

EDUCATION



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The next America's Boating Course (ABC) is Saturday, 8/2. The Boat Handling course, a series of six seminars on various aspects of boating, starts Monday 9/8 and the Marine Navigation course starts Thursday 9/11. All will be held at the Hilton Head Senior Center.

The Boat Handling course is made up of six seminars on Monday nights. Anchoring will be 9/8, Boating with Confidence on 9/15, Docking/Undocking on 9/22, Emergencies on Board on 9/29, Rules of the Road on 10/6 and Knots & Lines on 10/13. The course with all six seminars can be signed up for as a package or one or more seminars can be signed up for individually. The instructor for each will be an experienced boater with knowledge of the local waters and ready to answer any and all questions! After taking the seminars, you have a great opportunity to go out on your boat and practice the teachings of the week! Which are the seminars would be most useful to you?

The Marine Navigation course on Thursday nights is replacing the Piloting course as the first of the Navigation courses available. One of the major changes moving to the new course is the introduction of the Open CPN software use on your PC or Mac to learn about charts and plot courses. This software is free to download and area charts are as well. Instructions on how to download the program and charts will be sent out a week or so before the class and the first class will be working with the software. Working on your computer will bring a whole new dimension to your cruise preparation! Even if you don't plan on taking

long cruises in the future, taking this course may open your eyes to new horizons with your own boat or chartering in the Caribbean or other distant locations!

To sign up for courses and seminars, go to ABCHH.org, click on Education, pick Education Calendar from the drop down menu and then search for the course or seminar of interest.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water!