

Introduction to Cruising

Ever Dream about “Island Hopping” in the Tropics?

Ever Wonder what it would be like to spend a few days on a Cruising Sailboat?

Ever Dream about owning your own Cruiser some day?

SEAS Monmouth has a course that moves you towards realizing these dreams!!!!!!

This Fall we will be offering an “Introduction to Cruising” course – Four (evening) classroom sessions and a weekend Cruise on the Chesapeake that will give you the skills and experience to feel safe, comfortable and competent as crew on a large sailboat.

You’ll become familiar with and learn how to: operate all of the systems and equipment of a cruiser; prepare for a cruise, including gear for personal comfort and safety as well as how to prepare the boat; cruising seamanship, including crew assignments, sail handling and sail trim on a cruiser; safety procedures including man overboard drills, using a VHF radio to call for help, handling emergencies; basic piloting, including navigation, plotting and rules of the road; leaving & returning to dock, rafting up, anchoring and heaving to on a cruiser.

Specifics:

Evening Sessions: 7-9pm, at Brookdale Commons (Fall dates to be determined)

Cruise: Columbus Day Weekend on the Chesapeake: Arrive/Sleep on boat Friday Evening, Oct 5th; leave boat Monday Afternoon, October 8th.

Boats: 38’ Catalina and 39’ Beneteau, from Haven Charters, Rock Hall, MD

Approximate Cost:\$325, plus a \$185 refundable security deposit.

We anticipate heavy interest for the course and berths are limited, so if you want to go, sign up now!!

To sign up, please send an email to Jack at jack.molinelli@verizon.net.