Start Sailing 1



Sailing Element	Criteria					
Preparation	☐ Knows appropriate clothing to suit conditions ☐ Can identify and use appropriate safety equipment					
	oxed Demonstrate an understanding of the need for protection from environmental elements					
Boats and	☐ Able to rig boat with assistance					
Equipment	lacksquare Identify the commonly used parts of the boat					
Ropework	☐ Can tie a figure of eight knot					
Safety and Emergencies	☐ Perform capsize recovery in shallow water					
	☐ Participate in single boat towing					
Skills and	lacksquare Able to launch and recover boat with assistance					
Techniques	☐ Correctly tack and stop the boat					
	☐ Successfully sail a windward/broad reach course					
	☐ Paddle boat around a marked course					
Sailing theory	☐ Port/starboard					
	☐ Windward/leeward					
	☐ Overtaking vessels					
Meteorology and	☐ Identify wind direction					
tides	☐ Able to source weather forecasts					
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Start Sailing 2



Sailing Element	Criteria				
Preparation	☐ Knows appropriate clothing to suit conditions				
	lacksquare Can identify and use appropriate safety equipment				
	☐ Able to perform basic pre-sailing warm up				
Boats and	☐ Able to rig boat unassisted				
Equipment	☐ Identify all parts of the boat				
	$oldsymbol{\square}$ Can tie a bowline, clove hitch, round turn and two half hitches				
	lacksquare Demonstrate correct boat, sailing gear and sail care				
Safety and Emergencies	☐ Perform capsize recovery in deep water				
	☐ Participate in multiple boat towing				
Skills and	☐ Able to launch and recover boat unassisted				
Techniques	lacktriangled Demonstrate correct crewing, helming and sail setting methods while sailing on all points of sail				
	☐ Correctly gybe				
	☐ Successfully sail a triangle and windward/leeward course				
	☐ Can perform man overboard recovery				
	lue Use tiller extension during all manoeuvres				
	$oldsymbol{\square}$ Demonstrate correct centreboard positions on all points of sail				
	☐ Can perform heave to				
Sailing theory	lacksquare Identify and apply the basic sailing rules while sailing				
	☐ Port/starboard, windward/leeward, overtaking vessels, avoid collisions, commercial vessels and power/sail				
	☐ Explain the points of sail				
Weather and the	☐ Identify wind direction and strength				
Environment	lacksquare React by showing an understanding of gusts and lulls				
	☐ Able to source weather forecasts				
	$oldsymbol{\square}$ Show an awareness of local tidal conditions				

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Sailing Element	Criteria					
Preparation	☐ Knows appropriate clothing to suit conditions					
	☐ Can identify and use appropriate safety equipment					
	lacksquare Able to perform basic pre-sailing warm up and stretches					
Boats and	lacksquare Able to rig boat to suit the conditions					
Equipment	lacksquare Identify all parts of the boat and sails					
	☐ Demonstrate correct boat, sailing gear and sail care					
	☐ Correctly rig spinnaker and trapeze (where applicable)					
Safety and	☐ Perform capsize recovery of inverted boat					
Emergencies	☐ Participate in multiple boat towing					
Skills and	lue Launch and recover boat safely in all wind directions					
Techniques	☐ Correctly roll tack, roll gybe, sail the boat backwards					
	☐ Set sails to advantage					
	☐ Successfully sail both a trapezoidal and slalom course					
	☐ Come alongside another vessel/pontoon					
	☐ Use spinnaker efficiently (optional)					
	☐ Use trapeze safely (optional)					
	☐ Maintain a position at a mark					
Sailing theory	lacksquare Identify controls used to adjust sail shape					
	☐ Correctly adjust sail shape to suit conditions					
	lacksquare Apply the basic sailing rules while sailing a course in a fleet					
	lacksquare Identify common buoyage requirements relevant to local area					
Weather and the	☐ Identify wind shifts					
Environment	☐ React by showing an understanding of gusts and lulls					
	☐ Able to source weather forecasts					
	lacksquare Show an awareness of current tidal conditions & identify tidal flow while on the water					
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Sailing Element	Criteria						
Preparation	☐ Prepare and use a tuning and sailing log						
	$oldsymbol{\square}$ List appropriate sailing specific fitness and warm up exercises						
Boats and Equipment	lacksquare Able to rig boat for optimal performance in current conditions						
Equipment	☐ Mark all sail controls to enable accurate setting						
	lacksquare Set up mast to suit crew and conditions (optional)						
Safety and Emergencies	☐ Can perform over the gunwale capsize recovery						
Lineigencies	$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Be able to jury rig running rigging and tiller						
Skills and Techniques	☐ Demonstrate an understanding of starting procedures						
reciniques	☐ Identify line bias and favoured end						
	Able to control boat speed at starts						
	lue Perform starts in accordance with start signals						
	☐ Mark roundings are performed efficiently						
	☐ Understand boat trim, balance & centreboard position on all legs of the racing course						
Racing theory	☐ Demonstrate an awareness of basic aerodynamics theory						
	☐ Adjust sail shape in response to changing conditions						
	☐ Show an understanding of the importance of teamwork						
	Observe rules covering starting, mark rounding, overlaps, penalties, on same tack, on opposite tacks and obstructions while racing						
	lacksquare Identify common race course configurations and scoring systems						
Weather and the Environment	☐ Identify wind shift patterns, lifts and knocks ☐ React to wind shifts to gain advantage						

