

Scouting Ireland

Sea Training

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Scouting Ireland Sea Training is responsible for the nautical training of Leaders in Sea Scout Troops and in Sea Cub Packs, and for all aspects of Water Activity training in Scouting. This involves organising and running courses for rowing, sailing and power boating as required, and assessing candidates for Charge Certificates.

TRAINING COURSES

1. Boating courses / assessments for Charge Certificates.

Details of the Charge Certificate Scheme are given in Information Leaflet No 6. In ISA recognized centers, training and assessment for Irish Sailing Association certificates for small boat sailing and for power boating are also available. A number of Scout Leaders are qualified ISA Sailing and Powerboating Instructors, and also Shorebased Course Providers.

2. Shorebased Theory courses

Navigation and Meteorology, Water Safety, Marine Radio, First Aid Afloat.

3. Coastal and offshore sailing

This is a small but steadily growing segment of training activities. Three cruising yachts, with qualified Skippers, are available occasionally for training. Cruises are also arranged on commercial sail training vessels. In recent years Irish Sea Scout crews have taken part in a number of coastal/offshore cruises, as well as Tall Ships Races and Small Ships Races.

4. Watch Leader Training Courses

Courses for Watch Leaders and Assistants, directed to leadership and personal development, planning Watch activities, water safety (including the Boating Rules).

WOODBADGE TRAINING

Woodbadge Training is delivered by the Training Team. Details of the new SI Leader Training scheme can be found on the SI web-site - www.scouts.ie/training. Sea Scout Leaders attend the Woodbadge Training for Troop Scouters, with an additional module for Sea Scouters, dealing with the Sea Scout Award Scheme, the Boating Guidelines and with the creation of a nautical atmosphere in the Sea Scout Troop.

TRAINING CENTRES

The Brian Boru Activity Centre, Killaloe, is a Water Activity Centre on Lough Derg on the Shannon, and at present is the only such centre in Scouting Ireland. It has its own craft, jetty, and hostel accommodation. The centre is recognised by the Irish Sailing Association for dinghy sailing (Levels 1, 2 & 3) and for power boat training (Levels 1, 2, and Safety Boat).

Dunlaoghaire Sea Scout Centre is recognized for ISA dinghy sailing (Levels 1, 2 & 3), powerboating (Levels 1, 2 & 3), International Certificate of Competence (ICC) in sail and/or power and for ISA Yachtmaster Shorebased Courses.

Malahide Sea Scout Centre is also recognized for ISA powerboating courses.

CHARGE CERTIFICATES

For details of the Scouting Ireland Charge Certificate Scheme see Information Leaflet No 6. For details of Boating Limits see Information Leaflet No 5.

OUTSIDE QUALIFICATIONS - SI EQUIVALENTS OF ISA LEVELS

ISA Small Boat Sailing Scheme

This section is undergoing revision to align the new SI Adventure Badges for Sailing with the new ISA Small Boat Scheme (Ages 12 and over), and with the imminent Young Sailors Scheme (Ages 7 to 11).

ISA Powerboat Scheme

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| Level 1 | Introduction to Powerboating |
| Level 2 | National Powerboat Certificate |
| Level 3 | Advanced /Safety Boat /Recreational /Diveboat Certificates |

For large, displacement motor craft, the ISA recommends using the Yachtmaster Scheme for cruising at sea, and the Inland Waterway Scheme for inland cruising.

SI Charge Cert (Power) technical equivalents –

ISA Level 2 Power – SI Intermediate Charge Cert

ISA Level 3 Power – SI Advanced Charge Cert

Note – Most ISA Powerboat courses use planing boats. Traditionally, SI Power Certificate also requires experience of handling displacement craft.

ISA / IWAI Inland Waterways Scheme

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| Level 1 | Inland Waterway Motorboat Crew's Cert |
| Level 2 | Inland Waterway Motorboat Skipper's Cert |

SI Charge Cert (Power) technical equivalents –
ISA Level 2 Inland Waters – SI Intermediate Charge Cert

ISA Cruising Scheme (Power or Sail)

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| Level 1 | Competent Crew Cert (Sail) Helmsman Cert (Power) |
| Level 2 | Day Skipper (Sail or Power) |
| Level 3 | Yachtmaster Coastal (Sail or Power) |
| Level 4 | Yachtmaster Offshore (Sail or Power) |
| Level 5 | Yachtmaster Ocean |

SI Charge Cert technical equivalents –
ISA Level 2 - SI Advanced Charge Cert (Sail or Power)
ISA Level 3 - SI Coastal Cert
ISA Level 4 - SI Offshore Cert

ISA Personal Watercraft Scheme

ISA PWC Course certificate

Note that Statutory Instrument No. 259 of 2004 prohibits the use of PWCs by anyone under 16 years. Use of PWCs in Scouting is therefore very restricted. If senior Scouts, Venture Scouts or Leaders wish to undertake this activity, the Leader in charge should possess an SI Intermediate Charge Cert (Power) as well as an ISA PWC Cert. If the activity is in big estuaries or in coastal waters, the Leader should have an SI Advanced Charge Cert (Power).

ROWING

There is no National Control Body for Rowing, and therefore we set our own standards for Rowing Charge Certificates – see SI Charge Certificate Log Book.

Canoeing Ireland Awards & Qualification Scheme

Canoeing Ireland's Award and Qualification Scheme comprises awards and qualifications in kayaking (river kayaking), sea kayaking, and open canoeing.

The Scheme primarily consists of: Skills Awards, Instructor Qualifications and Coach Qualifications.

However the Scheme is further complemented by River Safety & Rescue Awards and Coastal Navigation Awards which are now an integral part of the Award and Qualification Scheme.

Summary of Instructor Qualifications

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| Kayaking | Level 1 Kayak Instructor | Qualified to lead and teach groups of kayakers on flat water within close proximity of their launch point. | Can assess for the Level 1 Skills Awards. |
| | Level 2 Kayak Instructor | Qualified to lead and teach on flat water journeys on inland and sheltered waters that remain close to bank/shore. | Can train and assess for the Level 1 and 2 Skills Awards. |
| | Level 3 Kayak Instructor | Qualified to lead and teach groups on Grade II rivers. | Can train and assess for Level 1 - 3 Skills Awards and run training for the Level 4 Skills Award. |
| | Level 4 Kayak Instructor | Qualified to lead and teach groups on Grade IV and advanced white water. | |
| Sea Kayaking | Level 3 Sea Kayak Instructor | Qualified to instruct and lead groups safely on coastal trips in moderate seas. | |
| | Level 4 Sea Kayak Instructor | Qualified to lead and teach groups on advanced sea journeys | |
| Open Canoeing | Level 1 Canoe Instructor | Qualified to instruct basic canoe skills on water of Grade I, difficulty, in Designated Lake Areas, or in Designated Sheltered Tidal Areas. | |
| | Level 2 Canoe Instructor | Qualified to instruct and lead groups on Grade I water. | |
| | Level 3 Canoe Instructor | Qualified to instruct and lead groups on Grade II water and within harbours and designated sheltered non - tidal areas. | Can assess for the Level 1 - 3 Canoe Skills Awards. |
| | Level 4 Canoe Instructor | Qualified to lead and instruct on water of Grade III and above. | |
| Level 5 Instructor | | | |
| The Level 5 Instructor Qualification recognises a level of excellence in coaching techniques. The water conditions a Level 5 Instructor is qualified to operate on are the same as for a Level 4 Instructor. | | | |