

2018 Island Sailing Club Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2018 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 Learn to Sail Class through ISC. After passing the class, recipients will have access to boats 20' to 23'. 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 Skipper an ISC boat as their skill level permits and take out other OWSA members for Wednesday Night Sail. Additional OWSA activities include going out as a First Mate one time a month on WNS. There may be times that the demand for a First Mate is greater than the need for an additional boat. In this case, the expectation would be to go out as a First Mate.

Other things to consider when applying:

1. In April or May, recipients will take and pass an ISC-taught Learn to Sail class (class is free and included in the scholarship). Challenging the Learn to Sail course will not be an option.
2. After passing the class, recipients will have access to boats 20' to 23' in 3 locations.
3. If a scholarship recipient already has their Basic Keelboat 101 certification at the time of award, she immediately has access to 20' to 23' boats, and has the option of purchasing one next level class at a 10% discount.
4. Recipients will need to learn how to start and trouble shoot outboard engines.
5. Recipients will share skippering an ISC boat weekly and participate in OWSA sailing events, such as Wednesday Night Sail (WNS) or First Mate on WNS (on non-ISC boat), whichever is needed more.
6. ISC Scholarship awardees need to be certified as a First Mate by June.
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.
8. A list of our main classes and titles can be viewed here: <http://www.islandsailing.org/sailing-courses/>
9. ISC teaches classes in cooperation with the online training school, NauticEd. More information regarding NauticEd can be viewed here: <http://www.islandsailing.org/sailing-courses/nauticed-classes/>

The ISC scholarship provides the means for hands-on learning and is 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, 2017. Preference will be given those with a history of volunteering. Scholarship applications are

rated by past participants on how thoroughly the questions on the application are answered and the applicant's willingness to give back to the club through past and future volunteering. Raters are also looking for how applicants will use the scholarship experience creatively to give back to OWSA and our members. A successful applicant typically has given some time as a volunteer, has completely answered all questions on the application (usually about 2-4 pages), and has come up with some good ideas on how to use the scholarship for our members' benefit.

Complete the letter of application below and return to: rearcommodore@owsa.net. You can also print out and send the application to: Rear Commodore, 865 NE Tomahawk Island Dr Ste 102-198 Portland, OR 97217 **Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by February 28th, 2018.** The 2018 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, 2017.
2. I am current with my membership dues.
3. I have completed at least one OWSA Education Class. Please list class(s) taken.
4. I am willing to increase my sailing skills & knowledge and will share this with other members.
5. I am willing to share a boat with three other members.
6. I will commit to actively participate:
 - a. with an ISC boat on Wednesday Night Sails as a skipper or First Mate when ready, or as crew,
 - b. on WNS (on non-ISC boat) as a First Mate if needed
 - c. other OWSA activities.
7. I agree to be certified as a First Mate by June 1st, 2018.
8. I will commit to completing a basic sailing class through ISC by June 1st.
9. I will commit to 2 years participation (Year 1 as recipient, Year 2 as mentor).
10. 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.
3. What skills do you have to master on-the-water problem solving?
4. Describe your involvement with OWSA, including activities and volunteer roles.
5. Describe what ideas or plans you have to share what you've learned from this experience with the OWSA membership.
6. Which describes you best, and explain:
 - a. When learning something new, I prefer lots of instruction and help or
 - b. I like instruction but I am good at figuring things out myself?
7. Please describe how you handle/resolve conflict.