

Sailboats USA

Member Guide

Listing, Editing, and Managing Your Boat or Parts for Sale

This guide covers everything you need to get started and keep your listings current:

- Setting up your profile and signing in
- Listing, editing, and deleting a sailboat
- Listing, editing, and deleting a dinghy or tender
- Listing, editing, and deleting a part or piece of equipment
- Adding and removing photos
- How the 365-day listing expiration and one-click Relist work
- Finding crew for a trip, or posting that you're available as crew
- Sharing (or reading) a sailing story
- Submitting a joke and reporting a broken link
- Getting help, and how we handle your privacy

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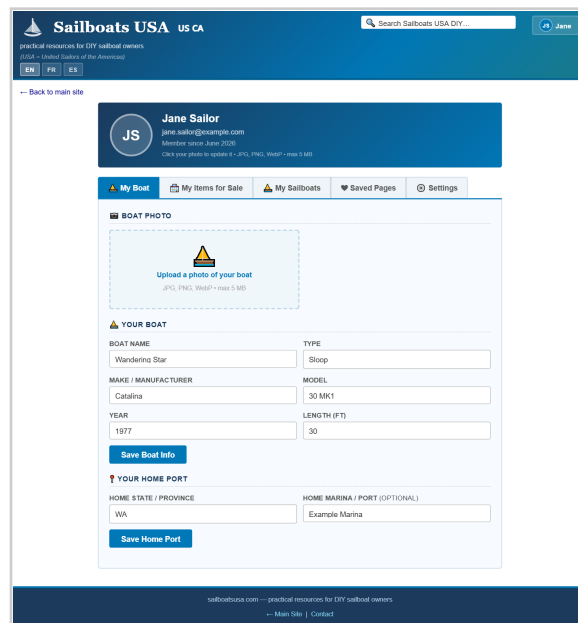
1. Setting Up Your Profile

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html

1. Go to **sailboatsusa.com** and click **"Log In"** in the top right corner.
2. Choose how you'd like to sign in -- see the tip below about using Google.
3. Once you're signed in, click your name in the top right corner, then choose **"My Profile & Boat."**
4. Add your display name, home port, and boat details, and upload a profile or boat photo if you'd like. Click **Save**.

TIP: Already have a Gmail account? Use it.

Choosing **"Continue with Google"** when you log in is the fastest way to get started -- one click, and you sign in with the Google account you already use. There's no separate Sailboats USA password to create or remember. If you'd rather not use Google, you can also create an account with just an email address and password.



The screenshot shows the 'My Profile & Boat' page on the Sailboats USA website. The user is logged in as 'Jane Sailor' (jane.sailor@gmail.com, Member since June 2006). The page has a navigation bar with 'My Boat', 'My Items for Sale', 'My Sailboats', 'Saved Pages', and 'Settings'. The 'My Boat' section is active, showing a 'BOAT PHOTO' upload area with a placeholder image and text 'Upload a photo of your boat (JPG, PNG, WebP - max 5 MB)'. Below this is the 'YOUR BOAT' section with a form containing the following fields: BOAT NAME (Wandering Star), TYPE (Sloop), MAKE / MANUFACTURER (Catalina), MODEL (30 MK1), YEAR (1977), and LENGTH (FT) (30). A 'Save Boat Info' button is at the bottom of this section. The 'YOUR HOME PORT' section follows, with fields for HOME STATE / PROVINCE (WA) and HOME MARINA / PORT (OPTIONAL) (Example Marina), and a 'Save Home Port' button. The footer of the page includes the website URL and links for 'Main Site' and 'Contact'.

Your Profile & Boat page after signing in.

2. Listing a Sailboat for Sale

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/sailboats-for-sale.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Boats for Sale,"** then **"List Your Sailboat Free"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click the **"List Your Sailboat"** button.
3. Fill in the required fields: **Year, Make, Model, Asking Price,** and your **name and email.**
4. Add as much extra detail as you'd like -- dimensions, engine, rigging, location, and a description. More detail builds buyer confidence, but nothing beyond the required fields is mandatory.
5. For sails, just check the box for each sail you have. If you happen to know the measurements, maker, or condition, click the optional "Add specs" link -- but it's completely fine to skip it.
6. Add photos by clicking any empty photo square (up to 25 photos, 10 MB each).
7. Click **"Post Listing."** Your boat is live!

