



ISSA Festival of Sails Handbook

Greece

04.10.2025 - 10.10.2025

International Sailing Schools Association

For more than 50 years we care for the highest level of training standards worldwide

Headquartered in Cyprus, the International Sailing Schools Association (ISSA) is an international non-governmental organization committed to offering opportunities worldwide for people who dream of learning sailing. ISSA helps those looking to start their sailing education in schools and also provides an international career pathway for sailing and windsurfing instructors to teach in different countries.

As a non-profit international association, ISSA sets common standards for quality and safety in sailing and windsurfing schools globally. These standards apply universally, ensuring consistent certification for students completing courses at all levels. ISSA ensures that all its sailing and windsurfing instructors are trained to the same high standards.

Countries of Sailing Organizations - Founders of ISSA



Get Global Training Locally



50 years of ISSA

ISSA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019
Half a century oblige



ISSA was established as a continuation of the French committee for the development of sailing on the initiative of several national federations with a strong position in sailing.

The Polish Yachting Association as a co-founder of ISSA is gaining recognition in the European sailing community.

Developing the pattern of a seaman's book (Logbook), still widely used in many countries today.

An international sailing patent is created; its largest modification took place in 2014, and on the occasion of the jubilee, in 2019 a new design was introduced.

Organization of the first international conferences devoted to sailing training.

Obtaining the status of an European Community advisory organization.

Substantive support and close cooperation in the development of a world institution managing the sport of sailing International Sailing Federation (ISAF); currently World Sailing.

Cooperation with national sailing federations is extended to support individual sailing schools. The implementation of ISSA training standards is taking a new level.

Opening up to the markets of the Middle East, former USSR countries and Australia.

1969

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000+

ISSA constantly cooperates with representatives of maritime state authorities of many countries.

Obtaining the status of a member of the International Telecommunication Union - ITU, the UN agency responsible for setting standards in maritime radio communications.

Performing activities under Union of International Associations - promoting the activities of international organizations.

The first ISSA Festival of Sails are launched - cyclical events promoting cultural exchange through sailing.

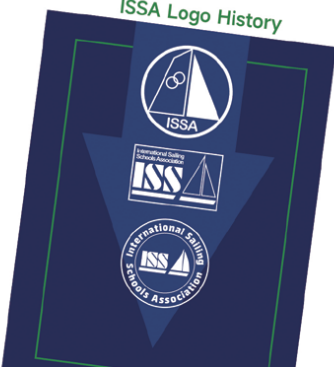
Introduction of ISO 9001: 2008 standards.

Strengthening ISSA's position on existing markets and entering Asian markets, including signing a partnership agreement with the Chinese authorities.

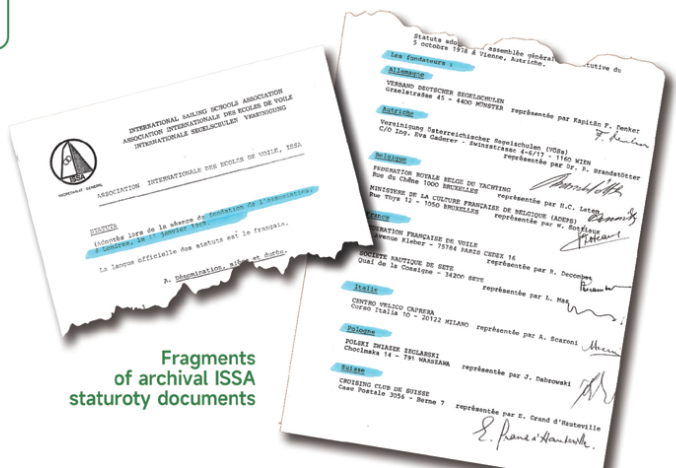
Implementation of a project financed by the European Commission, aimed at standardizing skipper training in the Mediterranean.

Active participation in the work of the working group of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe dealing with the International Certificate of Competence (ICC).

ISSA Logo History



Fragments
of archival ISSA
statutory documents



Lefkada, Greece – Your Gateway to Exceptional Sailing Training



Join the unforgettable journey with **SAIL2DAY CLUB**, where world-class ISSA-certified training is combined with the beauty of the Ionian Sea.

Our base in Vliho Bay, on the picturesque island of Lefkada, offers the perfect setting for both beginners and advanced sailors. Explore the crystal-clear waters and choose from a variety of stunning destinations, all easily accessible from our prime location. With access by air or land, starting your sailing adventure has never been easier.

Our Courses:

Inshore Skipper Sail: Ideal for beginners who want to master coastal navigation and essential sailing techniques.

Offshore Skipper Sail: Advanced training for aspiring sailors aiming to venture further and take full control of longer voyages.

SRC (VHF) Certification: Comprehensive training in marine communication, ensuring confidence and competence operating the radio.

Specialized Skills Courses:

Anchoring & Docking Mastery: Learn the art of precise and confident maneuvering, anchoring, and docking in every situation.

Catamaran in Practice: Tailored training for catamaran enthusiasts seeking advanced control and safety techniques.

