

2012 Island Sailing Club Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2012 Island Sailing Club (ISC) Scholarship. The ISC Scholarship is a one-year membership to Island Sailing Club provided by ISC and OWSA. Each year, four OWSA members are awarded the scholarship, and share a club membership.

Each scholarship recipient receives a Basic Keelboat Class through ISC. A passing grade must be received before taking out a boat. If scholarship recipients have their Basic Keelboat certification at the time of award, they may take the Coastal Cruising Class. Members have full access to ISC yachts in Portland, Olympia, and Seattle. In addition, members receive discounts on additional classes.

The ISC scholarship gives OWSA members the opportunity to build sailing skills and confidence as a skipper. ISC members experience the decision-making process of planning outings, gathering crew, and choosing activities and/or destinations. ISC takes care of boat maintenance. Just make a reservation.

Recipients agree to a two-year commitment for this program. The first year, recipients enjoy the membership. The second year, recipients serve as mentors, and assist new recipients. Recipients are required to take out ISC boats for Wednesday Night Sail and additional OWSA activities.

Other things to consider when applying:

1. In April or May, recipients will take and pass an ISC Basic Keelboat class (class is free and included in the scholarship).
2. If scholarship recipients already have their Basic Keelboat certification at the time of award, they may take the Coastal Cruising course. Challenging the Basic course will not be an option.
3. Recipients who wish to receive ASA certification for the ISC sailing class will pay a \$39 fee to ISC.
4. After passing the class, recipients will have access to boats 20' to 23'. Larger boats (24' to 27') are available if recipient takes Basic Coastal class.
5. Recipients will need to learn how to start and trouble shoot outboard engines.
6. Recipients will skipper an ISC boat weekly and participate in all OWSA sailing events, such as Wednesday Night Sail and Race Series.
7. Each recipient is responsible for any damage that they incur on an ISC boat, up to \$1,500. (This may be covered on your homeowners or renters insurance policy - please check). Recipients are also liable for damage to a third party vessel.

The ISC scholarship provides the means for hands-on learning and another opportunity for OWSA

members to sail. Additionally, the OWSA Board views the scholarship as a way to recognize members who support OWSA through volunteering and involvement in OWSA activities. To be considered, you must have joined OWSA prior to March 31st, 2011. Preference will be given those with a history of volunteering.

Complete the letter of application below and return to: rearcommodore@owsa.net
Or print out and send the application to: Rear Commodore, PO Box 17615, Portland, OR 97217

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by March 19, 2012.

2012 recipients will be announced at the April General Meeting.

Island Sailing Club Scholarship Letter of Application

I. Enter your name, address, phone number and email address:

II. Please answer the following with yes or no:

1. I have been a member of OWSA at least since March 31st, 2011 and am current with my membership dues.
2. I have completed at least one OWSA Education Class.
3. I am willing to increase sailing skills & knowledge.
4. I am willing to share a boat with three other members.
5. I will commit to participate with an ISC boat in Wednesday Night Sails and other OWSA activities.
6. I will commit to completing a basic sailing class through Island Sailing Club.
7. I will commit to 2 years participation (Year 1 as recipient, Year 2 as mentor).
8. I currently own a boat.

III. Please tell us about yourself and your sailing experience:

1. Describe your past sailing experience, present sailing goals and how this experience would help you meet those goals.
2. Sailing includes the ability to successfully solve problems that occur when you're out on the water. What skills do you have to master on-the-water problem solving?
3. Describe your involvement with OWSA, including activities and volunteer roles.
4. Describe what ideas or plans you have to share what you've learned from this experience with the OWSA membership.
5. Which describes you best and explain - When learning something new, I prefer lots of instruction and help or I like instruction but am good at figuring things out myself.