

What is our Ocean Passage Making Class About?



Yacht Preparation and Departure



Use Celestial Navigation



Catching Dinner While Underway

Learn skills required to safely sail offshore for an extended period while accompanying us as we move our teaching vessel, Gallivant to the Caribbean in the fall and back in the spring. 6-9 day, live aboard classes, which provide students with an understanding of yacht preparation for ocean sailing, course planning, working a watch schedule, use of celestial navigation, weather analysis, storm avoidance, heavy weather sailing techniques including use of drogue and storm jib, use of radar, techniques for crossing the Gulf Stream, and other elements involved in ocean passage making. All classes taught by an ASA certified and USCG licensed captain.

Fall Schedule 2020:

Norfolk, VA to Bermuda, 680 nautical miles, 6 days, November 1-7, 2020, Captain Mike Brown, \$2499. This class includes a Gulf stream crossing and sail to beautiful Bermuda.

Bermuda to St. Thomas, 850 nautical miles, 8 Days, November 13-21, 2020, Captain Mike Brown, \$2499. This passage is the furthest from land of any of our passages and the weather gets better and better as we sail south. See both Bermuda and St. Thomas on this popular passage.

Spring Schedule 2021:

St. Thomas to West Palm Beach, FL- 970 nautical miles, 9 days, April 10-19, 2021, Captain Mike Brown, \$2499. This class typically has trade winds most or all the way and since we stay south the weather is expected to be warm the entire passage.

West Palm Beach, FL to Norfolk, VA to Rock Hall, MD, 760 nautical miles, 9 Days, April 28-May 5, 2021, Captain Mike Brown, \$2499. After departure from Fort West Palm Beach, FL, students sail northeast about a hundred miles and then ride the Gulf Stream north and typically sail at 9-10 knots when combining the Gulf Stream current with favorable winds and/or we may jump inside and take the Inter Coastal Waterway part of the way and then jump back out as weather allows. Then after we arrive in Norfolk sail up the Chesapeake Bay back to our home port in Rock Hall, MD.

Our ocean passages are way beyond what other schools offer so students can earn either ASA106 or ASA108 certification or both ASA106/108 on any of our ocean passages.

Students who don't already have ASA105 and ASA107 can do a home study and then take the exams during the class for just \$299 more for each home study. Although not required some students do a home study for ASA119 Marine Weather to help prepare them for the passage.



Land Ho



Captain Mike Brown



Captain Tom Hamilton

Prerequisites: In order to get certified to ASA108 Ocean Passage Making students must have already completed ASA101, ASA103, ASA104, ASA105, ASA106, and ASA107. Students who have ASA101-ASA105 but not ASA107, can get certified to ASA106 Advanced Coastal Cruising. It is also possible to participate in the ocean passage making classes as a non ASA Certification candidate. Students without the required ASA prerequisites must submit a sailing resume showing that they are well prepared for an ocean passage.

Our Ocean Passage Making Classes are real passages and students are subject to the same constraints that anyone would experience on an ocean passage.

Ocean passages are subject to weather and boat repair related delays. If our weather router says we need to depart at a later date due to adverse weather, we could be delayed until the weather clears. It is also possible that we could experience some boat related issue and be delayed while repairs are made. Before signing up for an ocean passage potential students should make sure their schedule is flexible enough to allow them to depart and/or arrive later than our published schedules. No refunds are given due to weather or boat repair related delays.

By paying for an ocean passage making class you acknowledge that you have been informed of this policy.