

WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST DAY?

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress casual and comfortable. Layers work best for fall, winter, and spring. Most people wear shorts and a t-shirt or polo-style shirts. Bring a windbreaker or pullover. **White or non-marking** closed-toe, rubber-soled shoes only. Always remember a hat or visor, sunscreen or sunglasses.

WHAT TO BRING

Always keep a change of clothes and a towel in your car when participating in on-the-water classes. If your class is an all-day class bring a lunch and water.

DIRECTIONS

1801 W. Coast Highway. Between the Balboa Bay Club and the Sea Scout Base. Approximately 1 ½ miles south of the Newport Blvd. overpass on Coast Highway. Look for the Mariner's Mile Bridge across PCH connecting our two buildings. The entrance to our driveway is at the south end of our property closest to the Balboa Bay Club.

WEATHER

Classes are held regardless of the weather. If it is too rainy or windy, classes will move indoors.

PARKING

Parking is almost always tight at the Waterfront Campus. Be sure to allow enough time to drive, park and still get to your class on time.

- When parking at the Sailing Center in the double spaces be sure not to block others and if you arrive first, please pull forward and look for a classmate to park behind you.
- Do not leave a space open in front of your car.
- Do not park in red zones.

Additional free parking is available along PCH. The public parking lot at Tustin and Avon is just a short walk but does require payment from 8 am to 6 pm. Be sure to cross PCH using the skyway bridge. When parking in the Avon lot, it's easier if you have already downloaded the [ParkMobile App](#). There are multiple parking zones within the Avon parking lot so be sure to use the correct ParkMobile Zone when you park.

If parking is available, you may also park across the street at the Professional Mariner Training Center and use the skyway to get across PCH.

WHERE TO MEET

You will learn the location of your classroom when you arrive on-site. We continue to use both our outdoor downstairs and indoor upstairs classrooms. Basic Cruising, Bareboat and Powerboat courses will meet aboard the boat.

MISSED CLASS

There are no make-ups. If you know in advance, you'll miss a class, ask your instructor what will be covered so you can read ahead. Otherwise, just show up at the next session of class. Missing the first class of a new session is not advisable.

BOOKS

Our Lazarette bookstore carry books for all our on-the-water classes as well as seminars and seamanship courses. Lido students will benefit from OCC's Beginning Sailing manual "Sails in the Sun/Masts in the Mud". Harbor 20 and Shields students will need the US Sailing Basic Keelboat book, and Cruising students need the US Sailing Basic Cruising. The books are not required but highly recommend helping to reinforce learning between classes. Powerboat classes use US Sailing/US Powerboating's Start Powerboating Right. Books range in price from \$10 to \$24.95. Purchase your book on the first day of class, or from the office during the week.

BEGINNING SAILING

Your first day of Beginning Sailing is spent learning all about the boat and a bit on sailing theory. You probably will get on the water for a short time. The rest of the class meetings will be 75% sailing!

CAPSIZE

Lido 14s do capsize and people "step" off docks now and then. While most people make it through the course without getting wet, it's certainly a possibility. Everyone wears a life vest. We recommend you leave all electronics in your car and carry a change of clothes and a towel as well when taking any on-the-water class.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Safety is very important to your instructor. Classes will not be on the water in dangerous conditions. Everyone always wears a life vest (PFD), regardless of the weather. PFDs are provided, but you are welcome to bring and use your own USCG approved PFD.

Students are responsible for evaluating their health prior to each class. Participants exhibiting ANY cold or flu symptoms should stay home until symptoms are completely gone. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MORE QUESTIONS

Call the OCC School of Sailing & Seamanship at (949) 645-9412 or send an email to customer care@occsailing.com.