

How do I become a CANsail Dinghy Instructor?

START by completing the required [Prerequisites](#)

Sailing Level
(Minimum required levels listed on pages below)

Pleasure Craft Operators Card

First Aid Certificate

Sail Canada Boat Safety (or Equivalent)

[CANsail Fundamental Course](#) (& NCCP MED Evaluation)

See Prerequisite chart below for further details.

Register for the appropriate [Instructor Clinic](#) offered by your Provincial Sailing Association:

CANsail 1 & 2 Instructor

CANsail 3 & 4 Instructor

CANsail 5 & 6 Instructor

If you successfully complete your Instructor Course you will be a [TRAINED INSTRUCTOR](#) who is able to teach & certify sailors at the appropriate level.

CANsail 1 & 2 Instructor - Trained

CANsail 3 & 4 Instructor - Trained

CANsail 5 & 6 Instructor - Trained

Within two years a **TRAINED INSTRUCTOR**, must complete an [EVALUATION](#) to become a [CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR](#).

CANsail 1 & 2 Instructor - Certified

CANsail 3 & 4 Instructor - Certified

CANsail 5 & 6 Instructor - Certified

Trained & Certified CANsail Instructors can further their certification by taking professional development modules:

Wet Feet (Program delivery specific to 5 – 8 year olds)

Chutes & Wires (Specific to delivery of Chutes & Wires 1 & 2)

Persons with a Disability (Specific to programs for persons with a physical disability)

Program Manager (Specific to the administrative side of running a sailing school)

[Register with Sail Canada](#) (Trained & Certified CANsail Instructors are to register with Sail Canada each year so that they are able to award CANsail levels, have access to resources and are covered by the Coach & Instructor personal liability insurance)



CANSail Dinghy Instructor Prerequisites

Prerequisites	Type / Level Required	Delivered By	Length of Validity
Sailor Level <i>(updated for 2014)</i>	CANSail 1 & 2 Instructor: CANSail 4 (Bronze V) CANSail 3 & 4 Instructor: CANSail 5 (Bronze V & LTR or Silver) CANSail 5 & 6 Instructor: CANSail 6 (LTR or Silver) Chutes & Wires Module: CANSail 5 (LTR or Silver)	Through a local club or school with Sail Canada Registered Sailing School or Club	N/A
Pleasure Craft Operators Card	N/A	Through a Sail Canada PCOC Instructor or other Transport Canada Accredited Provider	N/A
First Aid Certificate w/ CPR	Minimum 'Emergency Level w/ CPR C' Higher levels also accepted	St. John's Ambulance , Canadian Red Cross , or other nationally recognized program.	2 – 3 years depending on the certifying organization
Sail Canada Boat Safety (Sea Cadet SCOP also accepted)	Sail Canada Boat Safety Course (Sea Cadet SCOP also accepted) (LSS Boat Rescue Course, Bronze Medallion or higher will be accepted until 2015 only)	Provincial Sailing Association	3 years (Unless otherwise specified on certificate)
CANSail Fundamental Course	CANSail Fundamental Course	Provincial Sailing Associations	N/A
LTSD Online Module	CYA LTSD Online Module	Online Delivery (click below) ENGLISH / FRENCH	N/A



Terminology

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. Also called a 'Technical' clinic.

EVALUATION - Takes place at a clinic or at a home club within two years of an instructor being 'TRAINED'. It will be conducted by an appointed evaluator who will watch a land lesson & on-water coaching session and evaluate the instructor based on the context specific criteria.

TRAINED – An Instructor who has successfully completed a training clinic within a context. A trained Instructor is able to instruct and certify students within the context. They must successfully complete an evaluation within two years of becoming trained in order to maintain certification.

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.

CANSail 1 & 2 INSTRUCTOR - Can instruct and certify CANSail 1 & 2 sailor standards.

CANSail 3 & 4 INSTRUCTOR - Can instruct and certify CANSail 3 & 4 sailor standards.

CANSail 5 & 6 INSTRUCTOR - Can instruct and certify the CANSail 5 & 6 sailor standards.

CANSail FUNDAMENTAL COURSE - A classroom based course that covers the theory you need to know before taking a technical instructor clinic. This course also covers the National Coaching Certification Program (level 1 & 2 or A & B) content in a format specific to sailing. Once this course is complete the online 'Making Ethical Decisions' (MED) evaluation must also be completed online through the NCCP. This course is delivered by your Provincial Sailing Association.

REGISTERING with Sail Canada – All CANSail Instructors are required to register with Sail Canada each year in order to be able to award CANSail levels, be eligible to coach at Sail Canada events, to be eligible for national coaching awards and to obtain their personal liability insurance. Registration can be completed through your Sail Canada online [CANSail profile](#).

