

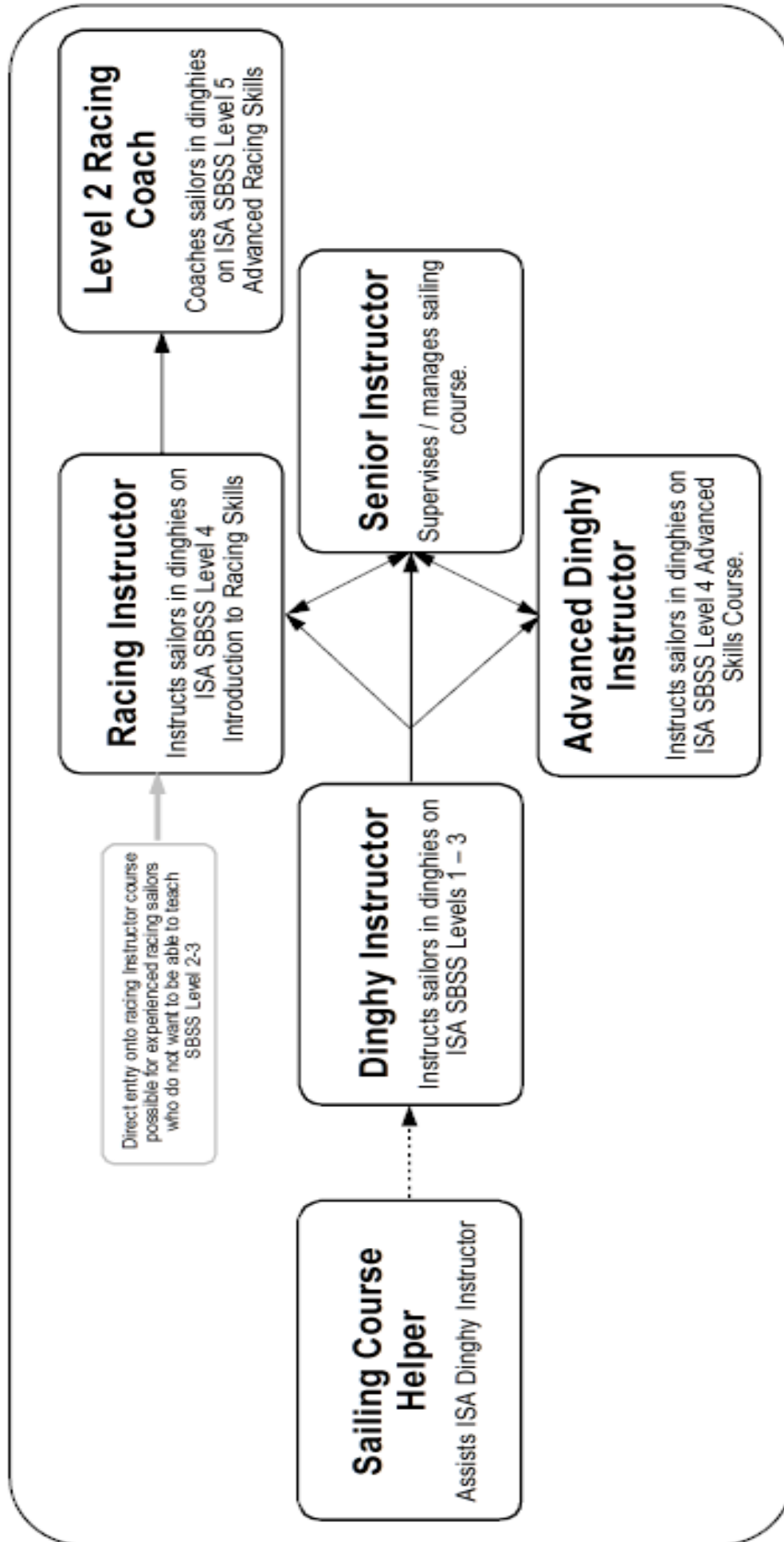


Small Boat Sailing Scheme

How to become an ISA

Dinghy Instructor,
Keelboat Instructor
Catamaran Instructor

The ISA Small Boat Sailing Scheme Instructor Ladder



How do I become an Instructor in the ISA Small Boat Sailing Scheme Instructor?

Minimum age of 17
upon entry to ISA training course

ISA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate
plus log requirement

VHF Radio Certificate

First Aid Certificate

Recommendation

Instructor Pre-entry Assessment

Dinghy Instructor 5 Day course

Details

ISA National Powerboat Certificate (Level 2)

You must hold your ISA National Powerboat Certificate (Level 2). In addition you must have;

The certificate endorsed for;

Planing boats

Tiller & console controls

A minimum of 20 hours power-boating logged following your Powerboat certificate being issued. Log these hours in your Powerboat Logbook.

