

Adult Learn to Sail

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the class?

The twelve-week course is offered on 3 different days – on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights. Classes start the first week of June and end usually, the last week in August. The classes start at 6 p.m. and last roughly until dusk (approximately 2 ½ hours). There is also a one day long "shore class" in May.

Who takes the class?

Some people, who have taken the class, have sailed some (either as a guest or crew) or sailed as a kid. Others have never sailed. Students have ranged from 21 to 70 years old. Most students are in their late 30's, 40's and early 50's. Some students are single and others are married. Some father and son, father and daughter, and boyfriend and girlfriend combos have taken the class together. You do not have to be a member of the club to take the lessons. There are 36 spots in this year's class.

What is the ratio between students and instructors?

Three students are assigned to one instructor. The Instructors are experienced sailors, who belong to the club and volunteer their time to teach.

What type of boat do you sail on?

Students sail on 19 ft. Flying Scots that belong to the club.

Are there any prerequisites?

You must be able to swim to take the lessons. A swim test is given at the Grosse Pointe North High school, in May. You also must provide your own PFD (Personal Flotation Device).

How much does it cost?

The tuition is \$480. If you are or are the spouse, parent or child of a member there is a 20% discount. On-line and paper application options are available on the Adult Learn to Sail website pages.

For additional information:

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