



Piloting



Tuesdays, January 9 through March 13, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm

Course overview: The first in a sequence of USPS courses on navigation, Piloting covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This all new course focuses on recreational boat navigation and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering traditional techniques so the student will find their way if the GPS fails. In class exercises will develop student skills through hands-on practice.

USPS ABC and/or Seamanship recommended as prerequisite courses. For more information contact Ridge White at ridgewhite44@gmail.com.

Topics covered:

- Charts and their interpretation.
- Navigation aids and how they lead to safe waters.
- Plotting courses; determining direction and distance.
- Mariner's compass; converting between True and Magnetic courses.
- Use of GPS, typical displays, information, setting up waypoints and routes and keeping on a route.
- Preplanning safe courses and entering them into a GPS.
- Monitoring progress and determining position with both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning.
- The "Seaman's eye", simple skills to check that one is on course.

Instruction includes: PowerPoint presentation, handouts, plotting practice, and student textbook

Dates: 10 consecutive Tuesdays starting 01/09/2018 through 03/13/2018

Hours: 7:00 to 9:00pm

Location: Westwood Council of Aging, 60 Nahatan Street, between Middle School and High School

Fee: Non- members \$195, Members \$130, Auditing \$88.

Registration: Go to <http://buytickets.at/greatbluehillsailandpowersquadron/111451> or print the form below and put it in the mail by Friday, December 15! Please register early: **Class size limited to only 8!**

Offered by: Great Blue Hill Sail & Power Squadron

Instructors: Robert E. White, former publisher of *Eldridge Tide & Pilot Book*, and Capt. Michael Hanlon, certified instructors, members of the *Great Blue Hill Sail & Power Squadron*

2018 Piloting Class registration

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Westwood Council on Aging
60 Nahatan Street, Westwood

Name: _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email- *please print clearly*- _____

☐ I am a USPS member. Certificate # _____ I have enclosed a check for \$130.00.

☐ I am not a USPS member. I have enclosed a check for \$195.00

☐ I have taken the course in the past, do not need the materials and will not be taking the exam. I have enclosed a check for \$88.00.

Make checks out to: **Great Blue Hill S&PS**

Mail this form and your check **post marked by December 20** to:

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