



## Sailing Passport for 2016

In response to changes requested to its Small Boat Sail Training Scheme (SBSS), the ISA has introduced an online Sailing Passport for each sailor who takes part in the SBSS in 2016 and thereafter. This is a “cloud based” record of each student’s progress and sailing activities through the Small Boat Scheme, as it were their online “Sailing Passport”.

This replaces the old paper logbook and joe soap cards record system which we (and all ISA Clubs) have used to date, and which were highly prone to being damaged or lost (paper and water are not a good combination!).

This sail training evaluation platform was initially developed for Sail Canada where it has successfully operated for 5 years, and is called **Checklick** – combining two words “Check” and “Klick” which represent the way in which we previously recorded progress on the written paper based records.

This online record will make it easy for sailors to see the steps they need to take to progress through each level of the SBSS, and will also, once the sailing season starts, show their progress through the programme, and enable Instructors and the Club keep records up to date easily on an ongoing basis.

***While each student will have their own unique and passport, only the Club and their designated Instructors can record a sailor’s progress through the SBSS, and award levels on completion.***

This online “passport” will work throughout a sailor’s multiyear participation in sailing, and carry forward from year to year, showing their progress through the SBSS, from participating as a beginner right through to becoming an Instructor themselves.

Some sailors will be too young to have their own email addresses, and, in these cases, it is recommended that they use a parent’s email address (this will work for several children in the same household). Once they are old enough to change to a personal email, they simply log on to their passport, and change their email address.

All new students (those registering for the first time) will simply register with Checklick when they start with the Clubs Junior Sailing Programme, enter the above details, and then will be invited to get their “Passport”.

### **Data Protection – your data is safe and under YOUR control**

Under Data Protection Legislation, this information must be owned by the Individual Sailor (or their parent) and only they can alter, amend or delete that information. Similarly the ISA and our Clubs use of that information, and the evaluation platform Checklick, must be governed by specific terms and conditions of use which we have set out in detail, to which each sailor must agree before their passport goes live. The terms under which the Club and the ISA can use this information is **solely** for managing, communicating with and recording the progress of the sailors through the Clubs and the ISA’s Small Boat Scheme. Your details will NOT be sold to any third parties or used by the Club or ISA to market other, non ISA Sail Training, products and services. Similarly, all this data must be protected from third party access, and Checklick is subject to laws which require them take all appropriate steps, under Canadian Law, to protect your data. This, we have been advised, is at least

to the same standards as in Ireland, but the quality of enforcement in Canada is regarded as superior to those in place in Ireland. The ISA and Checklick will monitor traffic on the platform to ensure that the data is as well protected as possible.

### **Going Forward – Using Checklick**

Once information has been uploaded, each sailor will receive an email welcoming them to Checklick which will look like the following:

As the Junior Sailing Programme starts, our Instructors (and Training Centre Principal) will use the steps outlined in the Small Boat Scheme to keep track of your progress, and when completed to award you each level as you meet the requirements.

At the beginning of their course, the club will show all students how to use Checklick, and record their sailing activities. This will require access to either a PC, Tablet or internet enabled phone, which experience suggests is available to all but our youngest sailors.

### **Log Book**

Within each person's Passport is a Sailing Logbook in which you are encouraged to record the many other times, both inside and outside of the Junior Sailing Course, that you go out and enjoy sailing whether with family or friends, cruising or racing, or just having fun messing about in boats. Like the logbooks in which cruising skippers record their journeys and the places visited each season, we hope that our young sailors will get as much fun out of recording their own exploits and adventures all of which add up to giving them the skills and experience they need to enjoy Sailing in whatever form takes your interest, and in the range of weather that we, in Ireland, enjoy.

This is an exciting development for Sailing and we expect that many more aspects of the ISA Training programmes, from Power Boat to Cruising and beyond, will be put up on the Checklick platform over the next few years.

### **Cost of Sailing Passport - €3 per sailor**

Just as at present, there is a cost associated with the use of Checklick. The ISA has licenced this platform from Checklick on an annual basis, and is rolling out availability of Checklick to clubs at a cost, per student, per annum, of €3.

Once registered on Checklick, there will be NO additional charge for Certificates or other ISA Training Materials which will, in future, be delivered online to Clubs and Sailors, saving significant printing and other costs.