

OGYC Sail Fleet Program Overview 2011 Season

Club members over the age of 18 can captain boats in the Mercury and Ideal sail fleet once they fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) Attend the **Mandatory Sailors Meeting**. This is required each season. Typically this is offered 2 times per season in May or separately arranged with the Education Director on case by case basis for members coming into the club after that date.
- 2) Read, sign, and submit a copy of the **Sail Fleet Use Agreement** to Lou Casolo, Education Director. This Agreement and Addenda are located at OGYC.org under the Learn to Sail page, tab Fleet Use Agreement. This is required each season.
- 3) Obtain your **CT Safe Boating Card**. There are many ways to do this as outlined on the Learn to Sail web page.
- 4) Take a **Low Tide Tour**. This is only required once and members are welcome to repeat each year if they would like a refresher.
- 5) Become **certified to sail in light and/or heavy air** as described in the Sail Fleet Agreement. This US Sailing Association Small Boat Certification is a TEST of your skills and is not instructional.

Greenwich Community Sailing (GCS) is certifying our members on Saturday mornings throughout the summer and this is offered to you at no additional cost. Registration is through the OGYC online calendar on a first come first served basis. Space is limited to 12 members each Saturday and you need to reserve one week in advance. [Due to the demand for this program, a member can only sign up for 1 event at a time. If you do not become certified on the event date you originally signed up for you may retake the certification test on a future date where an opening exists. This may only be done by re-registering after the date of your original class.](#) The Education Director reserves the right to re-schedule member tests in the best interest of the club. *Please do not call GCS regarding these sessions as all information is located on the club calendar.* These are rain or shine events so dress for the appropriate weather and bring a PFD. If you desire to take private lessons to become certified, please contact GCS directly.

Once you complete these five steps listed above please email the club's Education Director so he can include your name in the boat check out book, the launch operators' list and provide you with the appropriate waterproof tag for your PFD (green for light air and red for heavy air). The launch operators are instructed to look for the tags if you plan to use one of the club boats.

Crew members do not need to be certified but are encouraged to be.

There are so many ways to be involved in the sailing program. OGYC has some mentoring sessions scheduled on Saturday mornings which are separate from the GCS certification program. Registration is also handled through the OGYC online calendar and space is limited.

Lastly, it is important to subscribe to the Learning Forum if you want to be notified about program events. This will also enable you to share information about the program.