The screenshot shows the 'Sailboats for Sale' page on the Sailboats USA website. The header includes the site logo, a search bar, and a user profile for 'JS Jane'. Below the header, there are navigation links like 'Back to main site' and 'Parts & Equipment'. The main content area features a 'Sailboats for Sale' section with a description: 'The most detailed sailboat listings online — HIN, engine hours, rigging dates, survey history, dinghy, trailer, and 25 photos. Designed specifically for sailboats, not generic boats. Free to list.' Below this, there are statistics: '3 Active Listings', 'Free To List', '25 Photos / Listing', and '50+ Data Fields'. There are two buttons: 'List Your Sailboat' and 'My Listings (Edit / Delete / Relist)'. At the bottom, there is a footer with a disclaimer and navigation links.

The Sailboats for Sale page.

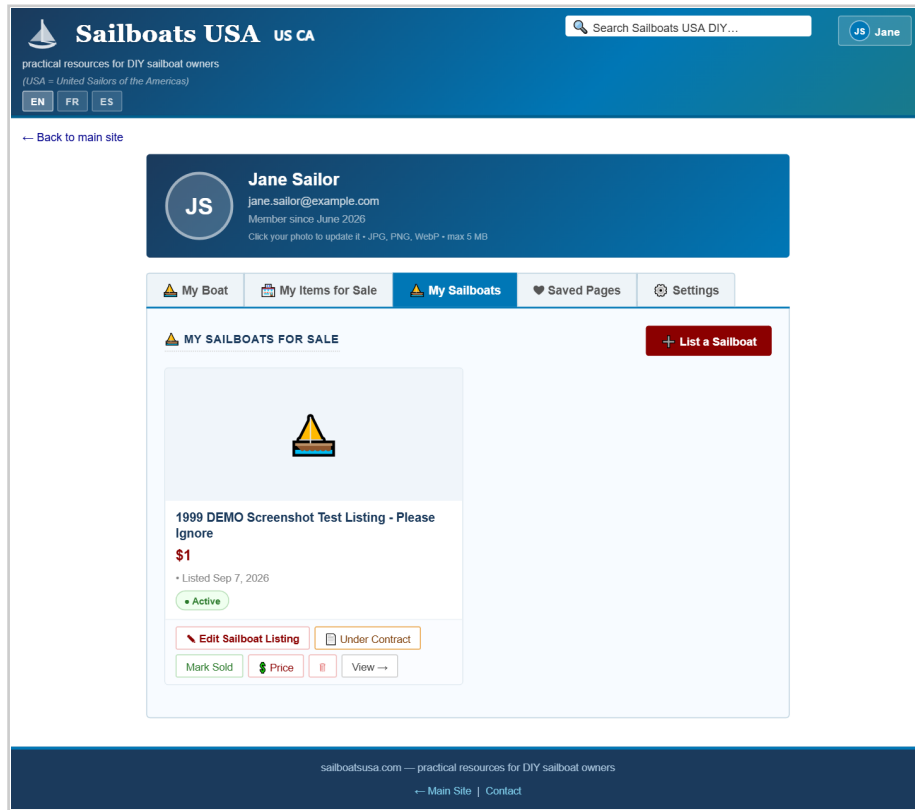
The screenshot shows the '4. Sails & Rigging' form. It includes sections for 'ARE SAILS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE?' (Yes/No), 'NUMBER OF SAILS' (Total count), 'OVERALL SAIL CONDITION', 'APPROXIMATE YEAR OF SAILS', and 'SAIL MAKER (IF KNOWN)'. There are also fields for 'UV COVER ON FURLING HEADSAIL?' and 'UV COVER COLOR'. A section titled 'WHICH SAILS ARE INCLUDED?' allows users to select various sails, including 'MAINSAIL & TRYSAIL', 'HEADSAILS (JIBS, GENOAS & STAYSAIL)', 'DOWNWIND SAILS (SPINNAKERS)', 'REACHING SAILS', and 'SPECIALTY (MIZZEN)'. Each section has checkboxes and buttons for 'HEADSAIL', 'SPINNAKER / GENNAKER', and 'CRUISING CHUTE / DRIFTER'. There is also a 'SAIL NOTES' section and a 'STANDING RIGGING LAST REPLACED' section.

