



2021 ADVANCED STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to the Advanced course at the Boston Sailing Center! This student information sheet is intended to provide specific information on course formats, scheduling, policies and membership options available to you.

GENERAL

The Advanced course is designed to develop the skills needed to sail and motor a mid-range cruising boat with auxiliary outboard power. It is taught on J/27s, which have a small cabin and outboard motors.

FORMATS

4 Week

Twice a week for four weeks, alternating Sunday evening online classroom sessions and late Monday or Tuesday afternoon water sessions.

Online classroom sessions are held on Sundays for four weeks from 6-8:30PM. Your sailing session is on the Monday **OR** Tuesday of the same week from 4:30-8:00pm (depending on which session you chose on checkout – check your confirmation email for sailing session assignment).

Weekend

Two consecutive Friday/Saturday/Sundays

Online classroom sessions are held on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-8:30PM. Water sessions are on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9:00AM-12:30PM **OR** afternoons from 1:30PM-5:00PM for the duration of the course. The student chooses either morning or afternoon water sessions upon purchasing the course. (Refer to your confirmation email for sailing session assignment).

Vacation Week

Held Sunday evening through Friday afternoon (no sailing or classroom on the Monday)

Online classroom sessions are held Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30PM. Water sessions are held Tuesday to Friday mornings from 9:00AM-12:30PM.

MATERIALS

You will receive a copy of your course textbook, ASA's Coastal Cruising Made Easy, at the completion of your first water session.

WHAT TO BRING

Online Classroom

- Paper and writing utensil

- You will receive your ASA 103 Coastal Cruising Made Easy book at your first sailing session. You do not need it for your first classroom session.

Sailing

- Comfortable nonskid shoes or sneakers (sandals are not recommended)
- Dress in layers to adjust for changing weather conditions
- A small drybag for anything valuable you do not want to get wet like phones, etc. The J27's have cabins for stashing a small bag. Gill and Helly Hansen sell inexpensive, quality drybags.
- We do not have storage in the riverboat office, so only bring essentials you are comfortable bringing on the boat.
- Water bottles are encouraged. There is no drinking water available at BSC, so you should bring sufficient water from home, or there is a small grocery store called The Golden Goose on Commercial Street – just a few minutes' walk from BSC.
- Sunblock (even for overcast days) and sunglasses
- A change of clothing is always recommended
- We do have limited foul weather gear for our students to borrow, but it is recommended that you bring your own. A light waterproof jacket and pants are best. Our office team can recommend some good options for you.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

We believe students should experience a wide range of weather conditions, and a portion of your course will go over how to handle extreme weather. For this reason, classes are rarely cancelled. If a cancellation is necessary due to extreme weather, we will make every effort to contact you. However, it is always wise to call ahead if you have a question regarding a potential cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

If you need to miss a classroom session, please let us know as far in advance as possible and we will inform you of make-up times. If you need to cancel a water session, please give us as much notice as possible - at least 24 hours. Water session cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice can be made up at the [private lesson rate](#).

If you need to cancel your entire course, please refer to your [course cancellation document](#).

How to make up a class

Giving us sufficient notice allows us to open a space to others who may also need to make up a class. It is the student's responsibility to contact the center to organize a make-up. All sailing make ups are on a space available basis, meaning if there is an extra spot for the session you missed in another course, you are welcome to take it. For online classroom sessions, we can send you a pre-recorded session from a previous course.

If you need to make up a single water session, please contact the office directly. Availability is very limited, and you may need to wait several weeks before a session becomes available. If you would like to make up a session on the sooner side, we may be able to reschedule you individually for an additional fee. Reach out to the office for specifics.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET SAILING PARTNERS

As a student member or as a full-time member of the Sailing Center there are many opportunities to meet and sail with other members. Here's how to get involved!

Online Clubhouse

The BSC website is a great resource! Here you can sign up for events and access the student section of the “Clubhouse.” As a student, you already have an account. Do not create a new one. If you signed up online, you can login by using the same credentials you used to purchase your course. If you signed up through the office, go to clubhouse>login and enter the email you provided the office with. Click “Forgot password” to have a password sent to you. You will be able to change this automated password in your member screen.

Crew Finder

Upon joining as a full-time member, you have access to the online crew finder. An explanation on using the crew finder can be found [here](#).

AMERICAN SAILING ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATIONS

American Sailing Association is a system of certification standards recognized worldwide. Upon successful completion of our Advanced Course, you are qualified to take the ASA 103 Coastal Cruising written exam. You will have already completed the water portion in class. There is a \$39 one-time activation fee which you pay through the office. Please note that if you have not taken the ASA 101 Basic Keelboat written exam, you will have to complete that before writing the 103. Contact the office if you need to organize your 101 as well. Additional fees will apply.

Please see an office manager for details and scheduling. **Certifications must be completed within one year of graduation (no exceptions) so start studying and contact us as soon as you’re ready to take the test!**

THE NEXT STEP: FULL MEMBERSHIP & MORE COURSES

Once your sailing course is completed, we encourage you to join as a member. With a Mid-Range membership, you are entitled to sail J/24s and J/27s as well as our fleet of Solings and Sonars, with unlimited guest privileges.

If you decide to purchase a membership within seven days of completion of your course, you are entitled to 10% off any full Mid-Range membership, or 10% off a full daysailing membership! 30-day mini memberships are excluded from discounts. As a member (or within 7-days of course completion), you are also entitled to a 10% discount on all courses that we offer. The next step would be the Racing Course, Nightsailing, or the Cruising Course. Please see an office manager for details or refer to our website.

Please note there is no student membership associated with an Advanced Course, unless you are a Macro student. Check with the office team if you are unsure what your student status is.

COVID POLICIES

Subject to change based on guidance from the City of Boston

Do not come to the Boston Sailing Center if you have symptoms, someone in your household has Covid-19, or you have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by your doctor or a health official. We will reschedule your course. Please wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer before boarding a boat. There are hand washing stations on the dock. The use of sailing gloves is encouraged.

Arrive ready to sail. If you arrive earlier than the time designated for your sailing session, please wait off premises in the parking lot or on the seawall. Bathrooms are located on the upper deck of the riverboat. Please be aware of those around you and maintain social distancing at all times. **Refer to [COVID-19 Student Policies](#) for up-to-date procedures.**