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International Sailing Schools Association

The International Sailing Schools Association was established by sailing organisations from Austria, Canada, Germany, Finland, France, Holland, Poland, Spain and the UK in London in 1968. It was registered in **Switzerland on January 11, 1969**.

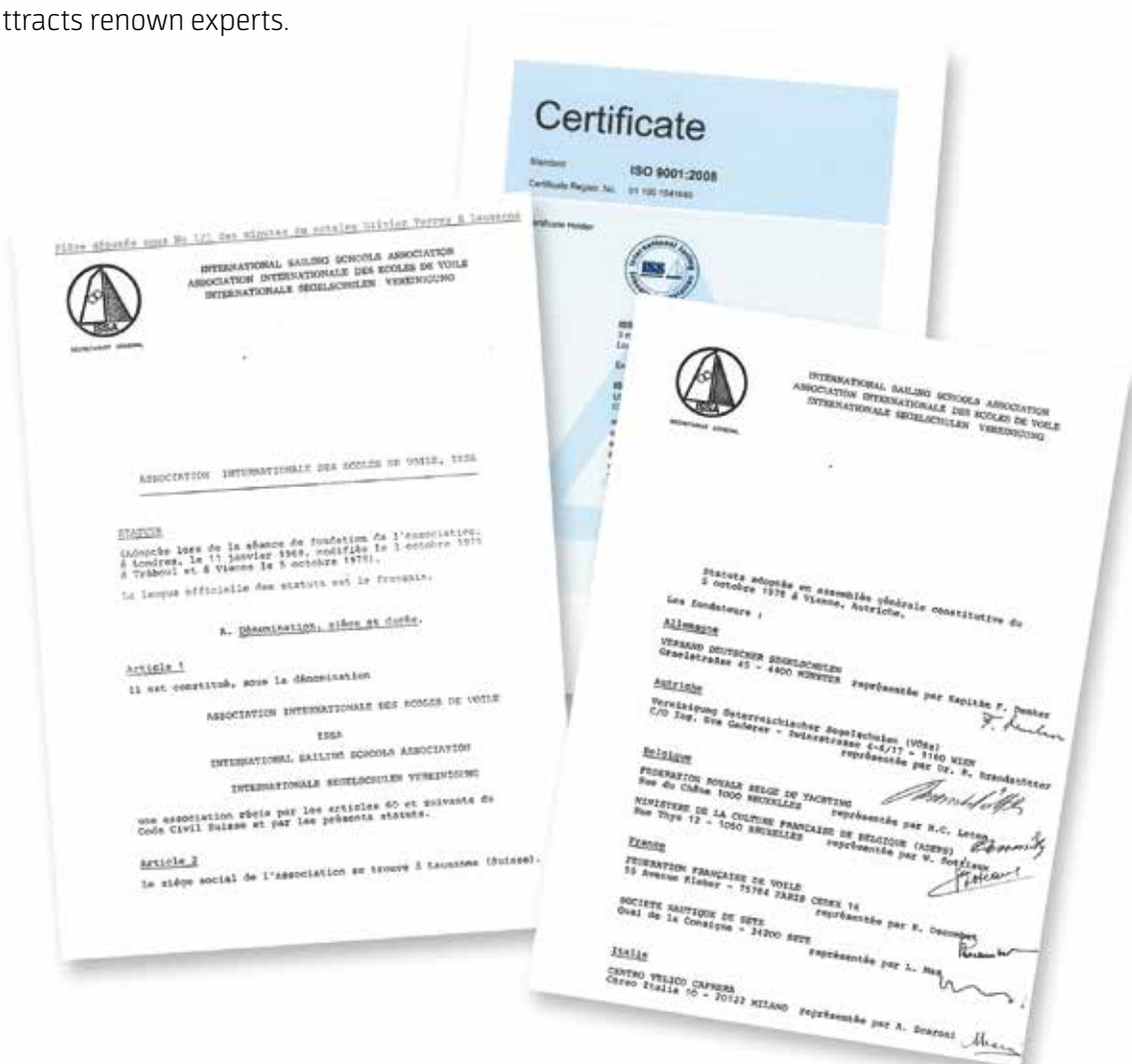
The ISSA is a non political and non religious organisation.

