

## Now That You've Finished The Basic Course at Aventura, Promote Yourself to a Higher Grade!\*

Aventura offers many more courses to add to your sailing skills and pleasure. See descriptions below.

A price list with dates is available in the office. Other seminars and lectures are also provided through the club and are listed below at the end of the regular classes. Watch for special offerings and view the calendar of upcoming events in The Aventura Newsletter, as well as on the Aventura website, [www.AventuraSailing.com](http://www.AventuraSailing.com).

**Basic Labs** You may take the sailing, docking or anchoring labs separately as part of the basic course. This is a great refresher if you: are "rusty" and also qualifies for recertification if you have not skippered recently.

**Lectures are Free for Alumni** If you are an alumni of a particular class, you are welcome to sit in on lectures to review your knowledge.

**Advanced Certification** After 5 charters on basic level boats, you are eligible for upgrade to larger boats. While you may take the course at any time, you will get more out of it if you have a charter or two under your belt.

The class consists of 4 lectures and 4 labs, 24 hours of instruction split equally between classroom and on the water sessions. You will learn advanced sailing techniques, sail shape and trim, docking, mooring and anchoring procedures, night navigation, marine electronics, heavy weather seamanship and use of the sextant in navigation. Then after the required charters and passing a written test you will be able to charter up to 36ft boats.

**Advanced Labs** may be taken separately as Clinics. This is a good way to review your skills on the subjects taught during the Advanced class.

**Mini Courses** on Various Marine Topics. Occasionally there will be classes offered on marine topics such as Weather and Electronic Navigation. Watch for email and newsletter announcements.

### Super Boat Certification

A 1. Depending on a student's proficiency, some Superboats may be eligible for advanced charter immediately following completion of the Advance Seamanship Course. If selected, they will need a private lesson on the designated boat which qualifies them to charter that boat. After 3 charters, that member may be eligible for other Superboats.

A 2. After a member has completed the 5 charters for upgrade to Advance Seamanship Certification and then 5 more in the 32 foot plus range, they will be eligible to charter Superboats.

All Superboats require a checkout on the vessel being chartered, with either Aventura Operations Management or an instructor; vessel systems review and docking instructions.

For members with extensive background in larger boats, we may at our discretion waive some requirements.

**Coastal Navigation** You can get your navigation certification and be eligible to charter overnight trips by attending a one-day or a three-session class. You will learn to find your way up and down the coast, through the islands, and into various anchorages and harbors, even if you can't read a road map. You must complete a written and charting test. The test can be take-home.

### Navigation Correspondence Course

This self-study program includes the instructor's workbook problems and answers from the classroom sessions; It will get you through the navigation exam at your own pace and at any time.

**Private Lessons** You can take a 3 hour private lesson at any time with a USCG licensed Captain. Arrangements must be made through the office at the convenience of the instructor.

**Clinics** Various clinics are offered on different aspects of sailing, i.e., docking, anchoring, sail trim. Most clinics are on the water.

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*Please make reservations in advance. There are no pre-requisites. All prices and offerings are subject to change without notice.*

*\*The continuation of any certification and your ability to move to a higher level will depend on your seamanship and care of the vessel while you are chartering.*

### Don't Forget!

You can also improve your skills with the following:

#### **Marc Hughston's Cruising & Anchoring at Catalina Island Seminar**, Presented by Art Ambrose:

Are you thinking about making your first trip, or experience and want to know more about the anchorages away from civilization?

Get all your questions answered at this seminar focusing on the concerns of the new cruiser as well as preparing you for anchoring at places like Little Harbor, Ripper's Cove and Goat Harbor, the seminar covers boat preparation, passage making strategies, wind and weather, and of course all the ways to experience the island with or without depending on getting a mooring.

Price includes a copy of Marc's popular guide, *Anchoring At Catalina: No Moorings? No Problem! See you there!* \$45 member, \$55 non-member.

**Fleet Cruises:** Join other members of *Aventura* for any of the 3 or 4-day cruises to one of the islands or to another harbor. During the cruise, an experienced member will be the Fleet Leader. This person will provide a free Skipper's meeting with information on safety, sailing skills, anchoring, good seamanship, and events planned at the Island. The Fleet Leader will provide assistance for any problems or questions that occur during your trip. Reservations for boats need to be made early. Cost depends on which boat you charter and food provided at any on-shore picnic.

**Race Program:** Our low-key race program is held weekly. Skippers, boats, and crew are selected anonymously to provide an equal opportunity for all to participate, regardless of their sailing experience. It is a great way for beginners to hone their skills and eventually gain experience to go on to the next level racing. The cost of the boat is shared by those sailing on it. No reservations are required. Your non-member guests may attend.

**Social Sails:** Social sails occur every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. Members and friends meet in the lounge and boats are chartered relative to group size and skipper certification. A call to the office is requested to ensure availability of sufficient boats.

**Volunteering:** This is another area where you can do some networking by becoming more involved with fellow members at various activities both in *Aventura* and with other associated organizations. Become a leader, gain respect, and share the pride of helping other people realize their dreams. If you have a special skill or talent and would like to share it with us, call the office to sign up for the Volunteer List. Categories include, but are not limited to:

- **Party Organization**
- **Race Coordinator**
- **Greeter at Events**
- **Crew List**
- **Fleet Sail Organization**
- **Phone Committee**
- **Photography**
- **Decorations**
- **Historian**
- **Crew on "Anchors Away" Sails**