

Captain Bob Butchko

Captain Bob Butchko is a veteran sailor with 40 years' experience. He is also an ex-Naval Officer and Aviator. His early sailing days were spent racing in San Francisco Bay. Since that time has amassed approximately 780 lifetime sailing days and more than 10,000 Bluewater miles in the waters of the Pacific/Hawaii, Mid-Atlantic Coastal, S & SW Florida Coastal, Bermuda, Leeward Islands Caribbean, BVI and the inland waters of the San Francisco, Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. His longest passage was during a Pacific Cup yacht race from San Francisco CA to Kauai HI, a voyage of 2400 NM and 15 continuous days at sea.

Bob holds a US Coast Guard 25 Ton Inland-Master Captain's License with Sailing and STCW Endorsements, as well as a certified ASA101 Basic Keel Boat Instructor, ASA103 Coastal Cruising Instructor, ASA104 Bareboat Cruising Instructor, ASA118 Docking Instructor and an ASA105 Coastal Navigation Instructor. He is also a certified US Sailing Keel Boat Instructor.

Part of his naval career was spent as a primary flight instructor teaching young officers how to fly. He uses many of the same techniques he developed then to more effectively instructor novice sailors today. Bob is quick to assess how his students as individual's best learn, either visually, audibly or by just plain doing. He then attempts to teach sailing concepts in ways that will be most effective for each person, while instilling the sense of teamwork required to safety and efficiently handle a sailing yacht in varying conditions and circumstances.

His students report having an exceptionally positive, fulfilling and fun learning experience with Captain Bob at the helm.