The ISSA promotes the development of sailing, with **high standards** of instruction and certification throughout the world.

In the first years, the organisation associated the biggest yachting federations from Europe and other continents. The members included French Sailing Federation (FFV), Royal Yachting Association from the UK, Canadian Yachting Association, United States Sailing Association or American Sailing Association just to mention a few examples.

Since the very beginning the ISSA was busy with setting **standards in teaching of sailing school students but also in instructor training**. The international team developed the master copies of logbooks that can still be found in many organisations in Europe and worldwide.

The ISSA is organizing general meetings every year providing a platform to exchange expertise and experience with leading edge organisations. The subjects of the conferences always include hot topics which attracts renown experts.



In the mid 90-ties the ISSA started to work with individual schools, whereas the national organizations were becoming more and more self-dependent and self-oriented.

The ISSA expanded onto Middle East, Australia, former Soviet Union countries, and focusing more on solutions and arrangements that would suite more individual schools rather than large nationwide federations. The ISSA still works with some large national or regional federations but its primary goal is to work with **individual schools** now.

2008 when the current President took over his position, Joan Basacoma (former Vicepresident of the Catalonian Sailing Federation), the ISSA was granted some funding from the Catalonian government. The resources were devoted on a market research done in the area of the Mediterranean Sea (Croatia, Greece, Italy and Spain). The results of the research created a ground to develop an action plan for the years to follow. The action plan was elaborated on basis of the needs expressed by the surveyed schools.

The action plan is being executed since 2009. The ISSA refreshed the teaching standards from the old times, completed and new quality control arrangements were introduced, instructor training programmes were launched.

The instructor training programmes include **very modern didactical techniques**, equipping the future instructors with efficient and effective skills to convey their knowledge and skills to their students - making them satisfied and encouraging to spread the news about the very successful approach to teaching.

One of the new arrangements covers „Update Training” which stands for a brief training for existing skippers to refresh or to strengthen their skills.

Since 2012 The ISSA started to organise **Festivals of Sails**, initially in Croatia but in 2013-14 in the area of the Southern Baltic Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

For over 10 years the ISSA had a status of Consultative Body at the European Council.



ISSA training system covers the following schemes:

- Training for kids (dinghies and keelboats);
- Training for cruising sailing yachts;
- Training for cruising power yachts;
- Training for professionals;
- Instructor training;
- Speciality courses (e.g. VHF, Radar, First Aid).



Working with the ISSA means:

- Working in an **international society**
- Using the **expertise** of the organisation and its members to facilitate one's own operations;
- **Being promoted** at international level;
- Having a **strong representative** at national or international level;
- **Working together with other industry partners** for the mutual benefits (schools, charter companies, insurance companies and rescue services).

The ISSA is very open for cooperation with any organisation and any initiative to promote yachting or to improve the safety and teaching standards.

ISSA training centres are located in:

- Athens, Greece
- Barcelona, Spain
- Beirut, Lebanon
- Brasschaat, Belgium
- Chisinau, Moldova
- Akko, Israel
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Kiev, Ukraine
- Korcula, Croatia
- Kolobrzeg, Poland
- Larnaca, Cyprus
- Marmaris, Turkey
- Minsk, Belarus
- Moscow, Russia
- Pichl bei Wels, Austria
- Pucket, Thailand
- St. Peterburg, Russia
- Szczecin, Poland
- Torino, Italy
- Trogir, Croatia
- Warsaw, Poland
- Wilmington, USA

ISO 9001 - The ISSA certification management and processing complies with the ISO 9001 standards. The audit was done by TUV-Rheinland

ISSA Accreditation System

- Accreditation is offered only to schools that are members of ISSA and have paid the present year subscription fee;
- Accreditation is granted upon successful inspection made by authorized ISSA inspector;
- In order to be able to provide training for ISSA Sailing ID cards, the school needs to have at least one authorized instructor;
- The student forms for SID cards are processed via electronic document processing system.
- The accreditation has to be renewed every 5 years maximum or sooner if major modifications were done in school or due to other justified reasons indicated by ISSA.

