

Private Summer Cruising Courses

Value-Packed Summer Resort Retreat Programs

For Couples, Friends and Single Parents

Guaranteed to Maximize Confidence in Two-Person Cruising!

This private learning experience gives you the confidence to happily cruise on big boats – just the two of you!



In 4 days you gain two certifications and the knowledge and skills most long-time sailors never achieve. Seasoned sailors call it “short-handed” sailing. Sailors who know how wonderful it is to share sailing adventures with a spouse, son, daughter, or best friend -- call it sheer bliss.

“We worked around the boat like a real crew, taking shifts in different positions, helping each other with anything needed. I couldn’t have asked for a better experience.”

Zoe Thomas – Palm Bay, FL

Learn on a 40’-45’ Catamaran or 44’-47’ Monohull – May Through August 2024

When you choose in advance whether you want to learn on a monohull or catamaran, our sales associates will discuss availability at our four Florida Resort destinations.

- [Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina, Ft. Myers Beach](#)
- [’Tween Waters Island Resort & Spa, Captiva Island](#)
- [Downtown Hampton Inn & Suites, St. Petersburg](#)
- [Stock Island Yacht Club & Marina, Key West](#)

Everything you learn emphasizes how to handle a 40’-50’ cruising yacht safely

- Docking, anchoring, mooring (if mooring balls available)
- Tacking and jibing short-handed
- Overboard recovery techniques
- Chart and GPS/electronic navigation
- Right of Way Rules
- Explanation of using lights at night and at anchor
- Short-handed techniques when cruising under sail and power in various sea and wind conditions
- Use of and simple maintenance for electronic and mechanical systems aboard

“This was truly the most incredible experience we ever had. We want to live aboard a sailboat after retirement and your course has motivated us to buy a boat sooner than later. Thanks so much for your fantastic team, beautiful learning boats and challenging curriculum.” Aaron Maynard, Myrtle Beach, SC



Plan to Arrive Friday, Depart Wednesday, or Add Extra Nights

This 4-day/5-night value-packed Summer Cruising Course Retreat is a private learning vacation for two that provides air-conditioned comfort ashore each night. Saturday through Tuesday, you and your cruise-mate spend all day aboard with an Offshore Sailing School US Sailing-certified cruising instructor, learning while sailing. Lunch each day is included aboard the yacht. At the end of each day you return to the marina for valuable docking practice before heading ashore to your air-conditioned room or suite, then enjoy dinner at a local fine-dining or eclectic eatery, while the sun sets with a glorious glow.

Cost? \$9,995 For Two Includes . . .

- Four full days of big sailboat cruising instruction aboard a 44'-47' monohull or 40'-45' catamaran
- Lunch aboard each day of the course while you maximize your learning experience
- Five nights ashore at one of our host partner resorts – Friday through Tuesday
- US Sailing *Basic Cruising* and *Bareboat Cruising* textbooks
- US Sailing Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising Certification when you pass the tests

What If You Have Little or No Prior Sailing Experience?

To participate in this private two-person cruising boat course, you must have US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification achieved in the Offshore Sailing School Learn to Sail 101 Course, or equivalent experience. If your sailing experience is only on very small boats, or you have little or no prior sailing knowhow on boats over 20', we recommend you consider Offshore Sailing School's exclusive and very popular Fast Track to Cruising® Course.

About the Offshore Sailing School Fast Track to Cruising® Course Retreat for Two

This 6-day program starts with two days of Basic Keelboat 101, Thursday and Friday, learning the necessary basics of sailing on a fast, responsive Colgate 26 keelboat. Then on Saturday you board the cruising monohull or catamaran for the value-packed Private Summer Cruising Course Retreat.

"Our experience was fantastic, start-to-finish! Fast Track to Cruising was a tremendous value. We are prepared to SAFELY build on fundamental skills we now have as we continue to gain sailing experience." Tom and Susan Teare – Essex, VT



The Fast Track to Cruising® Retreat for Two is \$12,995 and Includes . . .

- Two full days of Learn to Sail instruction aboard a Colgate 26 keelboat (Basic Keelboat 101)
- Four full days of instruction aboard a 44'-47' monohull or 40'-45' catamaran (Basic Cruising 103 and Bareboat Cruising 104, and Catamaran Endorsement if you learn on that boat type)
- Lunch aboard each day of the 4-day cruising course
- Seven nights ashore at one of our host partner resorts – Wednesday through Tuesday
- US Sailing *Basic Keelboat*, *Basic Cruising*, *Bareboat Cruising* textbooks; plus Catamaran Supplement if taking course on a catamaran
- US Sailing Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising Certification when you pass the tests
- US Sailing Catamaran Endorsement if you take course on a catamaran



These comprehensive programs are all about learning and loving to sail and cruise as a two-some. Space is limited.

Call to enroll now! 800-221-4326 or 239-454-1700

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