

Congratulations on completing your sailing course. This information is to provide you with opportunities to apply your newly acquired sailing skills.

Friends, Co-workers & Fellow Sailors:

The more people you tell about your sailing experience the more you will find other boaters. Boat owners often look for crew for a cruise, a day of practice or even for racing.

Clubs & Co-ops:

There are several different sailing clubs in Vancouver that offer access to sailboats at a reasonable price. Clubs or co-ops often offer internal training programs.

West Coast Sailing Club:

Designed specifically for Simply Sailing students to further their sail training. The club operates a San Juan 24 for day sailing in English Bay and a Dufour 31 for day sailing and weekend cruising.

Check out the club website for more information: <http://www.westcoastsailingclub.ca/>

Barnet Sailing Co-op:

Barnet Sailing Co-op has multiple Catalina 27s, moored in Port Moody and Vancouver. In the summer, a few boats are moved to the Gulf Islands or Desolation Sound to provide quicker access to a variety of cruising grounds: <http://www.barnetsailing.bc.ca/>

Skill Development Clinics:

Simply Sailing runs Skill Development Clinics throughout the year where students can improve upon or practice certain aspects of sailing. Clinics cover skills such as as docking, anchoring, crew overboard, sail trim and more. The clinics are also designed for students who want to evaluate if they are ready for the Intermediate Cruising Standard and get experience sailing on a mid sized cruising boat:

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/skill-development-clinics.html>

Cruising:

Join one of our mileage builders to the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island or Desolation Sound. This is a great way to put into practice your new skills and expand your cruising horizon in a relaxed and enjoyable way. Typical excursions are five days, but longer expeditions are available:

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/mileagebuilder.html>

ICC (International Certificate of Competency):

If you are planning to charter a boat in Europe or the Caribbean you will require proof of completion of your ICC. Simply Sailing can work with students to obtain ICC designation through International Yacht Training.

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/icc-check-out.html>

Private Course:

Private training is a great way to learn to sail if you prefer to learn on your own time or if there is a group who would like to learn together. Customized training that allows students to progress at their own pace.

Depending on the boat size, the cost includes up to 5 people.

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/private-courses.html>

Coastal Navigation:

If you are planning on doing the Intermediate Cruising Standard and exploring the Gulf Islands, the Coastal Navigation course is a great course to take:

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/coastalnavigation.html>

VHF Training:

This one day course will provide certification required by Industry Canada for all operators of a VHF Radio.

<http://www.simplysailing.ca/vhf.html>

Chartering:

There are plenty of chartering companies around the lower mainland and Vancouver Island offering a wide variety of options for sailing:

Blue Pacific Yacht Charter - has a fleet of boats located both in Vancouver and Nanaimo. The Nanaimo location is convenient to explore the Gulf Islands.

Cooper Boating - has three locations to charter from: Vancouver, Sydney and Powell River. Sometimes it is more advantageous to drive towards your sailing destinations so you have more time to explore.

Desolation Sound Yacht Charters - has a fleet of boats located on Vancouver Island - ideal to explore Desolation Sound, a world-class cruising ground.

Nanaimo Yacht Charters - Located on Vancouver Island - ideal to explore the Gulf Islands.

Racing:

Several yacht clubs in and around Vancouver run regattas on a regular basis and skippers often look for extra crew. It is not necessary to have prior racing experience.

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club runs Wednesday night races. Go to the club before 5 p.m. on a Wednesday and ask anyone for the "crew circle" – it's down by the docks.

The Vancouver Rowing Club has a coordinator that matches skippers looking for crew with crew looking for a boat. Check out the website for more info: <http://vrccracing.ca/>

Keep in touch!

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Thank you for choosing Simply Sailing for your sail training needs - it was a pleasure to have you on board.

Fair winds,
The Simply Sailing Team