Just check a box for each sail you have -- specs are optional.

3. Editing a Sailboat Listing

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#sailboats

1. Click your name (top right), then **"My Sailboat Listings."**
2. Find your boat and click **"Edit Sailboat Listing."**
3. The full listing form reopens with everything you entered already filled in -- change the price, description, specs, or anything else.
4. Click **"Save Changes."**



My Sailboat Listings -- Edit, Delete, and other actions are right on the card.

4. Adding or Removing Photos (Sailboat Listing)

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#sailboats

1. Open your listing for editing (see Section 3).
2. Scroll down to the Photos section.
3. To **remove** a photo, click the small "x" in the corner of that photo.
4. To **add** a photo, click any empty photo square and choose a picture from your device.
5. Click **"Save Changes"** to apply your changes.

 **11. Photos (up to 25, max 10 MB each)**

Upload in this order for best display: exterior bow, exterior stern, cockpit, interior looking forward, interior looking aft, engine, sails, dinghy. More photos = more inquiries.

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Up to 25 photo slots -- click any empty one to add a photo.

5. Deleting a Sailboat Listing

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#sailboats

1. Click your name, then **"My Sailboat Listings."**
2. Find the listing and click **"Delete"** (the trash icon).
3. Confirm when asked. The listing is removed from public search right away.

6. Listing a Sailboat Part or Piece of Equipment

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/marketplace.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Parts & Equipment Marketplace"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click **"List an Item."**
3. Fill in the required fields: **Title, Category, Condition, Price,** and your **contact email.**
4. Optional: which boat make/model/year it fits, your location, a description, and up to 5 photos.
5. Click **"Post Listing."**

The screenshot shows the 'Sailboats USA' website header with a search bar and a user profile 'JS Jane'. Below the header, there's a link to 'Back to main site' and a section titled 'Sailboat Parts & Equipment Marketplace' with a 'Save this page' button. A sub-header states: 'Buy and sell sails, rigging, electronics, hardware, engines, and all things sailboat. Free to list --- registered members only. Up to 5 photos per listing.' Below this, there are statistics: '2 Active Listings', 'Free To List', and '5 Photos / Listing'. Two buttons are present: '+ List an Item' and 'Bulk Add Items'. At the bottom, a footer contains the website's mission statement, a disclaimer, and navigation links: 'Main Site', 'Boats for Sale', 'Find a Surveyor', 'Report / Suggest', and 'Contact'.

The Parts & Equipment Marketplace.