Inspection for Accreditation

- In order to apply for inspection, one should send a query to the ISSA's office address: issa@sailingschools.org;
- The office will set the date for the inspection at the school;
- The inspection may take place only after the inspection charge fee is recorded on ISSA bank account;
- The school is responsible for covering the costs of inspectors travel, food and accommodation;
- The standard of accommodation and food provided for the inspector can be the same as the one provided to the school's students;
- The accreditation is granted by the ISSA Administrative Council on basis of the Chief Inspector's recommendation.

Instructor authorization

- An instructor can obtain ISSA's authorization in two ways:
 - attend a full time instructors' training
 - attend one day conversion training if they are experienced and possess local official instructor license
- Every 5 years the instructors are asked to participate in update sessions.
- Dates and locations of update sessions will be displayed on the ISSA website;

Full time instructor's training

- Dates and locations of full time instructor training are published on the ISSA's website;
- One day conversion training can be arranged in any location where:
 - suitable yacht is made available for regular training;
 - waters are navigable and suitable for regular sea training;
- The one day conversion training is offered to present instructors with at least 3 years practice in yachting instructing.
- Instructor attending the conversion course should be recommended for the course by a school applying for accreditation
- The conversion group can not be bigger than 4 instructors at a time
- The costs of travelling, food and accommodation are covered by the school arranging the conversion training.
- List of current inspectors should be displayed on ISSA's website

Sailing ID Cards

- ISSA Sailing ID Cards can be issued by authorized instructors working in accredited schools
- Authorized instructors can provide training and test their students at the following levels
 - Yacht Crew
 - Inshore Skipper
 - Offshore Skipper
- Authorized instructors can provide training but can not examine for:
 - Master of Yacht
- Exams for Master of Yacht can be made by authorized examiners
- List of authorized local examiners will be published on ISSA website
- The ISSA SID cards can be viewed on the ISSA website - one needs to enter the complete number (including preceding letters) of the SID card to view the front page of the license - for example FS0001.

Safety, fun and culture

The main mission of the ISSA is to promote yachting as a leisure activity. Skippers trained by the ISSA accredited schools can join the fun. There is more and more of this kind of events from year to year.

The professional instructors from the ISSA schools will take care of your and your crew.

- Briefing every morning,
- Meteo support all the time,
- Help with moorings,
- Party every evening.

Look at the ISSA website and contact your ISSA school.

