



Pentagon Sailing Club Sailing Qualifications Roadmap

Goal		Inshore Sailor					Offshore Sailor				ASA 114
		PSC Local Quals	USNSA B-KBS	ASA 101/103	USNSA B-CS(N)	ASA 104	USNSA D-CS	ASA105/106	USNSA D-SS	ASA 107/108	
Course Description	Sailing Resume	Basic Sailing	Keel Boat Skipper	Basic Keelboat / Basic Coastal Cruising	Cruising Skipper	Bareboat Chartering	Cruising Skipper	Coastal Navigation / Advanced Coastal Cruising	Senior Skipper	Celestial Navigation / Offshore Passagemaking	Cruising Catamaran
Boat owner that wants to learn to sail	No	X									
Sail PSC boats on Potomac River	No	X	X	X							
Charter < 30' (Inland/Bay)	Yes		X	X							
Charter 30' to 40' (Inland/Bay)	Yes				X	X					
Charter Coastal (< 15 nm offshore)	Yes						X	X			
Charter Offshore (> 15 nm offshore)	Yes								X	X	
Charter Catamaran	Yes										X
Chesapeake Bay SOR / Instructor	Yes						X	X			

Notes:

1. Pentagon Sailing Club offers both USNSA and ASA qualification tracks. US Sailing has similar tracks to ASA but PSC does not offer.
2. Sailing resumes are always recommended to provide documentation of your sailing hours and types of boats sailed.
3. USNSA qualifications are recognized at U.S. military installation MWR marinas; less so for ASA.
4. Charter companies worldwide recognize ASA; less so for USNSA.
5. Recommend join USNSA and do USNSA track if you plan to do most of your sailing at MWR marinas or prefer a self-paced program. PSC certifies up through D-CS.
6. For USNSA, Senior Crew (SC) and Watch Captain (WC) qualifications are part of the D-CS track.
7. Recommend join ASA and do ASA track if you plan to charter or prefer a more structured "classroom" approach. PSC teaches ASA-101, 103, 104, 105 and 118.
8. ASA is the only track to get certified to sail a catamaran (ASA-114 is not offered by PSC).

USNSA Qualification Track:

B-KBS > B-CS(N) > SC > WC > D-CS > D-SS

ASA Qualification Tracks:

ASA-101 > ASA 103 > ASA 104 > ASA 105 > ASA 106 > ASA 107 > ASA 108 (keelboat track)

ASA-101 > ASA 103 > ASA 104 > ASA 114 (Catamaran track)