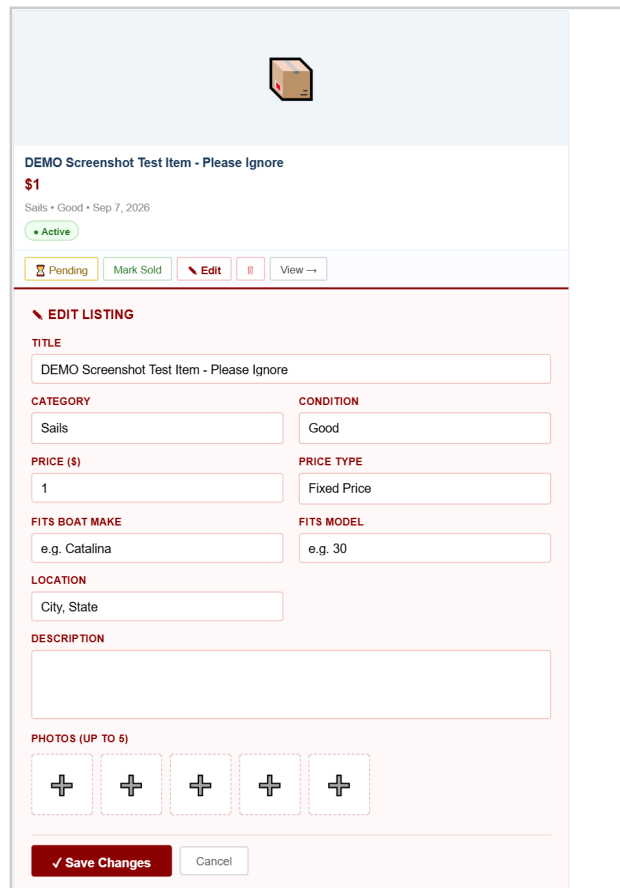
The screenshot shows the 'List an Item for Sale' form. It has a title field with the placeholder text 'DEMO Screenshot Test Item - Please Ignore'. Below the title are four fields: 'CATEGORY' (Sails), 'CONDITION' (Good), 'PRICE' (1), and 'PRICE TYPE' (Fixed Price). Below these are four more fields: 'FITS BOAT MAKE' (e.g. Catalina), 'FITS BOAT MODEL' (e.g. 30, 36, 27), 'FITS YEAR(S)' (e.g. 1985-1995 or 1982), and 'YOUR LOCATION' (City, State). Below these is a 'CONTACT EMAIL' field with the placeholder 'test@example.com'. Below the email is a 'DESCRIPTION' field with a rich text editor toolbar and a placeholder text: 'Dimensions, age, reason for selling, any known issues, shipping options...'. Below the description are five photo upload slots, each with a plus sign icon. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Post Listing ->' and 'Cancel'.

The List an Item form.

7. Editing a Sailboat Part Listing

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#items

1. Click your name, then **"My Items for Sale."**
2. Find the item and click **"Edit."**
3. An editing panel opens right there -- update the title, category, condition, price, description, or photos.
4. Click **"Save Changes."**



The screenshot shows a web interface for editing a listing. At the top, there's a placeholder image of a cardboard box. Below it, the item title is "DEMO Screenshot Test Item - Please Ignore" with a price of "\$1". The item is categorized as "Sails" in "Good" condition, listed for "Sep 7, 2026". It is currently "Active". Action buttons include "Pending", "Mark Sold", "Edit" (highlighted), and "View".

The "EDIT LISTING" panel contains the following fields:

- TITLE:** DEMO Screenshot Test Item - Please Ignore
- CATEGORY:** Sails
- CONDITION:** Good
- PRICE (\$):** 1
- PRICE TYPE:** Fixed Price
- FITS BOAT MAKE:** e.g. Catalina
- FITS MODEL:** e.g. 30
- LOCATION:** City, State
- DESCRIPTION:** (Empty text area)
- PHOTOS (UP TO 5):** Five placeholder boxes with plus signs.

At the bottom of the panel are two buttons: "✓ Save Changes" and "Cancel".

My Items for Sale -- Edit opens a panel with all fields, including photos.

8. Adding or Removing Photos (Part Listing)

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#items

1. Click your name, then **"My Items for Sale,"** then click **"Edit"** on the item.
2. In the Photos row, click the small "x" on any photo to remove it, or click an empty square to add a new one (up to 5 photos, 10 MB each).
3. Click **"Save Changes."**

9. Deleting a Sailboat Part Listing

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html#items

1. Click your name, then **"My Items for Sale."**
2. Find the item and click the **"Delete"** button.
3. Confirm when asked.

