

## 2022 Newport Bermuda Race Safety at Sea training guide for Captains

The purpose of this guide is to (1) help captains of boats in the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race determine the number of sailors on their crew required to have current Safety at Sea training, (2) guide captains on how to determine whether crewmembers that have already had some form of Safety at Sea training will count towards the boat's crew training requirements for the 2022 race, and (3) guide captains and crew members on how to obtain or renew the Safety at Sea training required for the 2022 race.

The requirements for the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race (from section 4.3.1 of the Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements document) are:

Safety At Sea Seminar Attendance: At least 30% but not fewer than two members of the crew in addition to the Person-In-Charge (PIC) must hold a World Sailing Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course Certificate earned by attending (1) a two-day US Sailing approved "International Offshore Safety at Sea course with Hands-on Training" course (the first day may be online training), or (2) a World Sailing approved "Offshore Personal Survival Course". A certificate will be honored for the purposes of this paragraph for the three Newport to Bermuda Races that occur after the date that the certificate was issued. A certificate based on exclusively internet-based training will not be acceptable.

### Step 1. How to determine the number of crew members that require Safety at Sea training

Here is a table that shows the calculation from the NBRSR section 4.3.1 requirement.

Number of crew members	Number of crew members required to be trained. NOTE: one of the trained crew members must be the PIC/Captain
2, 3, 4, 5, or 6	2
7, 8, 9, or 10	3
11, 12, or 13	4
14, 15, or 16	5
17, 18, 19, or 20	6
21 or more	Number of crew members X .3 (round up)

### Step 2. How to determine if a crewmember already has the required Safety at Sea training and if that training will be current for the 2022 Newport Bermuda race.

**Step 2A – Training in the United States:** If the sailor's training was conducted in the United States or was done outside the United States under the authority of US Sailing follow this step. If your sailor's training was not in the United States, go directly to step 2B.

- Go to the US Sailing website at this address:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/sas-attendance-lookup/>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page. Enter the sailor's last name and select "Intl Offshore SAS (ISAF)" in the "course type" drop down menu as shown in the example below.

- Click the “View Report” button. Note that any time you change a search parameter such as the last name or course type, you must click the “View Report” button to refresh the result.
- If your sailor’s name appears in report, it will also have a date. Note the date and proceed to step 3. The report gives a first and a last name.
- If your sailor’s name is not on the list, then they have not had the required training. The sailor’s name must appear on this report for the “Int’l Offshore SAS (ISAF)” course to count toward your boat’s training requirement. No exceptions.
- If your sailor thinks the report is not correct, please contact US Sailing.
- If a sailor does not have the required training and wishes to obtain the training, proceed to step 4.

**Step 2B – Training outside the United States:** If your sailor’s training was conducted in the United States skip this step.

For Safety at Sea training conducted outside the USA and not under the authority of US Sailing, check the training document for the following key words: “World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Course per section 6.02 of the Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)”.

The race committee can review certificates that have these key words in English or German. Other languages will require a certified translation.

If the required elements are not present on the certificate, the certificate will not meet the race requirements. If these elements are present, proceed to step 3.

### **Step 3 – Determine if the training will be current for the 2022 race:**

The Bermuda Race honors a Safety at Sea certificate for the three Newport to Bermuda Races that occur after the date that the certificate was issued, e.g., the 2018, 2020 (cancelled), and 2022 races **regardless of the expiration printed on the certificate.** For example, certificates issued by US Sailing are valid for 5 years, but the race will honor them for a longer period (the 6 years between races). Therefore, the correct training conducted between the start of the 2016 race (June 17, 2016) and start of the 2022 Newport Bermuda Races will count toward a boat’s Safety at Sea training requirement.

Check your sailor’s certificate to verify that the course was completed on or after June 17, 2016. If the training was completed on or after this date, it will be current for the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race and count toward the boat’s training requirement. You do not need to proceed to step 4 for this sailor. Stop here.

If a sailor has completed the required training in the United States prior to June 17, 2016 and wishes to “refresh” the certificate for the 2022 race, proceed to step 4.

#### Step 4: Obtaining or renewing Safety at Sea Training

1. **Outside the United States:** If a nation has a “national authority” for sailboat racing, there will likely be Safety at Sea courses offered under that national authority. We recommend you start there. If a nation does not have a national authority, you may need to attend in another country.
2. **In the United States:**
  - 2.1. Determine the type of course the sailor needs to take. We apologize in advance for the length and complexity of these next steps. These requirements for the courses are set by US Sailing and apply to everyone taking the courses for any race or any other reason. These are not requirements unique to the Newport Bermuda Race. The courses have developed a lot in the last 6 years and COVID has complicated the matter. The race committee has put this information together that hopefully will help you select the proper training.
    - 2.1.1. If the sailor has never taken any “offshore” Safety at Sea training of any form, they must complete the full course. Proceed to step 2.2 below.
    - 2.1.2. If the sailor has taken either the “Offshore Online” or the “Offshore In-Person” course in 2019, 2020, or 2021 but did NOT complete the hands-on portion (for example, the hands-on portion was cancelled due to COVID); the sailor is required to complete the newly released International Online Safety at Sea Course (Units 11-15) and the hands-on portion of the course to meet the race requirements. Note this is a special rule due to COVID and ends in December 2022. Proceed to step 2.3 below.
    - 2.1.3. If the sailor has completed the “International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on training” before June 17, 2016 and after June 17, 2010, the sailor needs to take the “refresher” course. Proceed to step 2.3.
    - 2.1.4. If the sailor has completed the “International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on training” before June 17, 2010, the sailor needs to take the full course. Proceed to step 2.2 below.
  - 2.2. The “Full” course for sailors in categories 2.1.1 or 2.1.4 above:
    - 2.2.1. The full International Offshore Safety at Sea with hands-on training consists of two portions. The first portion may be completed online or in-person. The second portion, referred to as the “hands-on” portion, must be completed in person.
    - 2.2.2. First portion:
      - 2.2.2.1. Complete a US Sailing approved one-day “Offshore Safety at Sea (in-person)” course AND the “Online Offshore Safety at Sea Part Two (Units 11-15)” OR
      - 2.2.2.2. Complete the US Sailing approved “Online Offshore Safety at Sea Part One and Part Two (Units 1 – 15)”
    - 2.2.3. Second portion: After completing step 2.2.2.1 above, complete the one-day US Sailing approved “International Offshore Safety at Sea with Hands-on Training (in person)” course.
    - 2.2.4. Proceed to step 2.4 to find courses.
  - 2.3. The “Refresher” Course for sailors in categories 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 above:
    - 2.3.1. Complete the “Online Offshore Safety at Sea” Part Two (Units 11-15)
    - 2.3.2. After completing step 2.3.1 above, complete the one-day US Sailing approved “International Offshore Safety at Sea with Hands-on Training (in person)” course.
    - 2.3.3. Proceed to step 2.4 to find courses.