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☐ Be aware of sea breeze and land breeze patterns



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Sailing Element	Criteria					
Preparation	☐ Maintain a tuning and racing log					
·	☐ Understand appropriate training programs including fitness and on water training					
	☐ Identify short/medium/long term goals					
	☐ Demonstrate an understanding of injury management					
	☐ Be able to develop a time management plan					
	Record a pre-regatta and regatta plan					
Boats and Equipment	$oldsymbol{\square}$ Able to rig boat for maximum performance in current conditions					
Equipment	lacksquare Be aware of rig and sail combinations best suited to individuals					
Safety and Emergencies	lacksquare Can raft up with support boat between races					
Skills and Techniques	☐ Identify line bias and favoured end and develop starting plan					
	☐ Able to control boat speed to advantage at starts					
	Use wind shifts for tactical advantage					
	☐ Boat trim, balance, centreboard position and sail adjustments utilised consistently on all legs of the racing course					
	☐ Engage in two boat tuning					
Racing theory	$oldsymbol{\square}$ Identify wind patterns to determine favoured side of course & develop a race plan					
	☐ Demonstrate offensive positioning of the boat in relation to others					
	☐ Use a compass to determine line bias, wind patterns and timings					
	\Box Tactical considerations shown with boat positioning at starts, mark roundings and on all legs of the course					
	☐ Able to use Racing Rules to gain tactical advantage					
Weather and the Environment	☐ Venue geographic influences, wind patterns and tidal effects are identified					
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What now?

Most Discover Sailing Centres are operated by an affiliated club, and if not they will have a working relationship with one.

To find out more about how to get involved in the clubs activities talk to your instructor. They may introduce you to the club's Discover Sailing host whose role it is to welcome you and facilitate your introduction to the club. You may want to:

 crew for someone else, either regularly or casually in which case your instructor or Discover Sailing host can connect you with people looking for crew.

- use the club owned boats to practice your sailing skills.
- buy your own boat, in which case your instructor or host can guide you as to the most suitable types of boat.
- become involved in the club in other ways, including as a volunteer, instructor or official.
- join the club as a member. You may want to become a full member or many clubs have introductory and transitional programs.

Other Programs

Yachting Australia also has a range of other training programs and courses for individuals to get involved in.

Cruising Program

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) of the UK, offer a range of internationally recognised courses, and in Australia the Cruising Program is managed by Yachting Australia. Within this program there are courses for all levels of sailors, from entry level sailing courses, (Start Yachting and Competent Crew), to courses at the highest levels helping sailors to achieve the Yachtmaster Qualification for commercial sailing. Shorebased and online courses are also available to assist all sailors develop their navigation, or diesel and radar knowledge.

For any sailors who are looking to live the sailing dream and sail overseas, there is the option to gain the International Certificate of Competence (ICC) which allows you to sail in the beautiful surroundings of places such as the Mediterranean.

Safety and Sea Survival

For people wanting to sail offshore there is the Safety and Sea Survival Course, which will educate the participants on areas such as life rafts, lifejackets and flare deployment. This course is a prerequisite for certain categories of offshore racing.

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