

Piloting®

Offered by the Meriden Power Squadron 
 Held at **Yankee Gas Building 56 Cooper Street, Meriden, CT**

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Class meets (8) Thursdays 1900 - 2100 hrs Starting **February 23, 2012**

Cost of the course is \$60.

(\$15 additional covers the cost of plotter and dividers, if you need them, which you keep.)

Directions: Yankee Gas Building

From 84 E/W: Take exit 27 for Rt. 691 toward Meriden/Middletown. - Take Exit 4 - At end of ramp, take a right onto Meriden/Waterbury Rd., which turns into W. Main St. - Turn right onto Cook Ave. (at Dunkin Donuts) - At your 2nd light, take a left onto Cooper St. - Yankee Gas Building is on your right.

From 91 N/S: Take Exit for Rt. 691- Take Broad St. Exit - At end of ramp, take a left - At monuments, take a right onto E.

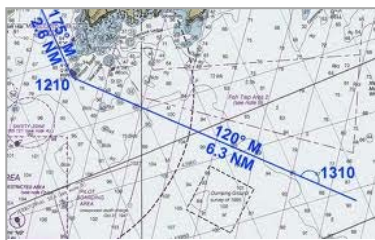
Main St. - Continue straight on road through center of Meriden until you reach the Dunkin Donuts, bear left. - At 2nd light, take a left onto Cooper St. - Yankee Gas Building is on your right.



Piloting is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation.

This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails.

The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam.



Topics covered include:

Charts and their interpretation.

Navigation aids and how they point to safe water.

Plotting courses and determining direction and distance.

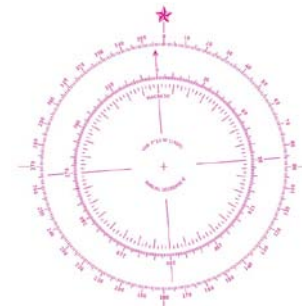
The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic.

Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.

Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS.

Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning.

The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.



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