2.4. **Find a course:** All approved courses in the United States are listed at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/find-a-course-near-you/>

**Tips that sailors and captains may find helpful:**

- **When to register for courses: NOW!!!!** Virtually no International Offshore Safety at Sea with hands on training courses were conducted since March 2020. There is a large backlog of students from cancelled courses and renewals. Several host organizations are increasing the number of courses they are conducting in anticipation of the large demand. The race committee strongly advises captains to determine their training requirements and get their sailors registered for courses as soon as possible. We anticipate courses in the 2 months prior to the race to be fully booked.
- **Online courses:** Many of the organizations that host hands on Safety at Sea courses include the online courses in a bundled price. This is often less expensive than purchasing the online component separately from the hands-on component.
- **Who to contact for questions:**
  - Questions on record of attendance of courses of any sort in the past: In the US, contact US Sailing Karen Davidson at [KarenDavidson@ussailing.org](mailto:KarenDavidson@ussailing.org) PLEASE do not contact the race committee. This is completely a matter for US Sailing. We cannot access or correct the attendance database any more than you can. Outside the US, contact your national authority or the organization that conducted your course.
  - Meeting race Safety at Sea training requirements: Please start with official race documents and FAQ's. If you have further questions regarding Safety at Sea training, contact the race vice chairman, Mark Lenci, at [mark.lenci@bermudarace.com](mailto:mark.lenci@bermudarace.com)
  - Questions on specific Safety at Sea courses: Contact the host organization for the course. For courses in the United States, there is contact information for each course that is listed on the US Sailing website.
- **Resolving duplicate names in the US Sailing database of course attendance:** We recognize that there may be duplicates of common names but normally the dates of the courses enable you to sort out the correct sailor. If you cannot clarify duplicate names or if there is any doubt, please contact US Sailing (contact information is at the end of this document). This is 100% under US Sailing's control and the race committee cannot assist in this area.
- **Getting the certificate to upload into the SailGate entry system:** If a sailor does not have a copy of their certificate:
  - For courses that were conducted in the United States, contact US Sailing Karen Davidson at [KarenDavidson@ussailing.org](mailto:KarenDavidson@ussailing.org). The organization that hosted your course does not have these certificates and cannot re-issue them.

For courses outside the United States contact your national authority or the organization that conducted the course.

- **Does STCW training count for Safety at Sea training:** The World Sailing website provides the following guidance "A frequently asked question is whether a STCW 95 sea survival training is permitted alternative. Ultimately what is acceptable is up to the race organizer. However, World Sailing's standard advice is NOT to accept STCW courses (however first aid courses are

accepted). The reason for this is that the STCW course is a commercial ship qualification and therefore does not contain sailing related items and recreational safety equipment.” The Newport Bermuda Race follows this guidance and does not accept STCW training as an alternative to World Sailing/US Sailing approved Safety at Sea courses.

- **Claim your Safety at Sea training in your SailGate user profile:** Each participant must claim their SaS training in their own user profile. To do this, sign in to your SailGate account and select: Settings/Miscellaneous/Edit and then select your course and upload your certificate and save. Example page below. Mark - maybe do this from your account, so your name and stuff shows up vs. mine.

Home / Settings / Miscellaneous / Edit misc info and qualification

Misc info and qualification

Please provide your misc info and qualification information or check that it is up to date.

[Edit misc info and qualification](#) 3.

Nationality: \* United States x ?

Birthday (Month, Day, Year): 10 - October x 7 1966 ?

EPIRB Personal Locator Beacon: ?

AIS Personal Locator Beacon: 972607535 ?

ISAF Sailor ID: USAAK13 ?

Your ISAF Sailor ID is valid.

Medical Training Qualification: No Qualifying Medical Trai... x ?

Your certificate is valid.

Offshore Training: USSailing Intl. Offshore Sa... x ? 4.

Uploaded files: Andrew\_Kallfelz\_World\_Sailing\_Offshore\_Personal\_Survival\_Training\_Certificate.pdf

Your offshore training certificate is valid.

You are able to upload your certificate now

Drop a file here or click here to browse 5.

Do you have a Medical Condition?:  no  yes ?

Save Cancel 6.