

Question and answers

What about bad weather?

I am a fair weather sailor meaning I don't go out looking for trouble however if thunderstorms are predicted we do go out as these are usually isolated storms and are predicted almost every day of the summer these days.

I have some foul weather gear on the boat however it is nicer and more comfortable if you bring your own.

Sailing is like camping so you should provision for unexpected changes in the weather.

I would like to just take one class either a basic sailing class or a navigation class to see if I would like it?

Call me up and pick a day I will schedule a class for that day through my email list of interested people. I limit all of my classes to a 4 person max.

Don't worry about finding 4 other people I will find them.

The price for these classes are \$150 per person \$250 per couple. If you would want a private class for yourself or a sunset sail or team building workshop. The price would be \$400 for 1/2 day (5hrs)

I would like to take my family sailing for the day with some instruction. I would also like my kids to be able to take the helm and learn some sailing skills. What are my options?

You have 3 options for a family sail.

#1 Family half day hands on sailing charter.

This charter will last around 5 hours and is all instructional hands on sailing where every one participates. I recommend this to anyone who has never been on a boat before as more than 5 hours is a long time. The price of this charter will stay this year at \$350

#2 Family full day hands on charter.

This charter will last longer as we would go out to the Isle of Shoals or out to Rockport. This trip could last between 8 to 10 hours depending on the weather.

This is a nice trip for a family with older kids or any one who would not mind being on a boat for that many hours.
However we do break up the trip by going ashore if we want.

#3 A 5 trip scheduled sailing package for your family We will explore all aspects of sailing as out lined in the 5 class package. This would be a great experience for a family that may be thinking of getting a boat in the future, or maybe chartering a boat in the Islands.
It would also be a great way to get out sailing without the expense of owning a boat.

I have taken the 5 class sailing package but I would like to continue sailing through out the summer?

Any one that takes the 5 class package will be welcome to come out sailing on any class that I have room on for the price of \$100. I have people that schedule classes through out the summer on a weekly basis usually on Fridays or Thursdays but these classes can be scheduled for any day of the week. If you don't see a class scheduled to your needs give me a call and I will accommodate.

I would prefer sailing the Southern Cross (Sarah Maria)?

Do to the fact that My insurance is limiting the number of trips on the Sarah Maria I have to limit where in my business I am using her. Also as this is my personal cruising boat an I like to know that the people that I have on the boat are proficient enough to sail her with the respect that she deserves.

We may use the Sarah Maria during the week on Thursday or Fridays during our casual sails.

If I have problems with the Bella Donna I have the Sarah Maria as a back up though she is not as easy to learn to sail as the Bella Donna.

Am I allowed to bring alcohol on either boat?

This is not a booze cruise and I have never had to worry about that, as sailing is a little intimidating so most clients like to keep there wits with

them and their lunches down So the answer is I don't mind if you bring some wine or have a couple of beers but keep moderation in mind.

What about getting sea sick do we get to come back in?

I highly recommend taking some sort of sea sick medication.

I never have because it was all rather new when I started sailing I just got sick. My clients recommend Bodine, ear patches, and wrist bands, they all seem to work.

Take the pills a few hours before heading out, or according to the instructions.

I don't want to be stuck on a boat with my kids all day can I send them with you? Do you do classes for teenagers?

I don't do classes for teenagers it would be too expensive with better options at the American Yacht club.

If I like your kids I will take them off of your hands but it will cost you.

I really don't know if I want to be stuck on a boat for the day with a guy that I don't know. Any chance of meeting in person some where?

There are many places that we can meet. I play my guitar at the Grog in down town Newburyport on Wednesday evenings for their open mike. If that is not a good time I can meet almost any where.

During the summer I often bring the boat up to the town dock along the board walk in down town Newburyport.

This is a great way to check out the boat and for us to get to know each other.

While on the dock I have been known to be playing my guitar or giving a navigation class, or a class on knot tying.

Do you have a chance to do any cruising any more?

Good point mister question asker.

I have not in a while. During the fall off 2009 I did a training delivery from New Castle, NH to Beaufort, SC.

Other than that I have not had the chance to do any cruising. This year in combination with my email and my log I do plan on doing some sailing around the area and maybe letting people who would like to get picked up

in say Rockport, sail out of there for the day, Provincetown is another possibility for someone who may want to take boat transportation from Boston and meet me and sail out of that location.

I already know how to sail?

I have clients that have sailed with me for years, I have a client who has sailed across the Atlantic. They like to go out on the casual Thursday or Friday class. We all learn every time we go out, every wave is different.