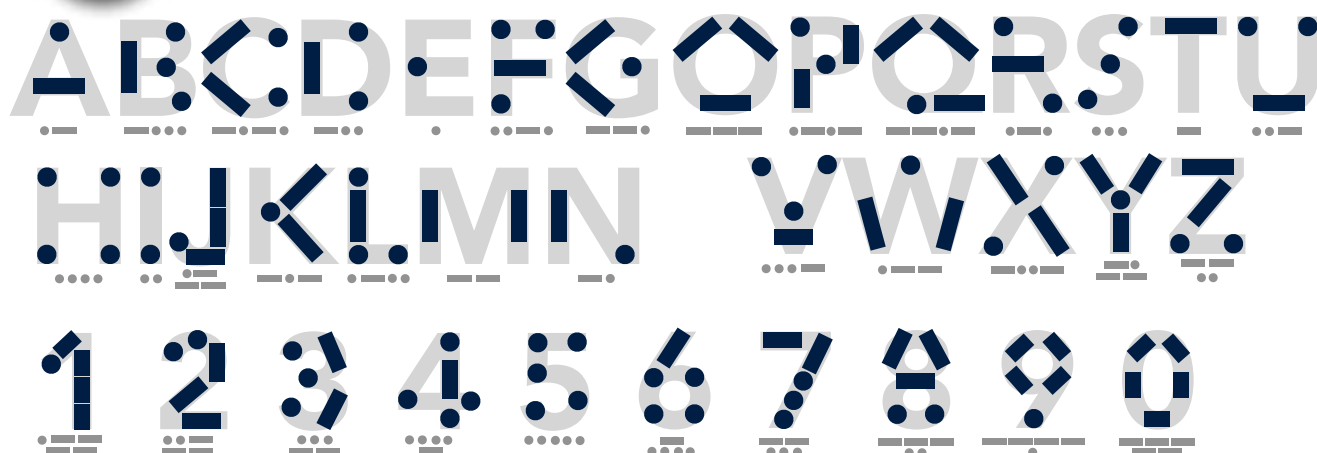


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SRC TRAINING MATERIALS

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ISSA Certificate Samples



ISSA Partners

The ISSA strongly promotes cooperation with other organisations involved in yachting:

- Yacht producers
- Yachting accessories producers
- Insurance companies
- Local authorities
- Tourist organisations
- Yacht charter companies
- Publishing houses
- Search and Rescue services
- Organisations aimed at international cooperation





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Long term ISSA training

The ISSA provides long terms training for youths. The training covers 3 months of intensive education. The programme includes:

- Developing swimming skills;
- Theory of maintenance work;
- Practical maintenance skills;
- Yacht Crew training plan;
- Inland Skipper training plan;
- Sea sailing practice;
- Basic regatta skills;
- Inshore Skipper training plan;
 - navigation;
 - theory of sailing;
 - meteorology;
 - Collregs;
 - yacht handling under engine and under sail;
- First aid training;

Training is run by professional ISSA instructors.





Kołobrzeg

Festival of Sails

Everyone is welcome to join us:

A school - We can help to promote your school and help to establish longlasting relations with the ISSA society that comprises of enthusiastic and yachting dedicated individuals.

Local authorities or local NGOs - We have established a lot of solid relations with local authorities and other organizations to promote selected regions with mutual benefits. Local partners help to make the events more attractive in terms of artist and media support

Companies, both related and not related to yachting, make it possible to provide awards to every single participant of the festivals



Darłowo



The offer for ISSA schools: Düsseldorf

ISSA has been present in Düsseldorf, at the world's largest fair under the roof - about 250,000 visitors - for a couple of years now. During the fair at the beginning of 2016 we were invited to conduct a series of presentations concerning training of the instructors. Our presentations have attracted many viewers. In 2017, the ISSA stand occupies a much larger area than previously. We have received an interesting offer to use more exhibition space in order to share it with our schools. Each school will have its own box of equal size. Financial conditions are also very encouraging. We invite all the Polish ISSA schools that are thinking about acquiring their clients internationally.



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The ISSA accredited schools run SRC radio training.

The training takes 1 day

Training complies with International Telecommunication Union standards

Classes in local language - test in English

Only useful information



ISSA Training Materials

We encourage ISSA schools and instructors to use the training materials.

Kits include:

- presentations
- script
- tests
- handbooks for Instructors

Those interested, please contact our WArsw office:

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ISSA activities to promote yachting society

ISSA conferences

- Presentations of high class experts on important topics
- Discussions on hot subjects
- Opportunity to get answers to difficult questions

Exchange of students

- Possibility to learn other country's culture
- Get experience with instructors from other regions
- Make friends in other countries

Trainer Meetings

- Keeping the system alive and up-to-date
- Maintain constant standards
- Continues upgrading of trainer skills





International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

POMERANIA FLEET



Pomerania Fleet ODRA 2016

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Pomerania Fleet is a fleet associating Polish, German and Swedish Rotarian-sailors within the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

The IYFR charter took place in October of 2015. The headquarters of the fleet is located in Szczecin, the capital of the Pomerania Euroregion. Currently the fleet includes 40 sailors but the number is constantly growing. Among the members are also members of the Rotaract – a Rotary youth. Thus, it is the only fleet in the world, which combines mature Rotarians with their younger colleagues.

In May 2016 the first Rotary Pomerania Fleet Regatta for the Cup of the President of the Pomerania Euroregion took place. Players competed on the Dabie Lake, the fourth largest in the Poland.

