

Cruise Planning – Jan 10, 2024



There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruising and Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters.

Designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered)—this course covers the following topics:

- Cruise preparation and planning – General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring

- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

The Cruising and Cruise Planning Course will be taught in eight two-hour sessions including time for review and completion of a multiple choice, closed book, exam.

The course will be taught in the New Orleans Power Squadron education trailer on Wednesday evenings starting on 10 January and finishing on 6 March. There will be no class on 14 Feb, the day after Mardi Gras.

The instructors of the course are experienced boaters who cruised fulltime on their boat for almost 7 years. It is their hope that you will be able to enjoy the cruising life too, even if only for a few days at a time.