



Changes to SA Sailing Training Program & Course Scheduling

SA Sailing makes some key changes to its training programme

New Service product: -- SA Sailing RTC Set Up

SA Sailing is pleased to announce a new service offering to clubs and persons wanting to become SA Sailing-recognised training centers

The Transformation Charter scorecard is clear that only accredited training can be counted towards statistically reporting on Governance reporting to government. Establishing recognised training programmes throughout the country is a key strategic objective as it continually works towards making sailing accessible to all South Africans.

This new product, the **SA Sailing RTC Set Up**, sees SA Sailing Instructor Developers working with the appointed person who will act in the Senior Instructor role to prepare the necessary and help set up the centre for accreditation.



The benefit to the club/centre making use of this service will be: -

- The Senior Instructor will receive mentoring and guidance/training through the centre set up and management process
- A complete set of paperwork i.e., Standard Operating Procedures for all tasks, Emergency Action Plan + All Notice board requirements.
- Assistance with developing lesson plans for all courses/programmes being run.
- Assistance with equipment needs, required notices and signage etc.
- The initial one-day on-site inspection is included
- Annual Recognition Training Centre fee is included

Clubs will need to provide:

- Their appointed Senior Instructor/person who will be running the centre (candidate Senior Instructor)
- A gofer on the day/over the course period to run errands as may be needed to complete items that are found to be incomplete on arrival
- Cover the costs of the SAS-ID (travel, accommodation, transfers/car hire, subsistence allowance etc)

Course Scheduling and Planning

Annually SA Sailing schedules around 15 courses throughout the country, many of these end up being cancelled due to a lack of registration. SA Sailing is thus moving to an on-demand scheduling process and will plan courses around interest or requests.

Going forward the following will apply:

- SA Sailing will continue to schedule the following:
 - Instructor - 4-day programme
 - Senior Instructor - 5-day programme,
 - Race Coach - 3-day programme
- Courses will need to be scheduled on a request of not less than 6 weeks prior notice.
- A minimum of four persons need to be registered and paid for, for the course to go ahead
- Only persons eligible for the course in question may register and attend. All relevant prerequisites need to be in place
- Courses may be run at non-accredited venue, on the condition that the venue is ready for centre inspection on the day prior to the schedule course.
- SA Sailing Safety Boat Courses will be decentralised and will be run by Safety Boat Instructors (see further details under the Safety Boat Operators Course section)

Persons acting in their individual capacity looking to join any scheduled courses can lodge an expression of interest with SA Sailing.

SA Sailing Safety Boat Operators Course

With safety being a key responsibility of the national federation, SA Sailing is moving to decentralise the running of the Safety Boat Operators course. This is in the hope that we will see more programmes aimed at teaching powerboat drivers to safely maneuver between sailing vessels in a race or training environment, being run at club/local level to ensure that safety training reaches all who assist in sailing.

To facilitate this, SA Sailing is introducing a new appointment in that of SA Sailing Safety Boat Instructor. Appointments are based on a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process, under which suitable candidates are reviewed and appointed under the following conditions:

- Must have an SA Sailing Safety Boat operators' certificate
- Submit a logbook for powerboat hours
- Supply three credible references

Successful appointed Instructors will need to sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with SA Sailing and will be appointed for a four-year appointment period.

Full details on the requirements (and/or to make application for appointment) are available on the SA Sailing website training page <https://www.sailing.org.za/events/99742/>

This appointment is directly with the individuals appointed, and this means that they can offer the Safety Boat Operators course from any suitable venue or club. Details on equipment requirements are covered within the Safety Boat Instructor SLA.

This move also sees the pricing model changing with SA Sailing only taking a minimal administration fee for each candidate, with the Safety Boat Instructors being free to set their own pricing as relevant for them to perform their respective programme. Clubs and centres who have adopted the revSPORT platform will be able to market their courses through the SA Sailing website directly to their event registration within the club's portal.

Clubs looking to host and facilitate the Safety Boat Operators course at their venue can source Safety Boat Instructors by making use of the SA Sailing accreditation search tool available through the FIND A icon on our home page. Or via <https://www.sailing.org.za/accreditation-finder/>