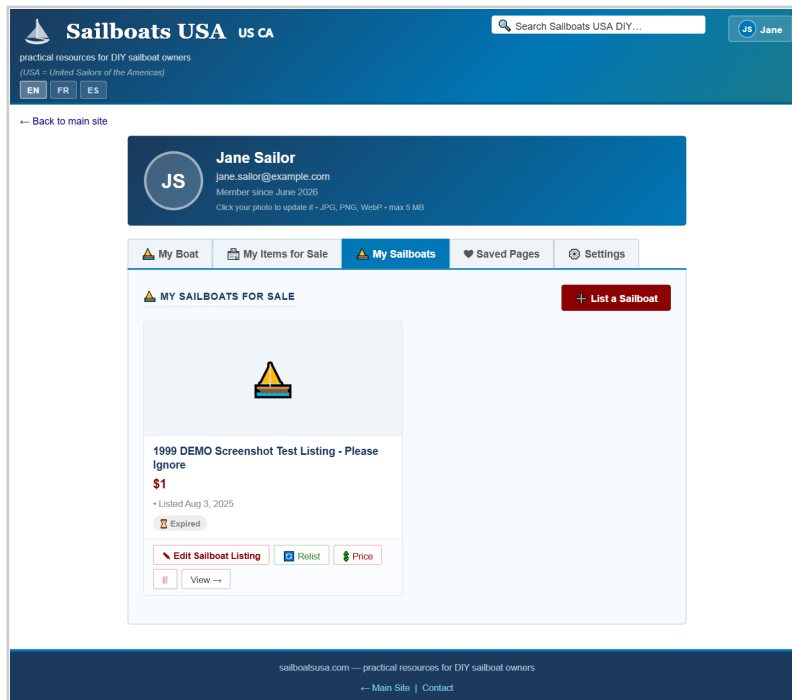
10. Listings Expire After 365 Days

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/profile.html

IMPORTANT: Keep it active -- it only takes one click.

To keep search results current for everyone, **every listing** -- sailboats and parts alike -- automatically stops appearing in public search **365 days** after it was posted.

Nothing is lost when this happens. Go to "**My Sailboat Listings**" or "**My Items for Sale**," find the listing marked "**Expired**," and click "**Relist**." It instantly refreshes as newly listed today, with all your existing details, photos, and description intact.



An expired listing shows a Relist button -- one click brings it back.

11. A Note on Administrator Oversight

PLEASE NOTE: How we keep the marketplace trustworthy.

To keep Sailboats USA safe, accurate, and free of spam, the site administrator reserves the right -- at their sole discretion, and without prior notice -- to edit, hide, or remove any listing at any time.

This authority is used sparingly, and typically only to address suspected fraud, inaccurate or misleading information, prohibited items, or content that doesn't reflect the respect our community of sailors deserves. If a listing of yours is ever affected, we'll always do our best to explain why if you reach out to us.

12. Getting Help

If you run into a problem with your account or a listing, email us directly at **contact@sailboatsusa.com** -- this reaches the site administrator and is the fastest way to get personal help.

Note: the "Report a Broken Link" form on the Feedback page is only for reporting broken or outdated links elsewhere on the site. For anything about your account or a listing -- including editing, photos, or pricing -- please email us directly instead so we can help you faster.

13. Please Use the Site Responsibly -- It's Free!

THANK YOU: Free, with no catch -- please help us keep it that way.

Sailboats USA is completely free to use: no listing fees, and no commissions on anything you sell. We ask that you use it in good faith -- post honest, accurate listings, and please don't create spam, duplicate posts, or unrelated content.

The site is run by a small team, so we appreciate your patience. We read every message and will get back to you as soon as humanly possible.

14. Submitting a Sailing Joke

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/submit-joke.html

1. From the homepage, go to the Sailing Jokes section, then click through to submit your own -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Fill in **The Joke Setup** (the lead-in line) and **The Punchline** -- both required.
3. Optionally add your name (so we can credit you) and your email (so we can let you know if it's posted). Both are optional, and your email is never shared.
4. Click "Submit My Joke."