The youngest project of the Pomerania Fleet is the Polish-German Powerboat Youth Camp "Odra 2016", which took place in mid August. Project was designed for young

people aged 18 to 26 years living on both sides of the Oder. During the whole nine days participants had the opportunity to become familiar with the secrets of navigation on inland waterways. Classes consisted of several stages including theoretical and practical training. The experience was gained on Weekend 820 powerboats on the waters of the Odra and Warta rivers. Students have crossed more than 300 kilometers. Experienced skippers conducted the training and the ISSA Vice President Tomasz Lipski over watched the whole course. At the end, every participant was granted with the ISSA Inland Power Yacht Skipper certificate. Nobody "flunked", so the family of sailors has grown by a large number. The camp was organized with the support of the Pomerania Fleet, the Rotary clubs from the Poland and Germany, the ISSA and the Polish-German Youth Cooperation organization.

Pomerania Fleet currently opens to the senior sailors. Among the most recent projects, there is one dedicated to activate old sailors and encourage them to return to the rivers, seas and oceans. The experience of those "sea wolves" is priceless, as they can share it with younger lovers of sailing. Projects will be continued and new, needed ones are under preparation. Come and join us.

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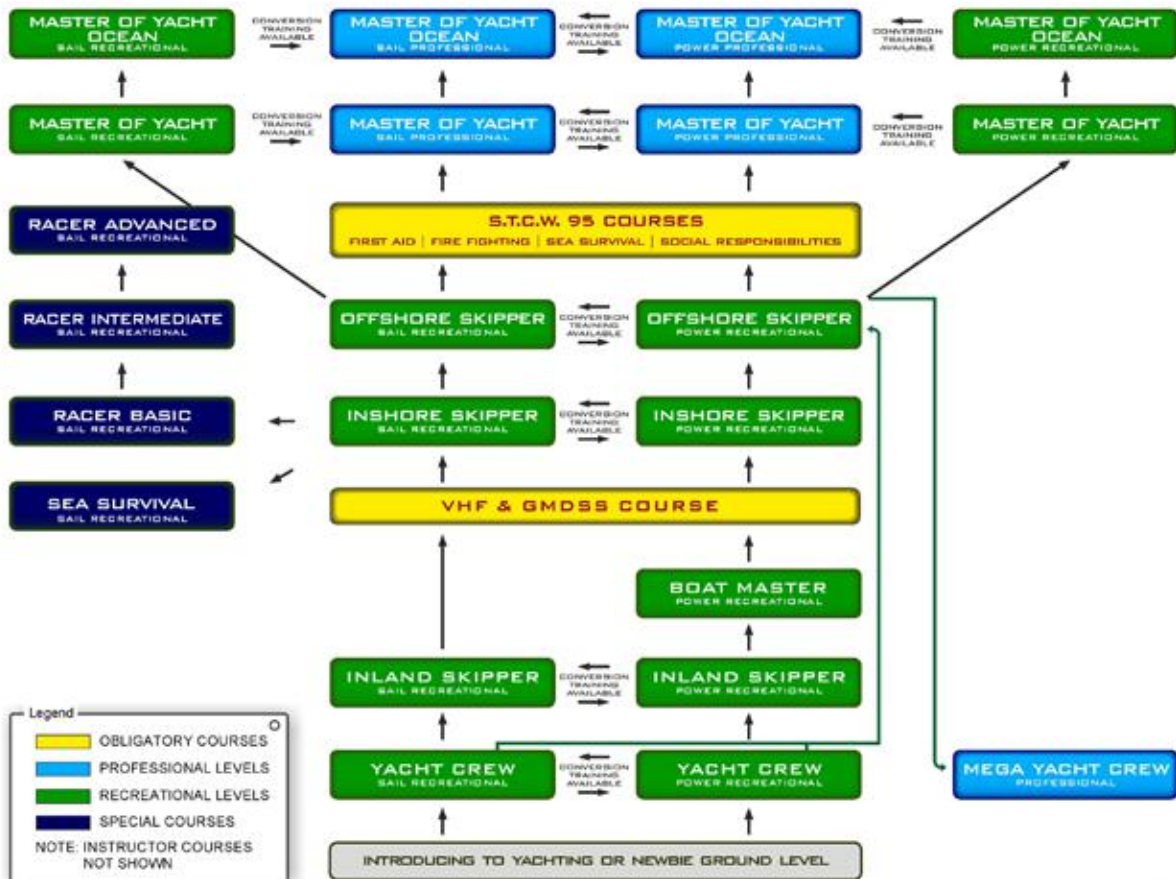