SAIL2DAY club offers private and group courses tailored to your needs, utilizing our fleet of modern, well-maintained boats to ensure a safe and enjoyable learning experience.



Why Train With SAIL2DAY?

Prime Location: Lefkada offers an idyllic sailing paradise, vibrant coastal landscapes, and accessible travel options by air or land.

Expert Instructors: Our passionate instructors, whether for beginners or advanced sailors, pay special attention to your growth and success.

Hands-On Training: Learn and practice aboard top-tier vessels for real-world skills and confidence.

Set sail with SAIL2DAY CLUB and gain internationally recognized ISSA certifications while experiencing the thrill of sailing in one of the Mediterranean's most breathtaking destinations.

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Festival of Sails in Greece 2025

Oct. 04 - 10



This year's **ISSA Festival of Sails** is proudly supported by ISSA-accredited sailing school **sail2day.com** and all signs point to an unforgettable adventure on the water.

Whether you're a seasoned sailor or just beginning your journey, this exciting event promises an incredible experience for enthusiasts of all skill levels.

More than just a sailing event, the ISSA Festival of Sails is a vibrant celebration of sailing culture, seamanship, and camaraderie. Over seven unforgettable days, participants will come together to share techniques, stories, and inspiration while navigating some of the most breathtaking waters in the world.

This 7-day flotilla adventure begins in Lefkada and sails through an iconic route:

Lefkada → Kefalonia → Ithaca → Atokos → Kalamos → Meganisi

With daily sailing, team-building opportunities, and evening socials in charming island ports, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, learn, and build lasting friendships both on and off the water.



ISSA Festival of Sails

Schedule 2025

**04
Oct**

Day 01

Lefkada
Lefkas Port

Instructors Meeting
Explore Lefkas town in the evening

**05
Oct**

Day 02

Lefkada
Sivota Bay

Swim Stop
Welcome Dinner at Sivota

**06
Oct**

Day 03

Kefalonia
Fiskardo or Sami

Sailing Regatta 1st leg
Swim Stop at Afales Beach
Explore the beautiful village by night

**07
Oct**

Day 04

Kefalonia
Fiskardo or Sami

Sailing Regatta 2nd leg
Swim Stop at Gidaki Bay
Explore Odusseus hometown

Please note*: Activities may be adjusted depending on the weather to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.



ISSA Festival of Sails

Schedule 2025

**08
Oct**

Day 05

Kalamos
Kalamos Port

Sailing Regatta 'Pig' Bay
Cocktail Competition

**09
Oct**

Day 06

Lefkada Vliho Bay
Sail2Day
Pontoon

Swim Stop at Meganisi Island
Closing Dinner

**10
Oct**

Day 07

Lefkada
Lefkas Port

Swim Stop at Scorpios Private Island of Onassis
Return to base in the afternoon

Please note: Activities may be adjusted depending on the weather to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

Most useful Greek words

GREEK

Γειά σου
/Geiá sou/

Σας ευχαριστώ
/Sas efcharistó/

πως εισαι
/pós eíσαι/

πόσο κοστίζει
/póso kostízei/

Ναί
/Naí/

ΕΝΤΑΞΕΙ
/ENTAXEI/

Όχι
/Óchi/

τουαλέτα
/toualéta/

Καλή τύχη
/Kalí týchi/

αντίο
/antío/

Βοήθεια
/Voítheia/

Hello

Thank you

How are you?

How much?

Yes

OK

No

Toilet

Good luck

Goodbye

Help

ENGLISH

ISSA training materials

Available to order from ISSA online shop
<https://shop.issa.com.pl/>



YACHT CREW



INLAND SKIPPER



DINGHY SKIPPER



FUN LEARNING



NEW



INLAND POWER
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NEW



VHF MARINE RADIO

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INSHORE SKIPPER



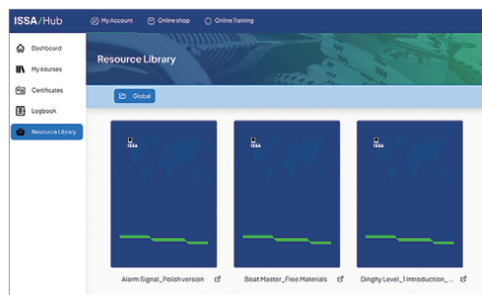
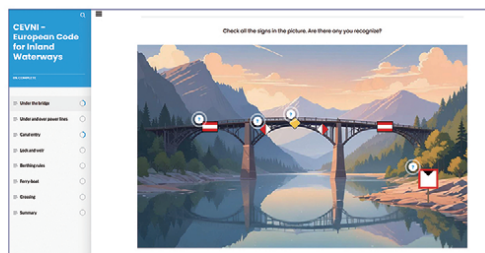
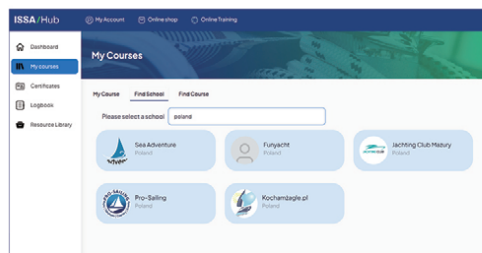
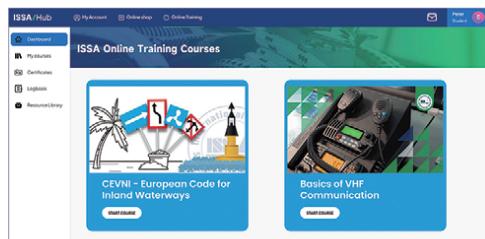
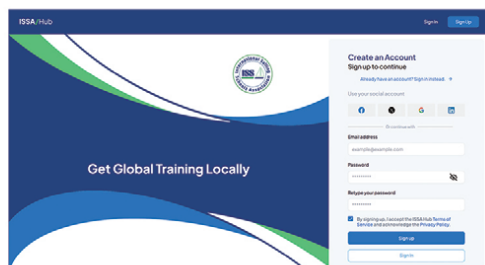
BOAT MASTER



