



Learn to Sail from Local Experts

This Basic Sailing Course is led by a certified SEAS (Society for the Education of American Sailors) instructor in collaboration with local sailors from the Chatham Sailing Club. The class is intended to teach the basics of sailing to those 21 and over who have never been on a sailboat, as well as those with some experience. It is similar in scope to ASA (American Sailing Association) 101.

The 2-day weekend intensive course includes interactive classroom instruction, ‘on-the-dock’ hands-on experience, and a 3-hour on-the-water session to practice boat and sail-handling skills. A capstone exam will be taken at the end of the course.

The next scheduled class is for Saturday, **August 8**, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, **August 9**, from noon to 5 pm.

Class Schedule & Topics	
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Introduction to sailing, safety on the water, sailing physics, terminology</p> <p>11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Points of sail, wind awareness, apparent vs true wind, inspect boats on the dock, tossing lines, four knots to know</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Sailing a course, navigation, ATONs, rules of the road</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Weather, tides and current, two more knots to know, crew overboard</p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - Review, boat assignments</p> <p>12:30 PM - 3:30 PM - On the water session: teamwork and communication, sailing maneuvers, reefing, heave-to, crew overboard drills</p> <p>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - Final review, Q&A, examination, types of sailing craft, VHF radios, towing, area regattas</p>

The cost for the course will be \$150 per student (CSC club members receive a 50% discount and Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron members receive a 33% discount). On the first day of class, pay with cash, check, or Venmo: @chathamsailclub

The ASA 101 course book, “Sailing Made Easy”, is highly recommended but not required or provided. Several handouts will be given out before and during the class.

Classes will be held at the CSC Clubhouse at Young’s Marina at 218 Wilmington Island Road, the marina docks, on Turner Creek and the Wilmington River. Please bring a lunch on Saturday, and plenty of water to drink throughout the weekend.

We always attend to **safety** issues on the water and docks. You must be in fair physical condition and able to step from a dock onto a floating boat. Personal Flotation Devices will be required; bring your own or borrow one of ours. Also wear proper boat shoes both days.

All graduates will have gained the confidence, experience and knowledge to sail a small keel boat. You will also be informed of the numerous sailing, racing, and cruising opportunities in the Savannah area - and beyond!

Questions: call Angela Margolit at 973-296-8011. To **register**, email her at amargolit@hotmail.com