



<p align="center"><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Coast Cruising's</u></b>  <b><u>"Never Stop Learning" Certification Program</u></b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Other Sailing Programs</u></b></p>
<p><b>Skipper Training</b> – Go beyond basic certification and learn the critical nuances of boat ownership, on and off season. New or prospective boat owners get the experience and confidence needed to run their own ship including mechanical, electrical, rigging and maintenance training.</p>	<p>Must take a multitude of special classes to learn all aspects of boat ownership. More \$\$\$\$</p>
<p><b>Sea Time</b> - Our Unlimited Program runs May to Oct 7 days a week, offering 200+ classes per season. Unlimited students may sail as much as they want to accumulate a massive amount of SEATIME.</p>	<p>As far as we know, no other sailing school in the country offers an Unlimited Sailing Program.</p>
<p><b>Promotions</b>- Receive promotions as soon as you are ready on a case by case basis.</p>	<p>Most start at 101 regardless of experience which is inefficient and ultimately more costly. You may advance even if you are <i>not ready</i>.</p>
<p><b>Night Sailing and Heavy Weather</b> – Our instructors and vessels are equipped to handle high wind situations as well as night cruising.</p>	<p>May not have vessels or instructors capable of handling heavy weather, or may not be rigged to sail at night.</p>
<p><b>Spinnaker Classes</b> - Learn all stations including Asymmetrical, Symmetrical and Gennaker. Also learn how to Skipper a Spinnaker cruise.</p>	<p>Must take Special Classes, More \$\$\$\$</p>
<p><b>Captain's Apprenticeship</b> – Acquire skills and Sea Time that will qualify you to sit for the USCG Captain's Exam. (3-year program)</p>	<p>To our knowledge nobody in the country offers anything like this.</p>
<p><b>Fleet Diversification</b> - Get experience on up to 8 different 30-36 foot cabin cruisers (wheels and tillers) to beef-up your sailing resume and diversify your experience.</p>	<p>Most sailing schools may offer only 1 or 2 different types of boats to learn on. Boats may be too small to build respectable resume.</p>
<p><b>Flexible Scheduling</b> – You decide when you want to sail based on class times offered 7 days a week.</p>	<p>Pre-set schedule for specific classes.</p>
<p><b>Learn How to Lead</b> - Our unique program allows promotions to leadership roles on the boat. Very low student to teacher ratio. (Ranging from 2-1 to 4-1)</p>	<p>Only the instructor teaches, ranging from a 3-1 to 6 to 1 student to teacher ratio.</p>
<p><b>Networking Opportunities</b> – Sail and Socialize with hundreds of other sailors and boat owners in the Chicago area. We host several parties and special events throughout the year, and all our students are invited to attend.</p>	<p>Normally you do not meet other students except for the ones in your class.</p>
<p><b>Come for the Sailing, Be a Part of the Club</b> - We are much more than a sailing school. More often than not, lessons evolve into a social gathering, with salty stories and cold drinks aplenty - ask anyone who sails with us, we take fun very seriously!</p>	<p>Once the lesson is over you go home.</p>