

# Captain Tom Hamilton

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Captain Tom Hamilton as seen off the Atlantic coast of Portugal helping a friend deliver his new Discovery 55 from Southampton UK to Malaga Spain.

Tom received a PhD in cell biology from the University of Wales UK and worked in cancer research for more than 30 years until he retired in 2012. Captain Tom has been boating since he was a teenager, and has been actively sailing since the mid 1990's.

Captain Tom holds a United States Coast Guard Master 50 Ton Oceans license, Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC), Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) endorsement, and has an equivalent license in the BVI allowing him to serve in capacity requiring a Boat Master Grade II license.

He has more than 50,000 offshore miles under his belt sailing in Europe, the Near East, Caribbean and North American offshore waters. He is married with two adult daughters.

Captain Tom has experience on many sailboats of all sizes and currently sails his San Juan 23 and before that his Lancer 36.

Tom teaches on the Chesapeake Bay, Lake Nockamixon near his home, and in the Virgin Islands during the winter.

Captain Tom loves to share his knowledge and is also a writer. You may have seen his articles in Yachting Monthly and in Blue Water Sailing.

Captain Tom is certified to teach the following ASA classes:

- ASA101 Basic Keelboat Sailing
- ASA103 Basic Coastal Cruising
- ASA104 Bareboat Cruising
- ASA105 Coastal Navigation and Piloting
- ASA106 Advanced Coastal Cruising
- ASA107 Celestial Navigation
- ASA108 Ocean Passage Making
- ASA114 Cruising Catamaran
- ASA118 Docking Endorsement

