

How does NauticEd compare with ASA or US Sailing or the RYA

ASA is the American Sailing Association. They are a private company and not a government recognized institution of any sort. ASA has been around for about 30 years and so they have a lot of name recognition and a lot of sailing schools associated with them. Sailing schools for ASA are independently owned schools. Each school implements an ASA checkbox training system, a book published by ASA, a paper test published by ASA - all under standards solely created by ASA. Schools decide if the student passes or fails the certification. Quality between each school varies according to the owner of the school. Their theory training is in book format only.

NauticEd is also a private company. NauticEd is the **only sailing education body recognized by the United States Coast Guard**. This is because the Coast Guard demands that the training be implemented according to the American National Standards (EDU-3) for sailing training and assessment. NauticEd issues the officially recognized SLC sailing license which is accepted by Port Authorities in the Mediterranean.

See this link which shows NauticEd as an approved Sailing Education company for the American National Standards (<https://www.nasbla.org/education/verified/courses>).

At the time this article was last edited - October 2020, ASA was NOT listed as complying to the American National Standards.

US Sailing is a nonprofit entity. They are not recognized under the American National Standards for sailing training. US Sailing has been around for more than 20 years. US Sailing has a lot of credibility because of their involvement with the Olympic Sailing racing team. US sailing is also active with community sailing programs around the country.

The RYA is the Royal Yachting Association. They are officially recognized by the UK Maritime Coast Guard (MCO) and the UK Government as the official UK Sailing and boating education company much like NauticEd is for the USA. The RYA sticks to rigorous standards for education. The RYA can issue the United Nations ICC license which is another sailing license accepted by port authorities in the Mediterranean. NauticEd partners with the RYA and offers the RYA Day Skipper theory course online.

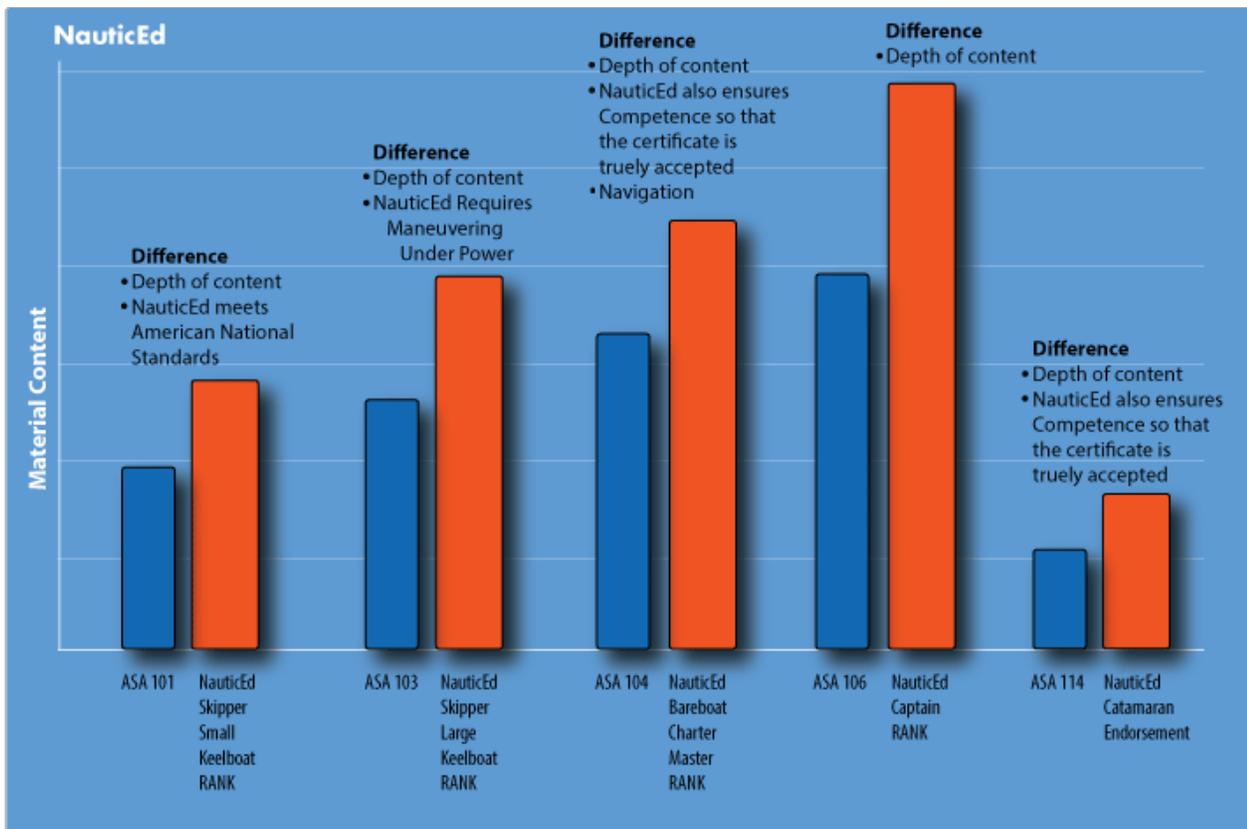
See this table of comparison of all the major certifying bodies.

