



Sailstar information

History

Sailstar was founded 2010 with dinghy sailing education for children and adults. The place was Skärgårdsstad and Stensnäs north of Åkersberga. Since then, the business has expanded. We have written two education books and a third is on our way. Courses have been arranged at Ljusterö, inside Lilla Essingen and many on Gistholmen in Stockholm archipelago. It is not impossible for us to come back there for a couple of weeks of the season 2019. 2015 we started our Mediterranean courses and 2016 our windsurfing courses in Stockholm. 2018 we expanded with courses in 24 foot sailboats, brand new Diva 24SC that we have tailored to adapt to our course activities. Through the 2018 season we have had more than 2,400 participants at our courses. The season 2019 we expand with courses in Tenerife!

Founder

Founder and leader of Sailstar is Tomas Sandström. Tomas has sailed since the late 1970s and has participated in a number of national, European and World Cup competitions, and still does, with a fourth place in the European Championship and a tenth place at the World Cup in RS Aero. He is the instructor of all sizes of boats within Sailstars courses. Tomas has a large number of leaders with him, including Theodor Ingman, Mathias Tengstrand, Saga Ahltin Sandberg, Annika Björin, Oskar Jedeskog, Filip Lindblad, Cornelia Holm. Many of Sailstar's instructors have Yachtsman's diploma Class VIII.



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Pure sailing

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Who participates?

Sailstars courses are open to everyone from the age of 16 years (or younger together with the parent), the only requirement is that you can swim 200 meters. At our courses we have had ages ranging from 5 years to over 70 years. The dinghy courses are somewhat physically demanding, we sail in most winds, capsizing is included in the course and sometimes you need to "hike", that is, to hang outside the boat. The courses in the keel boats, small and large, are less physical, but even there you need to pull ropes of different kinds and move in a cockpit and a boat. The sailing courses on our large boats focus on sailing and handling large boats but have a lot of social impact when staying on the boats during the courses.

Our boats

The boats we sail are Laser BUG, a one-man dinghy big enough for adults (max weight 165 kg) and RS Zest, a two-man dinghy that can be sailed with one man. (Max weight 225 kg) RS Zest we do also sail in Tenerife.

The smaller keel boats we sail are the new Diva 24SC that we have tailored for Sailstar, with a very large cockpit and with a proper toilet, despite the boat's small size.

Dimensions 7.26 x 2.50 m, displacement about 1000 kg.

In Tenerife, we sail some smaller keel boats, Sigma 19, which is an open more dinghy-like boat measuring 6.0 x 2.5 m, displacement about 450 kg.

Our big sailboats are the Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 440, which we sail in Croatia, new to 2018, and even her we have put our own stamp on with a full size main, genoa and a Code 0 with 4 cabins plus a bunk in the saloon. Displacement 8.5 tons.

In Sweden we sail a Beneteau 50 which is somewhat older but constantly updated. 15.5 ton displacement makes her our biggest sailor.



Courses

Sailstar arranges introductory and basic courses as well as some advanced courses and exercises. Our goal is that after the basic course you will be able to rig your boat (hoist sail), launch it if it's a dinghy, be able to sail out of the harbor (all boats), understand how to steer and sheet and get around an island and then come back to the harbour, the marina or pull the boat on a ramp (dinghy). For the keel boat courses you should also be able to handle the boat at the port and handle navigation helpfully. The introductory courses are two days, the first two days on a basic course. To attend an introductory course, please contact us at Sailstar, so we can register for any basic course, but you only attend the first two days. The basic courses we arrange are four days (Sweden and Tenerife) or six days (weekly courses in Croatia and Tenerife).

Course contents

- The basics of sailing, sailing in different directions
- The basics of sailing, go higher and lower
- The basics of sailing tacking, gybing, wind eye
- Winds, wind forces, read winds
- Read weather, interpret a forecast *
- Terms of sailing
- Safety, man-over-board (man-over-board not on dinghy courses) *
- Knots
- Throw lasso *
- Give-way rules
- Rigging
- Sail care *
- Navigation (partly, it is not a navigation course) *
- Boat handling, manoeuvring and docking, anchoring (anchorage not dinghy) *
- Trimming (some parts), cunningham, boom outhaul, kick, rigging, balance in the boat *
- Practice, sailing. For dinghy seal, capsizing is added.

* Not included in the introductory course

The course day is seven to eight hours.

Sailing diploma degree a and 2, Seglarintyg 1 & 2

The undergraduate course gives you the opportunity to obtain Sailing Certificate 1 issued by NFB and if you already have a Yachtsman's diploma (Förarintyg) and Sailing Certificate 1, the basic course entitles you to obtain Sailing Certificate 2. (Does not apply to the dinghy courses). Both have an additional price of 300: - plus any blue book of 50: - The basic course at Sailstar gives you 10% discount on Mediterranean courses and 15% discount on other courses.

Prices

- Introductory course, two days SEK 3.250 *
- Basic course dinghy four days, (2 + 2 days), SEK 4.950 *
- Basic course midsize sailboat, keelboat, four days, SEK 4.950 *
- Basic course large sail yacht, keelboat, four days, SEK 6.450 **
- Basic course large sail yacht, Croatia, 6 days, SEK 8.450 ***
- Hire boat after completion of basic course, SEK 1.500 per day, start cost SEK 500
- Continuing courses and training, contact us

Prices including VAT

* The courses are daily courses, no lodging or food included. Bring your food bag and drinks to the course.

** The price includes basic course in sailing, accommodation on the boat for three nights. Food is added to cost price of 400: - and a dinner we eat at one of Stockholm Archipelago's taverns.

*** Price includes basic course, boat rental seven nights Saturday-Saturday and boat rental.

Additionally, travel to Trogir, food at cost price and part of harbour rentals.

We co-operate with

We are happy to co-operate with:

- Amarilla Sailing Club in Tenerife, we use their location, location and boats in Tenerife.
- RS Boats, We love to sail RS Boats! In addition to sailing RS Zest on our courses, we are sailing RS Aero at the elite level and our day-runner is a RS Elite.
- Jollesport, we use their Laser BUG on our dinghy courses.
- Fabola Boats, Diva are the smaller powerboats we use at courses in Stockholm.

Gift card

We sell gift cards with a value of a corresponding course or parts thereof. The gift card is valid during two years.

Booking, payment and others

In connection with the registration, you pay a booking fee of SEK 1,500- (for dinghy courses and courses in midsize keelboats (Diva 24)) and SEK 2,000- (large boat courses and Croatia courses, overnight courses). This fee will be paid by card or with Swish at the time of notification. At the same time as the confirmation letter, you will receive an invoice for the remaining amount of the course. Remaining amount, you will also pay by card or swish. We use Dinkurs.se to handle our course bookings. The course fee will be paid approximately 2 weeks before the start of the course (for overnight courses no later than 4 weeks before). The final registration is for basic courses in dinghy and less sailboat one week before course start, for large boat courses two weeks before and for our courses in Croatia and Tenerife four weeks before. We recommend to book as early as possible to be sure of a place. In case of cancellation that can be done two weeks before the start of the course and 4 weeks before the start of the course (overnight courses), the booking fee will not be refunded but the remaining course fee. If cancelled after these dates, no fee will be refunded. If Sailstar sets the course, we will refund the entire paid course fee if we can not solve it by moving the course date. Participation in the courses is at your own risk. The course participant undertakes to swim at least 200 meters in open water. Sailstar has a liability insurance for the company and insurances for our boats and material. For our international courses, we have provided a travel guarantee.