

AASC Skipper/ASA101 Basic Keelboat Sailing Course

The Skipper Course teaches students to skipper a 20' – 27' sloop-rigged keelboat by day and night, in light to moderate winds and sea conditions. The knowledge taught in the AASC Crew Class will be re-enforced with emphasis on the command and responsibility of a boat skipper. The course is taught with five on-the-water (OTW) skill classes and is based on the ASA 101 Basic Keelboat course with additional requirements that are specifically needed to check out and skipper the AASC boats.

Students must provide proof of passing the Texas Boating Safety Course prior to the skipper evaluation. Online options (BoatUS – free or Boat-ed – \$20) are available for experienced boaters (See Links below). Newer boaters would find the 6-8 hour classrooms with hands-on experiential learning more satisfying. Check with the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla schedule for course offerings. Their fee is \$35 (\$25 Tuition plus \$10 TPWD Certificate).

Skippers who pass this course will be given instructions on how to check out the Capri (our smallest sail boat) for their personal use. To check out the other club boats, the club's skippers require additional training and experience.

Anyone who joins the club already having ASA101 will be required to take the course and pass the AASC skills evaluation before being allowed to check

out the club boats. They do not need to take the ASA written exam.

Prerequisites

AASC member in good standing

Requires Sail Captain confirmation that the student has mastered the crew course or other qualified course and is ready for ASA training/evaluation

The student must obtain a minimum score of 80% on the ASA written knowledge prior to beginning the OTW classes.

Course fees

\$230

>\$35 for “Sailing Made Easy” book If not already obtain with the crew course

\$50 for ASA Membership and 101 Keelboat Certification upon successful completion of the skipper evaluation

>\$25 per full month prorated until the end of the calendar year for AASC skipper dues

Links

[Texas Parks and Wildlife online Boater Safety Course](#)

[Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Boater Safety Course](#)