

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. 9-12 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 Ocean Master captain.

Please see schedule on Course Description page for list of available ASA108 Ocean Passages and ASA106/108 Ocean Passage/Coastal Cruise combination classes.

Our ocean passages are real passages as we move our sailboat to and from St. Thomas and the Chesapeake Bay and are way beyond what other schools offer.

Prerequisites: In order to get certified to ASA108 Ocean Passage Making students must have already completed ASA101, ASA103, ASA104, ASA105, ASA106, and ASA107. 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.

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



Land Ho



Captain Mike Brown



Captain Tom Hamilton

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 less likely but 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.

