

Let's Go Cruising!

BEGINNING CRUISING CLASS

Tacoma Women's Sailing Association

Dates: Thursday evenings, March 1- April 5, 2012

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Keller Williams Real Estate Training room near I-5/56th at 5825 Tacoma Mall Blvd, Tacoma

Cost: \$125.00 to include basic cruising text

Special Bonus: Because most people cruise with others aboard, this course fee covers the registered participant and their family and/or crew who want to participate (up to 3 persons per registration).

Children who attend the class must be at least 14 years of age.

This class is designed for boaters (men and women of all ages!) who have some sailing experience and are new to the enjoyable world of cruising. Topics covered are intended to improve general knowledge and assist in passing the required Coast Guard boating card test. However, no classroom work can substitute for knowledge gained on the water. Therefore, the classroom sessions will be followed with the opportunity to participate in a spring overnight cruise, hopefully occurring in nice weather! For this cruise, TWSA will endeavor to provide berths for students not having access to boats.

SESSION 1: SO YOU WANT TO GO CRUISING

- An ounce of prevention: Boat maintenance check
- Safety equipment: Required & desired
- Child safety considerations
- Sanitation: Heads, pump out stations
- Personal gear: Essentials & nice but not necessary stuff
- Packing it all in: Food handling & boat loading
- Float plans & ship's logs

SESSION 2: HEADING OUT

- Dinghies & other water craft: Yea or nay, selection, & handling
- Rules of the Road
- Charts, tides & currents
- Navigation aids
- Estimated time of arrivals (ETAs)

SESSION 3: CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY

- Weather: Reading the signs—water, wind, & sky
- Fog: Related important tasks
- Mooring, docking, & anchoring: Where & how, problems & solutions
- Night sailing
- Location, location, location: Where am I & how do I know?

SESSION 4: WHEN THINGS GO WRONG (& THEY WILL!)

- Emergency notifications
- Ship's toolbox: Gotta have—loaded with choices
- Things mechanical quit: Engines, heads, stoves
- Rigging issues
- Line around the prop
- Saltwater leaks

SESSION 5: ELECTRONICS (GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY)

- GPS
- Depth sounders
- Radios
- RADAR

SESSION 6: WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

- Puget Sound sailing
- Canadian sailing
- Chartering
- So much to do & so little time: Birding, clamming, crabbing, fishing, gunk holing, water toys

To sign up, contact Marcy Powell, Tacoma Women's Sailing Association Education Chair at RNMARCY@YAHOO.com 253-549-2292

To register, complete & return the attached form to Marcy Powell-TWSA, 1545 13th Ct, Fox Island WA 98333 no later than **February 15, 2012.**

Name _____

Additional family / crew (limit 2) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phones (H) _____ (C) _____

Check enclosed for \$125 _____

We are looking forward to cruising with YOU!