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ISSA TREE OF LEVELS OF COMPETENCE

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Endorsements

ISSA LEVEL	MAX L.O.A.	TIME OF NAVIGATION	DISTANCE FROM SHELTER	WIND FORCE
ISSA YACHT CREW SAIL RECREATIONAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ISSA YACHT CREW POWER RECREATIONAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ISSA INLAND SKIPPER SAIL RECREATIONAL	15 m.	DAYTIME	inland w.; sw. up to 2 n.m.	up to 6 Bf
ISSA INLAND SKIPPER POWER RECREATIONAL	15 m.	DAYTIME	inland w.; sw. up to 2 n.m.	up to 6 Bf
ISSA BOAT MASTER POWER RECREATIONAL	12 m.	DAYTIME	up to 10 n.m.	up to 6 Bf
ISSA INSHORE SKIPPER SAIL RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAYTIME	up to 20 n.m.	up to 6 Bf
ISSA INSHORE SKIPPER POWER RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAYTIME	up to 20 n.m.	up to 6 Bf
ISSA OFFSHORE SKIPPER SAIL RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAY & NIGHT	up to 100 n.m.	∞
ISSA OFFSHORE SKIPPER POWER RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAY & NIGHT	up to 100 n.m.	∞
ISSA MASTER OF YACHT SAIL RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞
ISSA MASTER OF YACHT POWER RECREATIONAL	24 m.	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞
ISSA MASTER OF YACHT SAIL PROFESSIONAL	∞	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞
ISSA MASTER OF YACHT POWER PROFESSIONAL	∞	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞
ISSA MASTER OF YACHT OCEAN SAIL RECREATIONAL	∞	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞
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ISSA MASTER OF YACHT OCEAN POWER PROFESSIONAL	∞	DAY & NIGHT	∞	∞



ISSA Instructors Training:

Phase one:

Preliminary assessment of candidates: Do they comply with the requirements for an ISSA instructor (the level of ISSA Offshore Skipper)

Phase two:

Levelling of sailing skills - going through the selected areas

Phase three:

Theoretical preparation (how to run a class + some psychological tips)

Phase four:

Coaching

- training is run by ISSA trainer;
- going through all the levels of our syllabi (Yacht Crew, Inshore Skipper, Offshore Skipper, Master of Yacht);
- participants run training sessions;
- every session is evaluated by other participants (in this way they learn how to access their future students)

Phase five:

Practice - practical training in an ISSA accredited school. Assessment by another active ISSA instructor

Phase six:

Exam

ISSA Trainer Meetings

A selected team of ISSA trainers meets every year to:

- review the teaching standards
- update the teaching syllabi
- exchange experience
- set guidelines for the future





Annual General Meetings in the past

1969 - London, the UK

1973 - Finales, Italy

1974 - Enkhuizen, Holland

1975 - Brest, France

1976 - Neufachtel, Switzerland

1977 - Warsaw, Poland

1978 - Wien, Austria

1979 - Quiberon, France

1980 - Largs, Scotland

1981 - Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1982 - Tetouan, Morocco

1983 - Cowes, England

1984 - Bombannes, France

1985 - Helsinki, Finland

1986 - Montreal, Canada

1987 - Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1988 - Alger, Algeria

1989 - La Rochelle, France

1990 - Tumendorf, Germany

1991 - Gols, Austria

1992 - Caprera Sardinia, Italy

1995 - Hamburg, Germany

1996 - Brighthelm, England

1997 - Marstrand, Sweden

1998 - Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1999 - Athens, Greece

2000 - Edinburgh, Scotland

2001 - Paris, France

2002 - Rome, Italy

2003 - Dublin, Ireland

2004 - Paris, France

2005 - Singapore, Singapore

2006 - Helsinki, Finland

2007 - Barcelona, Spain

2008 - Wien, Austria

2009 - Midlands, England

2010 - Istanbul, Turkey

2011 - Poznań, Poland

2012 - Łódź, Poland

2013 - Berlin, Germany

2014 - Marmaris, Turkey

2016 - Düsseldorf

WHY TO JOIN THE ISSA?

