Learn: How to Sail

Library Books & Materials

The complete sailing manual
by Steve Sleight
An illustrated, step-by-step guide to sailing, reviewing the parts of the boat, equipment, controls, and other basics; and discussing dinghy sailing, cruiser sailing, navigation, weather, practical boat care, and safety.

The complete idiot's guide to sailing
by Diane Selkirk
There's something magical about casting off on your own sailboat to parts unknown. This guide gives you tons of tips for enjoying your time on the water.

The Annapolis book of seamanship
by John Rousmaniere
The art of sailing, maneuvering, and preserving a ship or a boat in all positions and under all reasonable circumstances.

Sailing a serious ocean: sailboats, storms, stories, and lessons learned from 30 years at sea
by John Kretschmer
In Sailing a Serious Ocean, professional sailor John Kretschmer tells you what to expect when sailing the oceans and shows how to sail safely across them.

Online Resources

American Sailing Association
You can learn how to get ASA certified, find sailing schools, and even take free online courses and webinars.

Discover Boating
This website shares information about the benefits of boating, tips and advice on how to choose and buy a boat, boating activities and where to go boating.

Community Resources

Riversport OKC
Has low-cost “Discover” classes throughout the year to learn the basics of different boating. Sailing is included.

Boating Permits
Make sure to check the City of OKC website to learn more about permits and where you can sail.