	NauticEd	US Sailing	RYA-U.K.	ASA
Global Network of Sailing Schools	✓		✓	
Competency Certification	✓		✓	
Knowledge Certification	✓	✓	✓	✓
On-the-Water Certification	✓	✓	✓	✓
American National Standards	✓			
NASBLA Compliant Standards Verification	✓			
USCG Officially Recognized	✓			
Independent Knowledge Verification	✓			
United Nations (UNE Resolution 40) Compliant	✓		✓	
RYA Approved Knowledge Courses	✓		✓	
Charter Industry Endorsed Standards	✓		✓	
Online Knowledge Courses & Testing	✓			
Free Forever Online eLogbook	✓			
Free Forever Online Resume & Access	✓			
Required Annual Paid Membership		✓		✓
Instructor Quality Social Feedback & Proofing	✓			
Instructor Social/Emotional Training	✓			
Book Options	✓	✓	✓	✓
eBook Options For All Course Material	✓		✓	
Online Sailing Simulations	✓			✓
Free Online Courses	✓	✓		
Sailing Vacation Planning Services	✓			
Youth Program	✓	✓	✓	

NauticEd certifications are listed below. Visit our **Sailing Courses** (<https://www.nauticed.org/sailing-courses>) page to discover how your goals would match the certification ranks.

- Qualified Crew
- Skipper Small
- KeelboatSkipper
 - Large Keelboat
- Bareboat Charter Master (this rank is required to gain the
- SLC)Offshore Captain
- Additionally, there is a Catamaran endorsement available

How Do The Certifications Stack Up



The above image shows how NauticEd certifications stack up against ASA Certifications. Essentially:

- ASA 101 is equivalent to **NauticEd Skipper Small Keelboat** except that the NauticEd content is much more in-depth and that NauticEd is officially recognized by the USCG and ASA is not.
- ASA 103 is equivalent to **NauticEd Skipper Large Keelboat** except that the NauticEd content is much more in-depth and that NauticEd requires extensive Maneuvering Under Power skills to be awarded the certificate.
- ASA 104 is equivalent to **NauticEd Bareboat Charter Master** except that the NauticEd content is much more in-depth and that NauticEd requires Coastal Navigation and Electronic Navigation as well as extensive on the water experience to be awarded the certificate. Also ASA 104 is not necessarily accepted by Yacht charter companies because there is no requirement for an acceptable amount of on the water experience.
- ASA 106 is equivalent to **NauticEd Captain** except that the NauticEd content is much more in-depth and that NauticEd requires extensive on the water experience to be awarded the certificate.
- ASA 114 is equivalent to NauticEd Catamaran Endorsement except that the NauticEd content is much more in- depth and that NauticEd requires a full competence assessment to be awarded the certificate.

Admittedly we are biased but the following is why we believe NauticEd is the best company to choose as your sailing education partner:

NauticEd uses 21st century education techniques. Our approach to certification is based in competence both in **practical on-the-water skills and in theory knowledge**. Certifications and licenses are issued only when the student

exhibits a high degree of competence which is measured by extensive past sailing experience logged and passing a rigorous set of multimedia course material. In addition, to gain the certificate recognized by the Coast Guard, the student must be deemed competent under the standardized set of on-the-water assessment rubrics established by the Coast Guard. The rubrics were created by sailing industry professionals who advised on the assessment rubrics. This assessment is implemented by our network of practical NauticEd schools who also adhere to the American National Standards. In our opinion, the assessment rubrics are created to the proper standard for **practical on-the-water competence as well as theory knowledge**.

NauticEd uses top quality practical training schools for on-the-water training. The on-the-water portion is broken out into 2 parts to ensure competence as developed by the United States Coast Guard; Training and then Assessment using a standardized education methodology - Rubrics. Students are trained on-the-water over a series of approximately 35 tasks. The student is then assessed as to their grade of competence for each task. At the end of the assessment, the instructor has objective information so as to assign an overall practical competence to the student; Fail - Qualified Crew - Skipper - Bareboat Charter Master - Offshore Captain. In this manner, the instructor/assessor feels no pressure to pass someone just because they paid their money. If a less than desired practical competence is awarded, then a remediation plan is developed with the student to bring the student up to the desired expectations.

Overall, NauticEd focuses **more on competence** of the student and delivers a Coast Guard recognized sailing certification in accordance with the American National Standards in a manner that is more fitting for the 21st century.

Because of the above, NauticEd has additionally been authorized by Mediterranean Governments to issue the SLC which is a **legal sailing license** valid for sailing in their waters. **All yacht charter companies** worldwide accept the NauticEd certifications and the SLC as being recognized and valid.

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