Providing world-class sail training

The level of experience differs among training participants and that requires an individual approach. ISSA is renowned for their high-end Instructors training so that the sailing passion of sail training participants is in good and reliable hands.

Innovative training programmes

At ISSA we constantly think of upskilling. In June 2014 we introduced Rescue Skipper Training for those who want to be able to undertake professional life-saving actions both inland and offshore. With ISSA Accreditation You can offer a Rescue Skipper Courses.

Providing versatile skills in the demanding market

Holistic and individual training approach make Your Instructors become confident and aware staff.

Worldwide Recognizable Certificates of competence

With ISSA Accreditation You offer internationally recognized qualifications accepted by Charter Agencies and Boat Owners worldwide.

Superior Instructors training formula to provide world-class sail trainings

The level of experience differs among training participants and that requires an individual approach. ISSA is renowned for their high-end Instructors training.

Improved practical skills

Holistic and individual training approach will make You become confident and aware skipper.

Charter Agencies Benefits

There are many operators and boat owners who feel safe chartering to ISSA Skippers.

Festivals of Sails

There is nothing better than meeting experienced ISSA Skippers and Instructors during one of our Festivals and participating the regatta. Festivals provide a great opportunity to promote your school





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The ISSA is to set teaching standards and to promote safe yachting. But we never forget about students of the ISSA schools. There is always a big number of individuals that still hesitate to skipper a yacht on their own even if they have gone through a comprehensive and thorough training - this is just the way they are. We respect this! Specially for you we arrange extra training:

- so that you can review your skills with help of our instructors;
- perfect the areas where you might feel not so good as you wished you were
- to give you extra confidence



First Step

The ISSA Festivals of Sails provide an excellent opportunity for „first-time“ skippers to get their own skipper experience.

- Your ISSA schools can arrange a yacht for you - usually at terms better than you would get when contacting the charter company on your own;
- ISSA coordinator (which most often would be your ISSA school instructor) will meet you every day morning for a briefing to discuss: weather conditions, the daily route and give you some hints;
- You will be debriefed every afternoon/evening to learn about your good practices and to hear what could be possibly improved in your everyday routine;
- There will be always somebody on a yacht nearby to help you to warn you or to advise when something unexpected appears or if you happen to have some doubts.



ISSA Instructor Scheme

Instructor Qualification	Can teach and examine to
Instructor Assistant	Yacht Crew
Inland Sail Instructor	Yacht Crew, Inland Skipper
Sea Sail Instructor	Yacht Crew, Inshore Skipper, Offshore Skipper
Inland Power Instructor	Yacht Crew, Inland Power Skipper
Sea Power Instructor	Yacht Crew, Inshore Power Skipper, Offshore Power Skipper
Dinghy Instructor	Dinghy level 1, 2 and 3
Keelboat Instructor	Keelboat level 1, 2 and 3
Windsurfing Instructor	Windsurfing level 1, 2 and 3
Rescue instructor	Rescue Skipper
Sail Trainer	Yacht Crew, Inland Sail Skipper, Inshore Sail Skipper, Offshore Sail Skipper, Sail Master of Yacht, Inland Sail Instructor, Sea Sail Instructor
Power Trainer	Yacht Crew, Inland Power Skipper, Inshore Power Skipper, Offshore Power Skipper, Power Master of Yacht, Power Inland Instructor, Power Sea Instructor
Dinghy Trainer	Dinghy level 1, 2 and 3, Dinghy Instructor
Keelboat trainer	Keelboat level 1, 2 and 3, Keelboat Instructor
Windsurfing Trainer	Windsurfing level 1, 2 and 3, Windsurfing Instructor
Rescue Instructor Trainer	Rescue Skipper Instructor



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