

Basic Navigation & Seamanship

Seamanship provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in boat handling and maneuvering, boat operation, skipper's responsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment.

Basic Navigation (Piloting) - teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway. The course covers; charts and their interpretation; navigation aids (buoys, daymarks, lights, etc.); the mariner's compass; GPS concepts waypoints, routes and preplanning; monitoring progress underway with GPS and dead-reckoning; and the "Seaman's Eye." If you have not completed the mandatory boating education course required by the State of Virginia, we can also arrange for you to meet that requirement during this course.

This course includes a one-day on the water session at the end of the course to provide hands-on experience with many of a navigation and seamanship skills taught in the classroom.

Cost is \$150 for members and \$275 for non-members (which includes 1 year membership) which covers books, divider, plotter, tests and shipping due the first night of the class. Member and non-member couples can share materials for an additional \$15 to cover mailing and exam expenses. Course will run from 7:00 to 9:30 PM on Tuesday nights from February 27 through May 1 at The First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue (at Boulevard) in Richmond. You must register to attend with Jim Zeigler at 804-347-5239 or jim@jpzeigler.com before February 20, 2017.

The course is offered by the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron, one of the 400 units of the United States Power Squadrons. We are a non-profit, public service fraternal organization dedicated to teaching safe boating that has been having fun together and teaching boating skills for over 100 years. Our web site is <http://www.richmondboatclub.com>.