator certifications, except for Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification, listed in the previous pages to a higher proficiency level than that required for receiving them. Additional required skills are listed below.

Preparation

1. Demonstrate ability to determine safe conditions for conducting powerboat courses and training.
2. Be able to demonstrate preparatory and starting procedures appropriate for a variety of boats.
3. Demonstrate ability to heave a line to a specified target.

Launching and Retrieving a Boat Using a Ramp or Hoist

4. Be able to demonstrate launching and retrieving a boat using a ramp or hoist as well as explain safety considerations. Explain the procedure in the event that the facility does not have both.

Leaving and Returning to a Dock and/or Slip

5. Demonstrate safe boathandling and seamanship for a dock and/or slip in a variety of boats and various wind and current conditions, including backing into a slip. Be able to highlight and explain key teaching points.

6. Be able to demonstrate and explain the use of doubling a line when leaving a dock and/or slip.
7. Be able to demonstrate and explain the use of a spring line when leaving or returning to a dock and/or slip.

Boat Control

8. Demonstrate ability to back along a slalom course always maintaining control. Be able to highlight and explain key teaching points.
9. Demonstrate throttle and speed control at high speeds. Be able to highlight and explain key teaching points.

Safety and Rescue Boat Procedures

10. Be able to demonstrate how to rescue a sailboat with its mast stuck in the mud. Highlight key points to minimize damage to mast and sailboat. Explain the procedure in the event that conditions prevent demonstration of this skill.
11. Be able to demonstrate how to rescue a turtled boat.
12. Be able to demonstrate how to rescue a catamaran.
13. Be able to demonstrate how to rescue a windsurfer and his/her board and rig.
14. Demonstrate ability to rescue a drifting boat.
15. Demonstrate ability to perform a simulated bow-first rescue of a grounded boat.

Navigation (Piloting)

16. Demonstrate ability to take bearings with a hand bearing compass and plot them.

Teaching

17. Demonstrate ability to participate in discussions.
18. Demonstrate ability to collaborate with participants and be a team player.
19. Demonstrate ability to perform effective presentations, including use of powerboat boat and visual teaching aids.
20. Able to project voice and speak clearly.
21. Demonstrate ability to conduct safe water drills as well as dockside demonstrations and drills.
22. Demonstrate effective and safe positioning of powerboat during water drills.
23. Demonstrate one-on-one demonstrations and fault/error correction.
24. Demonstrate awareness and ability to ensure safe teaching/learning environment on the water.

Knowledge

1. Have a working knowledge of NASBLA boating education standards.
2. Be familiar with local, state and US Coast Guard legal and safety requirements.
3. Be able to describe and explain equipment and safety gear for boats used in the operator courses.
4. Be familiar with Navigation Aids and Rules for operation in all conditions (clear, limited visibility and night).
5. Be able to explain how to use bearings to avoid collisions.
6. Be familiar with engine, fuel and electrical systems of powerboats, including outboard motors and inboard engines. Be able to explain and answer questions on troubleshooting engines.
7. Be able to explain different departure and approach techniques to compensate for different wind, current and sea conditions when leaving and returning to a dock or slip, and a mooring.
8. Be able to explain special considerations and techniques for operating in shallow waters, and departing and returning to a beach/shoreline.
9. Be able to explain how to determine wind and current direction and their effect on maneuvering a boat in a confined area and steering a course.
10. Be able to explain the various towing methods and their advantages and disadvantages.
11. Be able to explain the various methods of rescuing a capsized sailboat and their advantages, disadvantages and safety considerations.
12. Be able to explain methods to rescue boats that are aground, swamped, or drifting toward danger.
13. Be able to describe and explain how to use basic search patterns.
14. Be able to explain the uses of different anchor types, scope, and the concept of setting and retrieving an anchor.
15. Be able to explain and answer questions on boathandling concepts.
16. Be able to explain the parts of a sailboat.
17. Be able to explain the concepts of bearings, bearing drift, constant bearing, determining your position with bearings, plotting a course, reading a chart, compass variation and deviation, steering a compass course, steering a range and making steering corrections to stay on the range, and using a GPS.

MARK-SET BOAT INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENT

To teach and conduct the Mark-Set Boat Handling Endorsement course in powerboats less than 26 feet in length in conformance with US Sailing's policies, practices and standards.

Recommended Equipment: It is recommended that the Mark-Set Boat Instructor Endorsement courses and examinations be conducted in powerboats less than 26 feet in length (preferably with wheel-steering console and outboard motor) with adequate equipment inventory to complete all required certification outcomes, including installed compass, hand bearing compass, VHF radio, GPS, and marks with counterweight, anchor and rode.

Prerequisites: A minimum age of 18 years; have Powerboat Instructor Certification and Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification; and have successfully completed a One Day Race Management Seminar or an Advanced Race Management Seminar.

Endorsement Requirements: Mark-Set Boat Instructor Endorsement requires the successful completion of the knowledge and practical skill requirements for Powerboat Instructor Certification as well as the following skills. The boathandling skill requirements are to be performed safely with confident command of the boat in winds up to 25 knots with the variety of sea conditions associated with these winds in protected and open waters. The teaching skills requirements are to be performed safely and with confidence, ease and leadership.

Practical Skills

Mark-Set Boat Instructors are expected to be able to perform all practical skills of the mark-set boat operator certification, listed in the previous pages to a higher proficiency level than that required for receiving them. They are also required to demonstrate or explain setting a race course, including the use of GPS to set the course.

CHALLENGE EXAMINATIONS

The Certification Series is based on a series of levels reflecting the natural progression of experience. All Certifications require certification training courses. However, a certification candidate with appropriate experience and competency may challenge for the Safe Powerboat Handling Certification, the Safety and Rescue Boat Handling Certification, and the Mark-Set Boat Handling Certification by successfully completing the written and practical skills examinations for that Certification. These examinations are conducted by a US Sailing/US Powerboating Powerboat Instructor in accordance with the standards described in this booklet. For further information contact US Sailing or a program, school or training center that offers The Certification Series for powerboats.

The Powerboat Instructor Certification or Mark-Set Boat Instructor Endorsement cannot be challenged.



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