

## *Interested in sailing on larger boats?*

*Take the SEAS Monmouth Cruising Course and get the experience and training you need to confidently cruise on large boats!*



The SEAS Monmouth Cruising Course provides you with the basic skills you need to enjoy life on cruising sailboats – boats that range in length from 32 to 55 feet, with living accommodations for from 4 to 8 people.

These boats are available for charter in many of the great sailing locations in the world – from Chesapeake Bay to the Caribbean, from New England to the South Pacific. Think about it: SEAS members sailing boats in: Turkey, Greece, Italy, the Grenadines, The British Virgin Islands, The Spanish Virgin Islands, The Exumas, The Abacos, the Florida Keys, the Gulf of Mexico (Dry Tortugas), Newport Road Island, Maine, Lake Champlain, the Elizabeth Islands, Block Island, Belize, Sea of Cortez, San Juan Islands, Tahiti, New Zealand and Thailand – you could be one of them !!!!!

The course consists of four classroom sessions, each lasting about 2½ hours, at which you learn about many aspects of cruising: Navigation, Course plotting, Anchoring, Using the radio, Plumbing on a boat (“the head”), Safety, Crew overboard, Clothing – what to bring (and what not to bring), Weather, Using the engine, Steering the boat, Docking – how to use dock lines and fenders, Sailing – what are all those “extra” controls for?, living on a boat and much, much more.

The classes are followed by a weekend charter on Chesapeake Bay –over the Columbus Day weekend – when you have the opportunity to experience for yourself “*The Cruising Life*”!

Courses are taught by experienced skippers, many of whom own their own boats and all of whom have years of experience chartering boats in many places around the world. All are members of SEAS Monmouth who volunteer to teach this course out of their love of sailing and enjoyment of introducing others to this great pastime.

The cruising course charter boats will each have a skipper and a first mate – both experienced sailors and SEAS members – and up to four students who will have the opportunity over the weekend to perform all the tasks aboard the boat under the watchful eyes of the two instructors.

The course costs approximately \$350. This includes a copy of *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship*, some basic navigation tools, and Columbus Day weekend on the boat. This year, Columbus Day Weekend falls on October 10-12 (we get on the boats on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup>) and the classroom sessions are tentatively scheduled for the evenings of 9/24, 9/29, 10/1, 10/6.

Because of the lead time needed to book the boats, early reservations are essential, and there is a limited number of openings available. A \$100 deposit secures your berth in the course.

If you are interested in getting more information, or would like to sign up for this year's course – please be in touch with either of the two SEAS members who lead the course:

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