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Submit a Sailing Joke" with a red anchor icon. Below the title is a paragraph explaining the submission process: "Got a sailing joke we haven't heard yet? Submit it below. All jokes are reviewed before posting — we may edit for length, clarity, or to keep things family-friendly. If your joke makes the cut we'll add it to the page." The form contains two required text input fields: "THE JOKE SETUP *" and "THE PUNCHLINE *". Below each field is a small instructional note: "The question or lead-in line of the joke" and "The funny part — keep it short and punchy". There are two optional text input fields: "YOUR NAME (OPTIONAL)" with the placeholder "How you'd like to be credited (or leave blank for anonymous)" and "YOUR EMAIL (OPTIONAL)" with the placeholder "So we can notify you if your joke is posted". Below the email field is a note: "Never shared or used for marketing. Only used to notify you." A red button labeled "Submit My Joke →" is positioned below the form fields. At the bottom, a red asterisk indicates "* Required fields". A blue box contains a "Note": "Note: All submissions are reviewed before posting. We look for jokes that are original (or at least not the first Google result), clean enough for all ages, and genuinely about sailing or boats. Submitted by sailors, for sailors."

The Submit a Sailing Joke form.

NOTE: All jokes are reviewed before posting.

We look for jokes that are original, clean enough for all ages, and genuinely about sailing or boats. We may edit slightly for length or clarity, but we'll keep the funny part intact.

15. Reporting a Broken Link

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/feedback.html

1. Go to the address above -- it's usually linked as **"Report / Suggest a Link"** in the footer of any page.
2. Under **"Report a Broken Link,"** select which page the broken link is on.
3. Describe the broken link -- its text or its URL -- this is required.
4. Optional: what error you saw, the correct URL if you happen to know it, and any other notes.
5. Click **"Send Report."**

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Report a Broken Link" with a red icon of a broken link. The form is set against a light pink background. It contains several sections: a description of the problem, a dropdown menu for the page, a text box for the broken link, a text box for the error message, a text box for the correct URL, a large text box for other notes, and two optional text boxes for the user's name and email. A red "Send Report" button is at the bottom. A small asterisk indicates required fields.

Report a Broken Link

Found a link that doesn't work, goes to the wrong place, or lands on a "page not found" error? Let us know and we'll fix it.

WHICH PAGE IS THE BROKEN LINK ON? *

— select the page —

THE BROKEN LINK — WHAT DOES IT SAY / WHAT URL IS IT? *

e.g. "Vanquard / RS Sailing" or paste the URL

The link text or the URL that isn't working

WHAT DOES IT LINK TO NOW? (WHAT ERROR DO YOU SEE?)

e.g. "Page not found", "Domain for sale", "Wrong website"

DO YOU KNOW THE CORRECT URL? (OPTIONAL)

https://...

If you know where it should go, paste it here — saves us research time

ANY OTHER NOTES

YOUR NAME (OPTIONAL)

So we can thank you

YOUR EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

We'll let you know when it's fixed

Send Report →

* Required

The Report a Broken Link form on the Feedback page.

REMINDER: This form is for broken links only.

If you need help with your account or a listing instead, please email contact@sailboatsusa.com directly (see Section 12) -- it'll get you a faster, more personal reply.

16. A Few More Tips

- Mark a listing **"Sold"** (or **"Under Contract"** for boats) as soon as it's no longer available, so other members don't waste time reaching out.
- Keep the contact email on your listings up to date so buyers can reach you.
- For sailboats, the more detail you add -- rigging dates, survey history, engine hours -- the more serious inquiries you'll get.
- You can save other members' listings and site pages for later using the **"Saved Pages"** tab in your profile.
- Signed in but don't see the button you're looking for? Your account menu (click your name, top right) is the fastest way to reach **My Sailboat Listings** and **My Items for Sale** from any page on the site.

17. Your Privacy Matters

OUR PROMISE: We will never sell your data.

We will never sell your personal information, and we will never use your email address for third-party marketing or advertising.

Your email is used only to operate your Sailboats USA account: signing you in, displaying your name on listings you post, and letting other members reach you about an item or boat you've listed. That's it.

