

# ISSA OFFSHORE SKIPPER



**International Sailing  
Schools Association**



# MASTER THE ART OF OFFSHORE SAILING

Join us for an unforgettable liveaboard sailing course, where you will have the unique opportunity to fully immerse yourself in the world of sailing while living aboard one of our exceptional vessels. Throughout this comprehensive program, our expert team of skippers will guide you through an extensive curriculum designed to cover your next level of sailing and navigating skills: the ISSA Offshore Skipper.

ISSA courses are unique in that theory and practice are seamlessly interwoven and as a consequence students' learning is vastly improved. The Offshore Skipper course requires candidates to have mastered the collision regulations, navigation (DR, EP, Fixes, GPS, Course to Steer etc), tides and currents and have a good knowledge of the ISSA Inshore Skipper Syllabus. Students wishing to attend this course need to have 800 sea miles properly logged and hold an ISSA Inshore Skipper, RYA Day Skipper certificate or ASA equivalent.

Embark on exhilarating passage planning exercises as you develop the skills to meticulously plan and navigate longer journeys. Consider various factors such as weather patterns, safety considerations, and provisioning to ensure successful passages across open waters. Your safety at sea is of utmost importance, and our experienced skippers will teach you essential emergency procedures, proper use of safety equipment, and how to identify and mitigate potential hazards.

As part of the course, you will gain proficiency in VHF radio operation, mastering radio etiquette, distress call procedures, and effective communication with other vessels. Basic maintenance and repairs will also be covered, equipping you with the knowledge to perform engine checks, troubleshoot electrical systems, and address minor issues that may arise during your sailing adventures.

At the end of this transformative course, not only will you obtain the prestigious ISSA Offshore Skipper Certification but you will also have developed a deep appreciation for the art of sailing. Immerse yourself in the enchanting beauty of the Sea of Cortez during this unforgettable liveaboard experience.



# COURSE OUTLINE

## What you'll learn and reinforce:

- Safety
- Crew Management
- Handling yacht under sails and power
- Man Over Board
- Mooring
- Navigation
- IALA Buoyage and Pilotage
- Tidal heights and current streams
- Secondary Ports
- Position fixing
- Passage planning
- Meteorology
- IRPCS
- Electronics
- VHF Radio and DSC

## Course Highlights:

- Liveaboard experience: Immerse yourself in the sailing lifestyle while living aboard a comfortable yacht throughout the course.
- Sea of Cortez exploration: Discover the breathtaking beauty of the Sea of Cortez, known for its crystal-clear waters and diverse marine life.
- Practical hands-on training: Gain valuable experience through practical exercises and simulated scenarios.
- Expert instructors: Learn from experienced instructors certified by the International Sailing Schools Association.

## What to Bring:

- Clothing that will protect you from the sun, sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses
- Non-slip shoes with white or light-colored soles
- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Personal toiletries and medications
- Soft-sided luggage or duffel bags (avoid rigid suitcases that are difficult to stow)



# THE BAY OF LA PAZ

Let's explore some of the captivating destinations in the Bay of La Paz that you may have the opportunity to visit during your sailing adventure. While the order of destinations is not fixed and depends on various factors, including weather conditions, these locations offer unique experiences that are worth exploring.



**Balandra** is a true natural gem known for its crystal-clear turquoise waters and iconic rock formations, including the famous mushroom-shaped rock. This stunning bay provides a serene setting where you can enjoy swimming in the calm waters or relax on the pristine sandy beaches. Balandra offers a peaceful escape, allowing you to immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature.



**Ensenada Grande** is a popular anchorage surrounded by dramatic cliffs and breathtaking landscapes. The tranquil atmosphere and awe-inspiring views make it an ideal spot to unwind and appreciate the beauty of your surroundings.

Nestled between two islands, **Caleta Partida** is a secluded bay where the calm waters are perfect for swimming, paddleboarding, or kayaking, allowing you to explore at your own pace, marvel at the stunning rock formations and embrace the serenity of this anchorage.



**El Candeler** is a picturesque cove known for its dramatic cliffs and tranquil ambiance. Anchor here and take in the awe-inspiring surroundings. You can hike along the coastline, discovering breathtaking viewpoints, or simply relax on deck, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and stunning vistas.

**Los Islotes:** Prepare for an incredible wildlife encounter at Los Islotes, a rocky outcrop inhabited by a playful colony of sea lions. It's a unique opportunity to connect with marine life in its natural habitat and create unforgettable memories.



Other notable locations in the Bay of La Paz include Caleta Lobos, Ensenada Ballena, and Ensenada Gallo. Caleta Lobos offers a peaceful anchorage with beautiful surroundings, while Ensenada Ballena is known for its stunning beaches and turquoise waters. Ensenada Gallo provides a picturesque setting where you can enjoy snorkeling and beachcombing.



