

NAUTICED INTERNATIONAL SAILING AND POWERBOATING EDUCATION

OFFICIAL STATEMENT — SLC[™]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

LET IT BE KNOWN that the NauticEd SLC[™] — **Sailing and Powerboating License and Credentials** is an international recreational sailing and powerboating license designed for **competent North American skippers undertaking bareboat yacht charters worldwide**.

The SLC is built upon the **U.S. Coast Guard-established American National Standards for recreational boating competence**. It is the **only international recreational bareboat-charter sailing and powerboating license issued in the United States** whose underlying practical sailing program has been independently third-party verified as conforming to the American National Standard for on-water sailing skills.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY

The **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)** is an **American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-Accredited Boating Standards Developer**. ANSI — the **American National Standards Institute** — is the **sole United States representative and full U.S. member body of ISO, the International Organization for Standardization**.

NASBLA's formal **International Proclamation on U.S. Course Approval** establishes the governmental framework clearly. It identifies NASBLA, in partnership with the states and U.S. territories, as recognized by the **United States Coast Guard as “THE OFFICIAL national boating standards entity”** within the U.S. recreational-boating course-approval system and identifies NASBLA's ANSI-accredited role in creating American National Standards for recreational boating.

Official NASBLA International Proclamation:

[View the signed International Proclamation PDF](#)

ISO confirmation of ANSI's U.S. status:

[ISO — American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\), United States Member Body](#)

INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF NAUTICED

NauticEd submitted its on-water sailing program to NASBLA's independent **Third-Party On-Water Skills Standard Conformity Assessment**. That assessment was conducted **under funding provided by a United States Coast Guard grant**.

NASBLA formally determined that NauticEd's program **meets the American National Standard for on-water boating skills — EDU-3 Skills-Based Standard** and authorized **Verified Course Mark No. 2018-G352** as evidence of conformity through an independent third-party assessment process.

Official NASBLA Award Letter to NauticEd — Mark No. 2018-G352:

[View NASBLA's Official Notification and Award PDF](#)

WHAT AN SLC HOLDER MUST DEMONSTRATE

Issuance of the SLC requires considerably more than completing a sailing or boating course. The skipper must:

- complete approximately **40 hours of structured relevant boat type, navigation, bareboat-chartering theory study and testing**;
- document at least **50 days of qualifying relevant boat type boating experience**, including substantial experience as master of the vessel; and
- successfully demonstrate practical bareboat-chartering competence through an on-water assessment conducted to American National Standards and NauticEd's standards-based assessment requirements.

The result is a credential based upon **knowledge + documented experience + demonstrated on-water competence**, rather than course attendance alone.

Official SLC requirements, international acceptance and real-time license verification:

[NauticEd SLC — International Boating License](#)

THE NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SAILING LICENSE

For operators familiar with the European **ICC — International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft** — the SLC performs substantially the same practical international chartering function for North American recreational boaters.

The ICC arises from the UNECE Resolution 40 system. The United States nor Canada have adopted that system and therefore does not issue an ICC through a U.S.-appointed authority.

The SLC is the U.S.-issued international recreational sailing and boating license specifically created for American and North American bareboat charterers within the American National Standards boating framework. It provides charter companies and maritime authorities with electronically verifiable evidence of the skipper's theory knowledge, extensive boating experience, and demonstrated practical competence.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION — CROATIA

The standing of the SLC is particularly clear in **Croatia, which maintains one of the world's most rigorous and tightly controlled licensing regimes for bareboat yacht chartering.**

The **Republic of Croatia Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure** maintains an official government schedule identifying foreign credentials accepted for operation of Croatian-flagged recreational and bareboat-chartered vessels.

At Entry 40a — United States of America (International), the Croatian Ministry specifically lists:
NauticEd International Sailing Education
International Sailing License and Credentials (SLC)

The Ministry expressly recognizes the SLC as demonstrating competence to operate **bareboat chartered boats and bareboat chartered yachts up to 50 GT** in Croatian waters, subject to the applicable radio-license requirement.

Official Croatian Ministry Recognition — see Entry 40a:
[View the Croatian Ministry's official recognized-certificates PDF](#)

Accordingly, the NauticEd SLC should be recognized for what it is: the United States' standards-based international recreational boating license for competent bareboat charter skippers — founded upon the U.S. Coast Guard-established American National Standards framework, independently verified through NASBLA's conformity-assessment system, and formally recognized by international maritime authorities.

We respectfully request acceptance of the SLC as evidence of the holder's competency and licensure for the proposed bareboat charter.

Respectfully,



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