*Questions not covered here? Email contact@sailboatsusa.com -- we're happy to help.
Sailboats USA -- for owners of boats under 50 feet who turn their own wrenches.*

18. Posting a Crew-Wanted Listing

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/crew-wanted.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Crew Wanted"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click the **"Post a Crew-Wanted Listing"** button.
3. Fill in the required fields: Trip Title, Trip Type, Sailing From, Sailing To, Departure Date, Number of Crew Wanted, Boat Type, Boat Length, Cost Structure, and your contact name and email.
4. Fill in the Safety & Survey History section as completely and honestly as you can -- last haul-out/survey date, when the standing rigging was last replaced, and when the keel bolts were last surveyed by a certified third party. This is what lets prospective crew make an informed, safe decision before joining your boat.
5. Add Captain/Skipper experience, the roles you need filled, and your Cost & Compensation details (free/volunteer, shared expenses, fixed cost, or paid position).
6. Add photos of the boat if you'd like (up to 10 photos, 10 MB each).
7. Click **"Post Listing."** Your crew-wanted listing is live!

IMPORTANT: Sailboats USA does not vet listings.

We don't verify or endorse any crew-wanted or crew-available listing. If you're posting, be honest and complete, especially in the safety section -- it's what protects both you and the people who respond.

Manage it anytime: the **"My Crew Wanted"** tab on your profile page lets you edit, mark filled, delete, or relist your listing -- the same 365-day expiration as every other listing type (see Section 10).

19. Posting That You're Available as Crew

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/crew-available.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Crew Available"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click the **"Post That You're Available"** button.
3. Fill in the required fields: First Name, Last Name, Email, Experience Level, and your Available Start Date.
4. Everything else is optional but recommended -- your sailing experience and certifications, and the Areas of Strength checklist (night watch, cooking, sewing, fishing, engine work, navigation, first aid, and more). This is what boat owners scan first.
5. Add where you're willing to sail from and to, your availability window, and your cost expectations (willing to share expenses, negotiable, or looking for a paid position).
6. Add a photo or two if you'd like (up to 6).
7. Click **"Post Listing."** You're now visible to boat owners searching for crew.

NOTE: Use good judgment.

Meet in person if possible, ask for references, tell someone ashore your plans, and verify the boat's safety equipment and the captain's experience before committing to any trip -- especially an offshore passage.

Manage it anytime: the **"My Crew Available"** tab on your profile page lets you edit, mark placed, delete, or relist your listing.

20. Listing a Dinghy or Tender for Sale

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/dinghies-for-sale.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Dinghies for Sale"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click the **"List Your Dinghy"** button.
3. Fill in the required fields: Type, Make, Model, Year, Length, and your name and email.
4. Add as much extra detail as you'd like -- engine/outboard details and horsepower, weight and person capacity, registration and hull ID, trailer info, and equipment like oars, anchor, and bimini top.
5. Add photos by clicking any empty photo square (up to 12 photos, 10 MB each). Click the star icon on any photo to make it your featured photo.
6. Click **"Post Listing."** Your dinghy is live!

TIP: Same rules as sailboats and parts.

Dinghy listings follow the same 365-day expiration and one-click Relist as every other listing type (see Section 10), and the same administrator oversight (see Section 11).

Manage it anytime: the **"My Dinghies for Sale"** tab on your profile page lets you edit, mark sold, delete, or relist your listing.

21. Sharing a Sailing Story

Go to: sailboatsusa.com/stories.html

1. From the homepage, click **"Sailing Stories"** -- or go directly to the address above.
2. Click the **"Share Your Story"** button.
3. Fill in the required fields: First Name, Last Name, and Email.
4. Everything else is optional -- check the box to post anonymously (your name won't be shown), pick a category (Funny, Technical, Liveaboard, Adventure & Cruising, Cautionary Tale, Racing, and more), and add the sailboat name(s) and type(s) involved.
5. Write your story, and add up to 6 photos if you'd like.
6. Click **"Submit My Story."** It posts immediately -- there's no review queue.

NOTE: Stories post live right away.

Unlike a sailing joke, a submitted story is visible to everyone as soon as you submit it -- there's no review step. The site administrator can still edit, hide, or remove a story per the oversight policy in Section 11, and may choose to mark an especially good one as the site's Featured Story.

Manage it anytime: open your story from the Sailing Stories page while signed in to edit or delete it.