



Captain Sam Crouse

Sam is a USCG 100-Ton Master Captain and has been boating since his teens and has completed the Great Loop twice.

He completed a career in the USAF as a Pilot. He flew the B-52G, U-2R, and was both a primary and advanced jet instructor.

Sam then went on to commercial aviation to fly the Boeing-747, 737, DC-9, Fokker-100, and the Airbus 320 family.

He holds a master's from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Doctorate from the University of Texas at Dallas.



Captain Joe Oster

Joe is a USCG 100-Ton Near Coastal Master Captain and grew up sailing and boating on Lake Ontario and waters of Canada.

He founded and ran several successful IT companies, serving professional, healthcare, and manufacturing clients.

He and his wife now live and travel on their Grand Banks Trawler, based out of Hilton Head Island, SC.

*A professional Yacht Training and Delivery Company
with a Safe and Reliable track record!*

Training and Delivery Services

Captain Training

We use a proven building block approach to training. You'll receive instructions and guidance to help familiarize you, and us, with your vessel. The materials we provide will get your training started before we arrive at your boat. This makes your onboard experience more efficient and effective.

Upon request, we can also provide a complimentary, confidential review of your survey. This has the potential to save you thousands of dollars in preventative maintenance actions. It also allows us to customize our approach and training to your specific vessel.

First Mate Training

Here we present the basics of being a valuable First Mate. While most situations require routine steps, we will highlight a wide variety of circumstances you will encounter during your travels.

Developing a routine with your Captain is paramount and will give you the confidence to make your voyages safe, relaxed, and fun.

We cover topics including docking/departing, anchoring, safety, lines, and fenders, locking, and what *not* to do. 😊

Yacht Delivery Services

If you need help getting your boat from one place to another (with or without you onboard), we are available, experienced, and ready to assist. We can provide extra hands as needed.

You may also just need the comfort of having someone experienced onboard to help with challenging waters where you have limited experience.

We are very familiar with the entire Great Loop, the entire ICW, the Inland rivers and lakes, the Great Lakes, Canada, the Gulf, and the Bahamas.



Journey



Boat



Crew



Living Aboard

Contact us at Crew@WhatYachtToDo.com or (214) 984-1075

Confidence equals safety.

Purchasing a new (to you) boat shouldn't be a stressful event.

Taking a few days to get comfortable, alongside an experienced Captain, will provide you and your crew with the confidence needed to safely enjoy your vessel.

We customize our training plan to match your needs and experience level, usually three to five days.

Following our introductory calls and contract agreement, we send you our proprietary "Training Preparation Information (TPI)" form. After you complete it and send it back to us, we tailor your training plan to your specific boat, and your individual needs.

We also arrange for a short, virtual meeting about a week prior to arrival.

Our goal is to leave you with the knowledge you need to fully and safely enjoy your wonderful adventures.

Typical Training Plan:

Day One:

- **Orientation:** Review TPI - Refine plans based on weather, review folder resources [We provide a folder with a collection of useful handouts, references, and forms].
- **Boat systems:** batteries and electrical, navigation, holding, water and fuel tanks, heads, engines, generator, maintenance, bilge pumps, etc.
- **Safety onboard:** Crew communication, resources, equipment location, lines, fenders, ground tackle.
- **Captain and Crew responsibilities.** Who does what, and when?
- **Navigation:** Resources, Apps, weather.
- Connectivity/procedures to leverage onboard plotter, Navionics/Aqua Map, etc.
- Build and enter routing for next day's trip; use of GPX files.
- Homework: Checklist Part I.

Day Two:

- **Discussion:** Checklist homework review, boat handling, best practices, lines, docking, getting underway, anchoring overview.
- **Checklists:** Manufacturer provided, starting procedures, departure actions
- **Departure:** Enroute navigation, maneuvering, traffic avoidance.
- Side-tie docking exercises.
- Assessing electrical power management underway (generator, inverter, etc.).
- Engine compartment checks underway, recording and monitoring systems.
- **Routing back to Marina:** Plan, check, execute, arrival, docking.
- Post-docking actions, securing boat.
- Homework: Checklist Part II.
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Day Three:

- **Discussion:** Checklist homework review, anchoring procedures.
- Plan route, enter, check, execute.
- Departure, enroute navigation and replanning.
- **Practice:** Anchoring, maneuvers and docking practice, side tie, bow in, stern in.
- **Emergencies: Basic rules, discussions.**
- **Man Overboard (MOB) procedures, drills.**
- Rules of the Road.
- **Routing back to Marina:** Plan, check, execute, arrival, docking.
- Post-docking actions, securing boat.
- Homework: Checklist Part III & IV.

Day Four:

- Final checklist homework review, profile to be determined based on progress.
- Repeat departure and arrival as desired.
- Stern-in docking coordination practice.
- **Emergency actions** per manufacturer checklist.
- Emphasis on any areas you desire underway and/or dockside discussions.
- **Periodic maintenance** and monitoring of systems, radar operation.
- More Rules of the Road.
- **Routing back to Marina:** Plan, check, execute, arrival, docking.
- Post-docking actions, securing boat.

POST TRAINING:

We provide a three-page, signed report of training you can use to send to your insurer if you desire. In the past, some clients have saved on premiums, and some have used it to re-shop insurance upon renewal.

Upon request, we will also provide a written list of recommendations for your boat. Our "what would I do if it were my boat" list.