

Thank you for signing up with Simply Sailing. To ensure you get the most out of your upcoming course, please read the following information carefully including any attached files.

Sailing Class Location & Time

- **Ashore classes:** Granville Island: #200 - 1650 Duranleau Street The classroom is located upstairs through the doors to the left of the Hammock Store.
Time: 6:30p - 9:00p
- **Afloat classes:** Granville Island Market & Marina.
Meeting: Under the “Simply Sailing” sign on E-dock - West end of Red Barn Building.
Time: 9:00a - 4:00p

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch. On-water classes will have lunch while on the boat.

Course Material

Course Book: You will receive the course book at beginning of the first evening classroom session. If you would like to study before your course, an electronic version of the book can be purchased online for \$10.

[Basic Sailing and Cruising Skills by Rob MacLeod E-Book](#)

Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC): If you already have your PCOC card, please inform the school you have it, as you will be required to show it to your instructor during the first class.

If you DO NOT have your PCOC card, we will provide you a code to access the online course. You will be required to complete the tutorial and online test before the first day of the sailing course and bring your temporary certificate.

Please visit the PCOC course site and set-up an account: <http://safeboatingcourse.ca/>

Certification

Upon successful completion of the course you will receive the Basic Cruising Standard or the Competent Crew Standard. The content of the course is the same for both standards, however, for the Crew Standard you need to be able to assist the skipper on the basic level, while for the Cruising Standard you need to demonstrate that you can be in charge of boat and crew.

During the course there will be a written exam. This will cover the topics listed under “Ashore Knowledge” (see “course curriculum”). There is no afloat practical exam. However, it is expected that you will be able to demonstrate the afloat skills confidently as described under “Afloat Skills” (see “course curriculum”).

Terms & Conditions

Please refer to our website for terms & conditions such as payment, cancellation policy, missed classes, re-taking exams and other important information. These terms may change from time to time without notice.

Clothing

The course will take place rain or shine. Dress in layers, you will be surprised how much temperature difference there is between being at the beach or on the boat in a light breeze. Synthetic fabrics are preferable (merino wool, polypropylene, etc). Cotton and Denim are not recommended, once they get wet, they stay wet and cold. For sunny days bring a light windbreaker, hat, sunglasses and sunblock. For rainy days a rain jacket, rain pants and waterproof footwear will be necessary.

Footwear

Closed toed shoes are required for walking on the deck of the boat; no sandals or flip flops please. The soles have to be non-marking (white, light grey or cream color only). For rainy days rubber boots work well. However, the boots should have a soft, non marking sole. If at all possible, you will want to have waterproof shoes, as the cockpit can get wet.

Absolutely no black soled shoes, as they leave permanent marks on the white deck of the boat.

Sailing Gloves

We strongly recommend wearing gloves. Sailing gloves will protect your hands when handling the lines on the boat. Some people prefer the rubbery garden gloves or work gloves. These types of gloves can be picked up for a reasonable price at places like Home Depot or Canadian Tire.

Marine Stores

West Marine (1601 W. 2nd Ave.) or Steveston Marine (1667 W. 5th Ave), near Granville Island.

Personal Flotation Device/Life Jacket (PFD)

If you already own a PFD or lifejacket, please feel free to bring it along and use it. If you do not own a PFD or lifejacket one will be provided for you.

Motion Sickness

If you are prone to motion sickness or are unsure if you are prone to motion sickness, it is strongly recommended you talk to a pharmacist or doctor regarding motion sickness medication. There are plenty of non-drowsy types of anti-nausea medicine. It is better to have it and not need it, than not have it and need it. We cannot provide this type of medication to our students.