ISSA Hub

A new Online Sailing Education Platform

- **Centralized access to ISSA materials:** all official ISSA resources are available in one place and can be downloaded for free.
- **Direct enrollment in online courses:** Courses such as CEVNI and VHF are offered free of charge, with more courses currently in development.
- **Discover accredited courses with ease:** effortlessly search for and explore courses created by ISSA-accredited schools.
- **Instant certification:** a downloadable PDF version of the official ISSA certificate is available immediately upon course completion.



Join ISSA Hub and start learning!

<https://crm.sailingschools.org>



Mayday Procedure

Here is a MAYDAY call-template:

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

THIS IS YACHT..., YACHT..., YACHT...,
(x3 the name or call sign of your yacht)

MAYDAY, YACHT... (CALL SIGN)
(x1 the name or call sign of your yacht)

MY POSITION IS ... ° ...' N/S & ... ° ...' E/W
FOR EXAMPLE: 01° 23,4'N 001° 23,4'W

NATURE OF DISTRESS

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

WE HAVE # OF PEOPLE ON BOARD

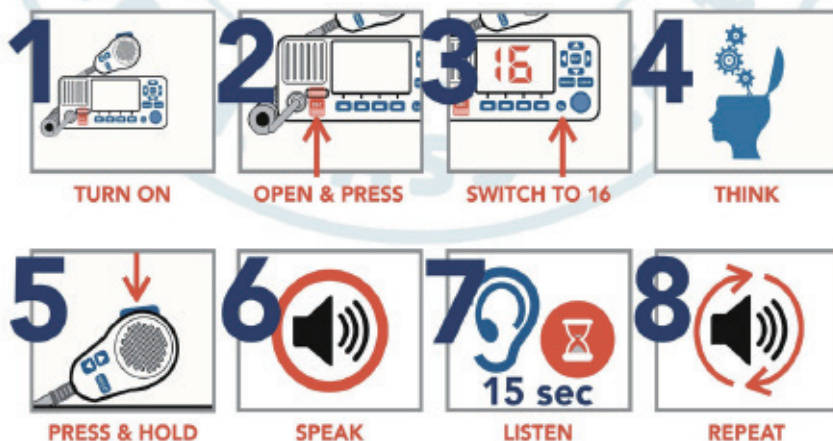
ANY OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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MAYDAY CALL PROCEDURE

Upon making a distress call remember to **keep calm** and always have a pencil and paper with you. **Make sure** your radio is **turned on**. **Think** of what you want to say and **write it down**. Speak slowly, and remember to **press and hold** the Press To Transmit (PTT) button **when you speak** and release only when you've finished. When you complete, **listen** for a while and then **repeat** your call. Take your time. Poorly made distress calls may not allow help to arrive.

Step by step what to do to make a distress call:



Important Contacts



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Local Charter

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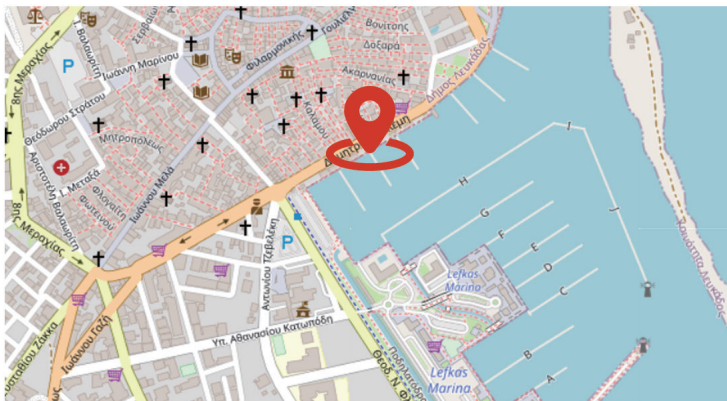
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Emergency numbers in Greece

Ambulance: 166
Fire service: 199
Police: 100
Coast Guard: 108
Common Emergency: 112

Start Location: D-Marin & Public Port





Où que vous naviguiez