



Sailing Club



Saturday Sailing



Overview

UWF offers sailing clinics for all students, faculty and staff out of the Pensacola Yacht Club, Saturdays 10am-4pm. Register in the HLS Facility at the Customer Service Desk. Then be at the club 10am sharp with your Nautilus Card and meet in front of the UWF Sailing Center, ready to learn and get wet. We are guests of the Pensacola Yacht Club with the condition that you are under the supervision of the UWF sailing attendant, so if you arrive late and don't see the attendant, they are on the water and you need to return another day.

Time Commitment

Participants need to be at PYC by 10am sharp if they arrive to late they may miss the boat and will need to return another day. Participants need to be prepared to be on the water until 3:30pm with clean up lasting until 4pm. Participants will not be taken back to the dock early unless they have previously discussed special circumstances.

Cost

Students, faculty, and staff have come to open sailing for free 2 times per semester after that they must pay club dues (\$20 per year). Non-students must pay the \$5 guest fee per day on the water.

Weather

Sailing can be canceled at any time depending on the weather. If sailing is canceled the front desk in the HLS faculty will be notified.

Experience

All experience levels are welcome. However, participants will need to help sail the boats they are on, participants will learn the basics of sailing through hands on experience.

Location

The UWF Sailing Club are hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club, located downtown at 1897 Cypress St. Take I110 South to Garden St west, left onto Barrancas Ave, left onto South M St, Left onto Cypress St, into white fenced PYC on right.

Attire

Prepare for being wet and in the elements. Bring closed toed-shoes, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, towel, and a hat. In warm weather wear a bathing suit, shorts, t-shirt, towel. In cold weather wear warm layers (such as fleece, no cotton!), extra socks.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I bring someone under the age of 18?

Yes, but minors must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver for them. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted.

Can I leave early?

No, the boats are on the water until 3:30pm (weather permitting) with clean up lasting until 4pm. If you have a special circumstance it must be discussed with a sail attendant before attending open sailing.

How far away is Pensacola Yacht Club?

Around a 20-30 minute drive.

Will transportation be provided?

Transportation is not provided, but rides can be given from campus and availability depends on the day. You may be required to leave up to 2 hours early and stay late depending on your driver.

Will food be provided?

No, but feel free to bring a snack to enjoy while on the water.

Is there a dress code?

Yes, PYC requires that while on land everyone must wear a shirt, and shorts or pants, over a bathing suit, shorts need to be of appropriate length. UWF requires participants to wear shoes at all times while on land and a life jacket at all times while on the water.

Do I need to know how to sail to come out?

No, participants will learn the basics of sailing (advanced lessons are available) and all experience levels are welcome, but participants will need to help while sailing the boat.

Is sailing dangerous?

Like any outdoor sport, sailing has risks. However, the attendants are experienced sailors, and beginners sail in a protected bay in generally fair weather. If you cannot swim, have a serious medical condition or allergies let a sail attendant know before you go out on the water.