If weather conditions permit and time allows, we will venture as far north as **San Francisquito** and **San Jose** Islands. San Francisquito Island is known for its perfect crescent-shaped bay, pristine beaches, and opportunities for water activities such as snorkeling and kayaking. San Jose Island offers scenic landscapes, intriguing rock formations, and abundant marine life. Their anchorages provide a unique and remote experience, allowing you to escape the bustling crowds and immerse yourself in solitude. Whether you're seeking tranquility or want to explore untouched natural wonders, San Francisquito and San Jose offer an unmatched opportunity to connect with nature.



# THE SAILBOAT

Our main sailing yacht for training is a Sun Odyssey 44i, a high-performance sailboat designed with excellence in mind. Crafted by renowned designer Philippe Briand in collaboration with the talented Jeanneau Design team, this model is an extraordinary synthesis of performance and technical qualities. With its elegant lines and adaptable interior space, it captivates from every angle. Whether for courses or sailing holidays, the Sun Odyssey 44i effortlessly adapts to different sailing programs without any difficulty.

When it comes to performance, the Sun Odyssey 44i truly shines on the water. With an innovative design and optimized hull, this sailboat delivers excellent performance in both coastal cruising and longer passages. Its efficient propulsion system and agile handling make sailing the Sun Odyssey 44i an exciting and pleasurable experience. Whether you're navigating along the stunning coastlines or embarking on a grand adventure across open waters, this sailboat offers exceptional speed, stability, and responsiveness.

The cockpit and deck of the Sun Odyssey 44i offer an exceptional sailing experience. Designed for offshore enthusiasts, every element of the boat prioritizes safety and comfort. The spacious cockpit features comfortable seating, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the sea breeze. The ergonomically designed helm station allows for easy maneuvering and control of the sailboat, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable sailing experience. Additionally, the deck provides ample space for easy and secure movement during maneuvers, making it effortless to handle sails and navigate various weather conditions.



# LIFE ON BOARD



Equipped with a well-appointed galley, a cozy salon and AC, the Sun Odyssey 44i ensures comfort and convenience on board. The galley, located in the main area of the boat, provides all the necessary amenities for preparing delicious meals at sea. With ample storage space and generous countertops, cooking enthusiasts can enjoy preparing their favorite dishes while out on the water. The salon is a bright and comfortable space where the crew can gather and relax after a day of sailing. The inviting atmosphere allows for socializing, sharing stories, or simply unwinding in a comfortable setting.



The Sun Odyssey 44i features three double cabins and three heads, offering comfortable accommodations for all onboard. Each cabin is meticulously designed with attention to detail, providing comfort and privacy to occupants. The heads are well-equipped with separate showers and enough space to move around comfortably, providing added convenience for all aboard. Rest assured, every detail has been meticulously considered to guarantee a delightful and enjoyable stay for all passengers.

Whether for weekend excursions or extended adventures into the northern part of the Sea, this sailboat offers the perfect combination of elegance, comfort, and performance on the water. Set sail with the Sun Odyssey 44i and experience the ultimate charter experience in one of Mexico's most beautiful sailing destinations.





# DETAILS

## PRICES

### **JEANNEAU SUN ODYSSEY 44I:**

US\$10,422.44/8 DAYS  
US\$12,432.84/10 DAYS  
US\$14,443.24/12 DAYS

### **BENETEAU OCEANIS 41.1**

US\$8,572.75/8 DAYS  
US\$10,163.06/10 DAYS  
US\$12,131.08/12 DAYS

### **BALI 4.5 OR LAGOON 450F**

US\$12,320.50/8 DAYS  
US\$14,646.32/10 DAYS

### **FOUNTAIN PAJOT ASTREA 42**

US\$12,507.09/8 DAYS  
US\$14,865.30/10 DAYS

10% off on bookings made 60 days in advance  
4.5% surcharge on payments with credit card

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## OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Cook: US\$200/day  
Hostess: US\$175/day  
Full board: US\$70/person/day (first and last day count as half days)  
Scuba Diving: US\$250/two dives  
Airport transfers: to be quoted based on applicable airport.

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## INCLUDES

Liveaboard, sailing instructor, ISSA Offshore Skipper Handbook, ISSA Offshore Skipper Certificates (including shipping to USA), use of Starlink broadband satellite internet at anchor, drinking water, bathroom and beach towels, snorkel gear, one paddle board, one 2pax kayak, beach shade, fishing permits, fuel, national park passes and VAT.

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## NATIONAL PARK

### PROTECT AND PRESERVE

Leave only footprints, take only memories.

(No shell, rock or plant collecting)

Protect the wonders below, let starfish and coral glow.

(No touching the sealife)

Silence is the melody of the sea, let nature's symphony be.

(No loud music)



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