There is a list of ISA powerboat course providers on the ISA website at www.sailing.ie

VHF Radio certificate

You must hold a licence to use a VHF Radio. The following certificates are acceptable;

The Irish Short range certificate, Module 1.

The full Irish Short range Certificate

RYA/MCA Short Range Certificate

A current list of VHF radio course providers are displayed on the ISA website www.sailing.ie under 'Shorebased Courses'.

First Aid certificate

You must hold a valid first Aid certificate.

In order to qualify for use by ISA Instructors and Coaches, First aid qualifications must:

- be offered by a recognised course provider
- be at least 8 hours in duration
- cover expired air resuscitation and hypothermia

A current list of First Aid course providers are displayed on the ISA website www.sailing.ie under 'Shorebased Courses'

Recommendation:-

You must have a recommendation from either the centre Principal of an ISA Recognised Teaching Establishment or Junior Organiser or Commodore of an ISA Category 1 Sailing Club. This recommendation can be included on page 7 of this booklet or your Sailing school or Club will supply you with the Recommendation form.

Instructor Pre-Entry Assessment

You must successfully complete all parts of the Small Boat Sailing Scheme Instructor Pre-Entry Assessment to pass. This assessment ensures that you have the pre-requisite sailing skills and knowledge necessary to take part in an ISA SBSS Instructor Training course.

The assessment is conducted by an ISA Instructor Trainer and reviews those skills and knowledge covered in The Improving Skills course (Level 3) and The Advanced Sailing Skills Course (Level 4AS) of the Small Boat Sailing Scheme. It consists of two parts. Part 1 being an assessment of your sailing skills and Part 2 being an assessment of your background knowledge.

Other points to note about the Instructor Pre-entry Assessment are;

- The assessment must be completed in the type of boat that you will be doing your instructor course in. ie. In a dinghy for dinghy instructors, in a keelboat for keelboat instructors and in a catamaran for catamaran instructors.
- When completed in dinghies the assessment must be done in a three sail (spinnaker) boat with trapeze.
- When completed in a keelboat, spinnakers must be used where conditions permit.
- Candidate for the Instructor pre-entry candidates must succeed in all sections of the assessment as it is not possible to pass either part one or part two separately.
- The assessment is a good opportunity to ask the Instructor Trainer any questions you may have about the actual instructor training course as they are the people who run the courses.
- When you have successfully completed the assessment the Instructor trainer should sign off the relevant sections in this booklet or the SBSS Instructor Handbook.
- The assessment must have been completed within 12 months of your attendance on the Instructor Training course.
- Details of the Instructor Pre-entry assessment are included in the back of this booklet.

Contact details for Instructor trainers who can run the assessments are as follows;

		Dinghy	Keelboat	Catamaran	Region		
Eddie	English	✓	✓	✓	S	info@sailcork.com	021 4811237
Ruth	Ennis	✓	✓		S	vandrfusco@eircom.net	021 4772748
Sean	Flynn	✓			W	seanflyn69@hotmail.com	095 43411
Victor	Fusco	✓	✓		E	koec@indigo.ie,	021 4772748
David	Garvey	✓	✓	✓	E	davegarvey@esatclear.ie	087 9584150
Hugh	Gill	✓			E	info@sdcc.ie	01 8373052
Niall	MacAllister	✓	✓	✓	SW	niall@westcorksailing.com	027 60132
Ciaran	Murphy	✓			Mid	ciaran.murphy@ul.ie	061 376622
Joe	Rooney	✓	✓	✓	E	joe@rnmurphy.ie	01 2694379
Claire	Toohey	✓			S	Claire@sailcork.com	021 4811237
Jennifer	Wallace	✓	✓	✓	S	jennifer@eircom.net	086 8562858

The ISA Dinghy, Keelboat or Catamaran Instructor course.

All ISA Instructor courses along with locations and contact details are listed on the ISA website at www.sailing.ie under Training / Instructor Information / Instructor courses & dates.

The aim of the instructor-training course is to teach you how to instruct on the first three levels of the ISA's Small Boat Sailing Scheme. It is not the intention that you learning any new personal sailing skills or knowledge on the course, we assume you have these prior to the course.

The instructor-training course requires a lot of hard work. So while the course hours are usually 0900 to 1800 each day, you will need to be prepared to do preparation work every evening. For these reasons don't book a course to coincide with any other commitments like exam revision or busy periods in work.

You should book onto a course in plenty of time as they can get very full running up to the summer sailing season.

The ISA Dinghy Instructor course is a 5 day course with between 4-16 people on the course.

Once you have passed your ISA Dinghy Instructor certificate will be valid for 3 years so long as you hold a valid First Aid certificate.

Please note that you are not a qualified ISA Instructor until you have received your ISA Instructor Certificate.