

Information Update #3 regarding Ontario Sailing Dinghy Instructor Courses – May 7, 2020

All candidates registered/waitlisted for courses were emailed the below information to the email we have on their profile.

ALL CANSail 1&2 Instructor candidates, and CANSail 3&4 Instructor candidates that do NOT have another instructor level already

Thanks to significant efforts from a core group of our Learning Facilitators, we have succeeded in creating the online content for the new blended learning format and have a schedule which I have shared below.

ACTION ITEM – I need each of you to email me with the RANKED LIST of your session preference. Please rank ALL courses not just 1 or 2, only exclude if you absolutely CANNOT make a session work.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Before ranking I need to clarify what happens financially if we cannot run the in person portion of these clinics. If you provide a ranking to continue in this course, you will be committing \$120 of the total course cost. This means that if Ontario Sailing is unable to run the in person portion of the course at some point in 2020, you will be refunded the fee for the course less \$120. If that happens we will honor the amount you paid this year, and the course you register for next year will reflect the \$120 you paid in 2020. If this is not acceptable to you, please let me know and we will cancel your registration in the course.

All 4 courses are made up of 4 sessions (1/week) that are running from 7pm-9pm hosted on an online meeting platform.

Note Attendance in ALL sessions is mandatory as we cannot make up any lost sessions. There will be assignments and work to be done independently with firm deadlines. Failure to attend and participate fully in all sessions, or failure to fully complete all assignments in a timely manner will result in a failure of the course that is not retestable. In that case you will be refunded for the course less the \$120 online portion.*

Please email me your ranked preferences for the 4 courses below. (i.e Course Preference for Sally Sailor is 1,3,4,2)

Course 1 – Mondays from 7-9pm. Dates: May 25, June 1, 8, and 15.

Course 2 - Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Dates: May 26, June 2, 9, and 16.

Course 3 – Wednesdays from 7-9pm. Dates: May 27, June 3, 10, and 17

Course 4 – Thursdays from 7-9pm. Dates: May 28, June 4, 11, and 18.

In person component: I do not have an update on timing for this. I will share more information as soon as I am able. It will be a one weekend format.

CANSail 3&4 candidates that already have another level, All Advanced Clinic Candidates, Wetfeet, and ALL 5&6 candidates

As we are prioritizing the training of instructors in need of new certifications, your clinics will not be running first (once it has been deemed safe for us to run courses). Your course will be run in its normal format over two weekends and be scheduled for immediately following the opportunities for new

instructors. This is to ensure that we have the capacity to train the new instructors that clubs will need as fast as possible, while maintaining our standards for safety and quality of training.

ACTION ITEMS:

- If you are signed up for a 5&6 course, and you do not have another instructor level please email me ASAP to discuss your options.
- There are no other action items for this group. Please remain patient knowing that we are working as hard as possible to get more answers. I will only send another update when there is more information to share.

Boat Safety Candidates

Due to the need to prioritize training for new instructors, we have worked with Sail Canada to offer prerequisite extensions for those with current but lapsing certifications. <https://www.sailing.ca/sail-canada-instructor-certification-accomodation/> is where you can find details of how to apply for this extension. Those that are eligible and receive the extension will be refunded and removed from the course as they no longer need it for this season. We intend to schedule new boat safety courses for those that are taking this course for the first time (or were not eligible for the extension). The courses will run in their normal 1 day in person format when it is safe for us to offer them again.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Check whether you should apply for the extension
- There are no other action items for this group. Please remain patient knowing that we are working as hard as possible to get more answers. I will only send another update when there is more information to share.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, please complete any applicable action item ASAP. I will send out another update if/when there is any new information to share. In the meantime you can stay updated on other updates related to sailing in Ontario here: <https://ontariosailing.ca/feature/the-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/>

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through this together.

Regards,

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