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Offshore Sailing School Relaunches Under New Ownership, Introducing a New Era of Luxury Boating Education

January 15, 2026- Sarasota & St. Petersburg, Florida – Offshore Sailing School, one of the most recognized names in American sailing education, is proud to announce its official relaunch in the Sarasota and St. Petersburg markets under new ownership by Seaworthy Academy. The relaunch marks an exciting new chapter for the iconic brand, expanding its mission from traditional sailing instruction into a comprehensive, luxury-focused boating education platform for both sail and power enthusiasts.

The renewed Offshore Sailing School will offer a full spectrum of training programs designed for modern boaters seeking confidence, competence, and exceptional experiences on the water. Instruction will span monohull sailboats, sailing catamarans, monohull powerboats, and power catamarans—allowing students to progress seamlessly from introductory courses to advanced certifications.

Programs will range from learning-to-sail and powerboat fundamentals to advanced passage-making, multiday live-aboard instruction, and internationally recognized licensing pathways that enable graduates to charter vessels anywhere in the world. All courses are delivered as part of a NauticEd-certified curriculum, ensuring students receive instruction that meets the highest nationally recognized standards for boating education. Courses will be available on a per-cabin or entire-vessel basis, giving couples, families, and groups the opportunity to combine world-class education with a true on-the-water vacation experience.

“Our vision is to remove the intimidation factor from boating and replace it with confidence, enjoyment, and lifestyle,” said Brian Crotty, President of Offshore Sailing School. “By combining elite instruction, premium vessels, destination-based learning, and internationally recognized NauticEd certification, Offshore Sailing School becomes more than a school—it becomes a gateway to lifelong boating experiences.”

Doris Colgate, former CEO and President of Offshore Sailing School, shared her perspective on the brand’s next chapter:

“Offshore Sailing School has always been about empowering people to feel confident and capable on the water. I am incredibly excited to see the brand move into its next generation under new leadership that truly understands both the educational mission and the lifestyle that boating

represents. I look forward to watching Offshore Sailing continue to grow, evolve, and inspire boaters around the world for many years to come.”

Grant Headifen, Founder and CEO of NauticEd, added:

“Offshore Sailing School has long been a respected name in boating education, and we’re excited to see the brand evolve under new ownership. The commitment to high standards, modern training methods, and experiential learning aligns perfectly with NauticEd’s global mission. We’re proud to support Offshore Sailing School as it expands into new destinations and prepares the next generation of competent, confident boaters worldwide.”

The Sarasota and St. Petersburg locations were selected intentionally for their vibrant boating communities, protected and open-water training environments, and access to both coastal and offshore cruising grounds—making them ideal classrooms for sailors and powerboaters alike. Additional locations are already planned, including the Bahamas and the British Virgin Islands, which will serve as destinations for both instruction and immersive flotilla experiences.

With enrollment now open and additional destinations planned, including future sail and power flotillas around the globe, the relaunch signals a bold evolution for Offshore Sailing School—one that blends education, luxury, and adventure into a single, seamless experience. For more information on courses, schedules, and enrollment, please contact Offshore at info@offshoresailing.com.

About Offshore Sailing School

Founded by Steve and Doris Colgate, Offshore Sailing School is one of the most respected names in boating education, having educated tens of thousands of sailors and set industry standards for experiential, confidence-based instruction across sail and power. Following the acquisition of certain assets by Seaworthy Academy, the organization continues to operate under the Offshore Sailing brand, focused on expanding luxury boating education, global destinations, and flotilla-based experiences. For more information, visit their website at www.offshoresailing.com or call (941)390-1708.