



North Strand Sail & Power Squadron



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Little River, SC 29566

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Boating Seminars for the Public

Get more enjoyment from your boating by learning to boat safely

Our main purpose is to improve boating safety & enjoyment through education. Join us in our efforts!



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South Carolina has one of the highest boating fatality rates in the country. Horry County leads the state in boating accidents and fatalities. The North Strand Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, is dedicated to help make boating safer and to reduce the rate of boating accidents in our area. We ask the help of government agencies, boating industry businesses, and the general public to attain this improvement. It may save your own life or family member or that of a friend.

Enjoy your boating experience more by learning to boat safer and feeling more secure in handling your boat. We are offering short seminars on several boating activities to help educate the public. These 2 to 3 hour courses will greatly improve your knowledge of boating. All seminars are taught by certified instructors from the North Strand Sail & Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club at our Training Center in North Myrtle Beach at the Silver Coast Marina. Class starts at 6:00PM on Mondays starting April 20. A different course will be offered each week.

For more information check our website at

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USPS University – *Seminar Series*

USPS University is here with new programs targeted to a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the *Seminar Series*. These short seminars are targeted to specific topics and needs with a two-hour format, and valuable take-away guides.



- [Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio](#)
- [Using GPS](#)
- [How to Use a Chart](#)
- [Onboard Weather Forecasting](#)
- [Boat Handling under Power](#)
- [Sail Trim and Rig Tuning](#)
- [Paddle Smart](#)
- [Anchoring](#)
- [Hurricanes and Boats](#)
- [Marine RADAR](#)
- [Knots, Bends and Hitches](#)
- [Trailing Your Boat](#)

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Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is rapidly becoming a reality as more Coast Guard *Rescue 21 System* operations go live. This seminar explains basic VHF operation. A CD is included with a DSC Simulator that allows you to practice on your computer at home. The handy waterproof McGraw-Hill Captains’ Quick Guide *Using VHF* is included with essential information that you should have aboard.



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Using GPS

This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation and shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts. The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. You’ll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don’t currently own one. The waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain’s Quick Guide *Using GPS* is included to take aboard to remind you of the steps, or to show another of your crew how to use your GPS.

How to Use a Chart

The NOAA Chart No. 1 is the quintessential reference to chart details, but is difficult to understand. This seminar walks you through what you really need to know in an entertaining and interesting fashion, and provides you with a Maptech Waterproof flip-fold waterproof *Chart Symbols and On-the-Water Guide* to take along on the boat with you. In addition to showing you all about your chart, this seminar walks you through the essentials of laying out a safe course, steps to measure a course with the USPS plotter, and even a quick guide to the rules of the road.

Onboard Weather Forecasting

While not a course in weather, this seminar explains how just using your own senses can help you determine what conditions you will encounter where you are. By all means, a forecast is important. It will tell you what weather systems are headed your way, but they are challenged to tell exactly where and when conditions will change. Add your own observations and you have an extra edge. Add a couple of instruments and you can verify your observations. The seminar explains weather systems, how to understand clouds and their changes, using changing wind direction, temperature, and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts. The seminar includes the McGraw-Hill *Onboard Weather Forecasting* waterproof Captain’s Quick Guide to take aboard your boat.

Boat Handling Under Power

This seminar shows boaters how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions as well as all about trimming the boat underway. The seminar comes with a waterproof USPS Captain’s Quick Guide and Student Notes. The instructor kit includes a PowerPoint CD with excellent slides and flash animations plus an instructor manual.

Sail Trim

This seminar shows in clear and simple terms how to use and adjust sails for optimum performance under a wide range of conditions. The seminar comes with a waterproof USPS Captain’s Quick Guide written by North Sails and Student Notes. The instructor kit includes notes and an excellent PowerPoint program.



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Paddle Smart

This seminar is intended for those about to join the sport and those considering purchasing paddling equipment. The seminar kit includes several handouts: attendee workbook for note-taking and reference; “The Complete Sea Kayaker’s Handbook” by Shelly Johnson; Off-Season Boating, Cold Shock & Hypothermia tri-fold. Optionally available but not part of the basic kit is “Introduction to Paddling – Canoeing Basics for Lakes and Rivers” by the American Canoe Association.

Anchoring

This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. It also includes tables for sizing an anchor and components, and information for determining loads under various conditions. The kit includes the USPS Anchoring Quick Guide written by Bill Gladstone, and Student Notes with copies of the slides.

Hurricanes and Boats

This is a mini-seminar. It covers how to select a location and prepare your boat for a hurricane. The kit includes Student Notes with copies of the slides.

Marine Radar

This seminar covers how radar functions, radar selection, operation of the radar under various conditions including setting of controls, display interpretation, basic navigation, and collision avoidance using radar. The kit includes the Radar book written by Kevin Monahan (\$25 retail) and Student Notes with copies of slides.

Knots, Bends, and Hitches

This seminar is a hands-on “learn how to tie knots” program geared to a wide range of audiences. The kit comes with a copy of the USPS Guide *Knots, Bends and Hitches for Mariners*, a copy of the slide notes and a kit including a die-cut knot board and two lengths of line. Participants learn about knots, learn to tie a set of the most useful knots, and then get to take the whole package home with them to practice these and a whole host of other knots described in the book.

Trailer

Trailer Your Boat explains how to select tow vehicles, hitches, and trailers. It also explains how to safely and securely trailer your boat, launch and retrieve it, and how to operate and maintain your trailering equipment. The kit comes with the McGraw-Hill published USPS book *Trailer your Boat* by Bruce Smith. The instructor CD is separate from the other seminars and includes a full Coast Guard video on trailering as well as the PowerPoint presentations.



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<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Trailer	5/20/2009	\$ 31.00
Knots, Bends, and Hitches	TBD	\$ 33.00
Boat Handling Under Power	6/22/2009	\$ 28.00
Using GPS	6/29/2009	\$ 29.00
Hurricanes and Boats	7/13/2009	\$ 16.00
Sail Trim	8/3/2009	\$ 26.00
Anchoring	9/14/2009	\$ 26.00
Onboard Weather Forecasting	10/5/2009	\$ 26.00
Marine Radar	11/9/2009	\$ 34.00
Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio	12/7/2009	\$ 29.00
How to Use a Chart	1/11/2010	\$ 29.00
Paddle Smart	2/8/2010	\$ 29.00

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Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Email: _____ Own Boat: Y N

Seminar: Check your choice(s)

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| <input type="radio"/> Trailing Your Boat | 5/13/2009 | \$ 31.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Knots, Bends, and Hitches | TBD | \$ 33.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Boat Handling Under Power | 6/22/2009 | \$ 28.00 |
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| <input type="radio"/> Onboard Weather Forecasting | 10/5/2009 | \$ 26.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Marine Radar | 11/9/2009 | \$ 34.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio | 12/7/2009 | \$ 29.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> How to Use a Chart | 1/1/2010 | \$ 26.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Paddle Smart | 2/8/2010 | \$ 29.00 |

Class Time Preference for TBD seminars: Monday 6:00PM ___ Saturday 9:00AM ___

When you have registered you will be contacted to pick up your class documents and provide a check for the class cost. If you wish to mail this form send to

NSSPS, 714 Highway 17 North, Little River, SC, Attention Seminar Committee

You may send a check with the form or when you pick up your supplies. Checks are to be made out to North Strand Sail & Power Squadron. Paid preregistration must be completed with payment one week before the class.

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