

MORNING WORKSHOPS

Introduction to Sailing

Jenny Townsend

For beginners, or those who wish to learn the fundamentals of sailing. Receive an introduction to sailing, boat equipment, points of sail, tacking, jibing, and basic safety. Even if you already know some basics, enhance your knowledge with this opportunity to get questions answered.

Heavy Weather Sailing

Pam Wall

Pam will explain what heavy weather sailing means to you. You will learn what precautions you need to take before you go to sea to prevent mishaps should you encounter heavy weather. Learn how to reef, when to reef, and how a crew and boat should behave in heavy weather. Learn how to make your boat ready for heavy weather and what to do under certain weather and sea conditions. This is a very important element in safe, efficient, and fun sailing.

Weather Using the Web

Amy Seeley

Confused looking for info on sailing weather on the web? Get lost on the National Weather Service site? Can't understand what you are actually looking at or for? This class will teach you what you need to know to make wise decisions *before* you leave the dock. Learn what info you need the most and where to find it. Learn to interpret what you hear on the VHF and what you see on TV and understand what this information means to you as a sailor.

Red Sky in the Morning?

Amy Seeley

Sailor take warning or should you? Learn how to tell from the clouds, the color of the sky, and changing wind conditions what is coming. Is it a cold- or warm-

front and what does it mean to you? Is it time to reef or should I go out at all? If the wind is backing and picking up, what will happen to the waves? Learn from a weather professional (who also is a sailor) how to use environmental clues to understand the weather.

Making Hardware Work for You – Headsail and Mainsail Handling

Charlotte Peterson

Roller furling headsails are common on modern sailboats of all sizes. But what makes a furler a good choice for your boat? And what are the options for the mainsail? "Over-canvassed" is an easy situation to find oneself in, but what steps can be taken to avoid being overpowered? We will discuss the hardware to make reducing sail area easier- both for reefing and dousing sails. Furling systems will be covered, as well as mainsail handling options, and the modifications needed to make systems effective. Bring your rig dimensions if you have them for "real life" examples.

Off-the-Wind Sails 201 (Asymmetrical/Cruising Spinnakers)

Mickey Neilson

This class is for those who have working knowledge of the front of the boat. We will fine-tune your knowledge of cruising/racing with asymmetrical sails.

Dockside/On-Boat Class

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Dockside/On-Boat Class – No Beginners Please

Safety on the Water

Amy Cermak

In this interactive, hands-on workshop you will gain the knowledge of the safety equipment on your boat, and learn how to use it. Many aspects of boating safety will be covered: life jackets, marine radios, flares, man over board equipment, and more. A must-do course for people at all levels of sailing.

What Works

Pam Wall

Sometimes it's the little things that make the difference. With decades of cruising and tens of thousands of miles under her keel, Pam Wall has learned lots of little things that will make cruising safer, more comfortable, and more successful. In this fast-paced class Pam will share some of her favorite tips, techniques and gear. She will cover cruising from passage-making, boat-handling, anchoring, line holding, stowage, boat systems, safety, communications to finances. You will learn new ideas to improve your cruising.

Understanding Your Onboard Electrical System

Phyllis McDonald

Take a tour of common shipboard 12-Volt DC circuits. Learn some basic maintenance and testing techniques. Our own Boatnanny will show you the Do's and Don'ts of wire connections and why marine-rated equipment is worth the price. You can figure out that snarl of wires behind the panel. Get started here.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

North Channel in Three Weeks

Judy Cook

Don't let the logistics of getting from the Milwaukee area to the North Channel deter you from experiencing one of the most remarkable cruising areas in North America. This course will show you *WHY* you should go there, *WHAT* you need to know, and *HOW* to prepare your boat and your crew for the voyage.

Understanding a Race Committee

Cindy Kraus

This class explains the responsibilities of the Race Committee as defined in the US SAILING Racing Rules of Sailing. It will review each Race Committee job and how the team serves competitors. Brief explanations of the Racing Rules, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Signals, and Course Diagrams, race committee equipment, race-day prep, and scoring. The class will identify where to get more race committee experience, and how to learn more about Race Committee Management.

Docking Theory/Practical

Jan Guthrie

Each approach to a dock requires evaluation of different factors: wind speed, direction, type of dock and available crew and talent. Using land-based theory, and on the dock landing, learn some fundamental techniques of boat handling in docking—including proper use of fenders and cleats, dock line rigging, and techniques for lassoing the elusive piling. This class will be outside rain or shine so bring your gear.

Dockside Class

Making Hardware Work for You – Winches

Charlotte Peterson

This hands-on class will give you a chance to work with a group and get your hands dirty. We will have plenty of examples of different types of winches. This is a chance for you to see how they go together and

what sort of maintenance is required. In the hands-on portion, we will cover the basic mechanics of a modern winch and discuss how different winch handles affect performance and how to size winches properly for your boat.

Sail Trim

Debbie Bruesewitz

In this short course learn basic sail trim. Debbie will give you instruction on basic trimming of the main and jib for different conditions on the Lake. On a docked boat, learn trim and sail handling to get you out sailing with confidence and the knowledge that you can manage the sails. Techniques that you can take with you to practice out on the water this spring and summer.

Knots for Mariners

Pam Wall

There is nothing more empowering than knowing how to quickly throw a bowline into the end of a line! Pam will teach when to use one and how to tie it quickly. You will also learn how to coil, toss, and secure a line properly. Learn basic knots that are used on sailboats everyday like a figure-eight (where to tie it and why); a rolling hitch, one of the most useful knots on a boat; and the clove hitch, a simple knot for fenders and dock lines.

Off-the-Wind Sails 101

Mickey Neilson

This class is for you if you have no or very little working knowledge of the bow of the boat. We will cover spinnaker basics for both symmetrical and asymmetrical cruising spinnakers. We will cover terminology, how to set up your boat if you are considering adding off wind sails, and how to trim and sail with them.

Dockside/On-Boat Class – Beginners Welcome

The Floating Gourmet – How to Cook on the Move

Jean Wolfram

This class will give you detailed information on provisioning your boat for passagemaking for a long voyage. Learn how to cook wonderful gourmet meals for the crew at sea or at anchor. Jean will show you the equipment needed and cooking techniques while the boat is moving. There are some tricks to cooking on the move. Jean will also include some cruising pictures and stories of her Transatlantic Circle adventure with her husband aboard their boat *Canard Azul*.

The VHF and Beyond

Jan Guthrie

Newer VHF radios are amazing. They're very cool, and are easy to use once you know how—MMSI, DSC, and more? Your VHF can call for help, tell who, and where you are. Learn the channels you should use and which ones have changed. Learn how to get help and information. Bring your handheld VHF radio to class for personalized instruction.

Advanced Sail Trim

Betsy Altman

Discuss the challenges of sail trim and best practices for managing sails in various conditions. Racing or cruising, explore how to keep the boat moving, and in control, at critical moments such as light air, heavy air, starting lines or channel crossings. Powering up and depowering are both addressed, as well as the use of boom vang, halyard and other lines. Understand how to read the sails, and set the sails for the best control and performance.

Dockside/On-Boat Class – No Beginners Please