

## Seamanship



## Presented by Great Blue Hill Sail & Power Squadron

**Course overview:** Building on the basics taught in *America's Boating Course*, Seamanship is the recommended first course for both power boaters and sailors. For those who have taken *America's Boating Course* it devotes entire classes to each of 8 important topics. It also provides the foundation required for boaters wishing to take advanced courses in Piloting and Navigation.

## **Topics covered:**

- Practical marlinspike including splicing and whipping.
- Anchoring in various conditions. Stay put when others are dragging.
- Dockside and lock maneuvering, techniques to make you look like a pro!
- Responsibilities of the skipper
- Boating under normal and adverse conditions getting home safely every time
- Handling emergencies, making the right decisions when it hits the fan
- Hull design and performance, center of balance vs. center of gravity, avoid capsizing
- Rules of the Road, avoiding life threatening collisions

## **Bonus material:**

- Practice on the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer, a computer simulator of on-the-water boat handling techniques for classroom use
- Opportunity to fire off handheld flares both standard and SOLAS safely
- Real time use of a fire extinguisher. Not as easy as you think!

*Instruction includes:* 174 page student textbook and *One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road.* Instructors: Joe Kelliher and Gordon Talley, plus guest lecturers. *Dates:* Mondays 10/03, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/07, 11/14,11/21 and 11/28 NO CLASS 10/10.

*Hours:* 7:00pm to 9:15pm

*Location:* Westwood Council of Aging, Nahatan Street, between middle and high schools. *Directions:* Rt. 128/95 to exit 16a, 2+ miles to Nahatan Street on left. CoA 100 yards on left. *Fee:* Members \$115, non-members \$170.

*Registration:* Return form with check made out to Great Blue Hill S&PS.

*Offered by:* Great Blue Hill Sail and Power Squadron, www.usps-gbh.org *More information:* contact Joe Kelliher at 508-668-8149

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