



The Sailing Breeze Newsletter

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Student Testimonial from:

Anne Ledbetter

I have always wanted to sail. I didn't live near the ocean or a lake, with little opportunity to learn, until fall a couple of years ago. I saw a Social Media Deal for a sailing class. I was about to have surgery and would be on crutches a couple of months, so I couldn't do my normal activities, but I could take these ground classes. From my very first class, I got hooked!

My Instructor had a great way of explaining concepts. He took the time to really break ideas down and make them very

Captain Dave's Tips



"Sailing is More than a Sport..."

There are many reasons why one might want to learn to sail. This recreation and sport offers many rewards. It is fun, invigorating, and there's nothing like white sails against a gorgeous clear blue sky. The breeze is landing crisp on your face and the soft motion of the boat is gliding through the water. It becomes a lifestyle not just a sport.

Sailing is a beautiful way to enjoy the outdoors and it requires that you be actively participating unlike any other type boating experience. You do more than become intimately familiar with the characteristics of the boat, you begin to understand and enjoy the boat's connection to the environment, from weather patterns to wind. It is such a fulfilling feeling to experience.

Sailing is an active exercise for you and your passengers that will enjoy helping out. When sailing, it brings together a common bond with others and is a great deal of fun. Sailing requires active involvement and can involve physical work; it is also an unbelievable relaxing diversion. Sailboats is a venue for joyful times with family and friends enjoying some simple foods aboard, cruising along or entertaining guests while having a great time.

Learning to sail doesn't have to be complicated. When you invest in the future of your sailing dreams, you will want to get the very best instruction possible. It's important to select a program that supports maintaining your sailing skills, preventing atrophy to ensure your training stays with you. If you are always learning, you are always growing. Additional training is always a plus! What better way to learn and expand the mind and body than in sailing?

Make sailing a lifestyle!

Upcoming Events...

FIRST OF THE SEASON...SUNSET CRUISE!

understandable to the nautical novice. In addition, Windsong offers free audits of any ground class you've previously taken. Auditing is a great way to really learn sailing thoroughly enough to make it stick with you, especially if you are going for ASA certifications. If you have questions with your studies outside of class they bend over backwards to help you get it, and in a very timely fashion of emails and phone calls.

One of Windsong's best assets is their team approach to customer service and training. When necessary, two instructors team teach classes. They always can give an explanation, or comment to help you develop an even deeper understanding of the concepts. They have an infinite patience with the "mathematically challenged" people like me.

Windsong also does a great job teaching out on the water. Every time I get on the boat there is a lesson plan just for me to challenge my present skill level. I am proud to say my skills are always on a steady rise. Their instructors are such seasoned sailors that they can stay calm no matter what mistakes you make. They firmly believe that the best way to learn is to "experience" your successes and mistakes.

I am so glad I found Windsong. I don't think I would be on the sailing track I am now, without their enthusiastic support for their students, and

Saturday, May 3 **6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

During the summer, join one of our monthly social outings on Lake Lanier and enjoy the companionship of your "someone special" and that of others aboard your relaxing sail into the sunset!

Light snacks and soft drinks are provided during the Saturday evening cruises to complete your special evening on the water.

Even if "Romance Isn't In The Air", it is still a great way to introduce a "non-sailor" to the joys of being on the water, so make reservations to bring your "special significant other" along to share the evening.



EARLY Mother's Day Celebration!
Mothers Sail Too!

GREAT ESCAPE: Mother's Day Sail! **Sunday, May 4** **5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Great Escapes are Brown Bag recreational adventures where you bring your own dinner and we provide the adventure.

WHAT'S NEW?

ON-THE-WATER CLINICS!

Anchoring III

Although you may have other crew on hand, this clinic prepares you for the prospect of single handed anchoring "Solo", unassisted by other crew.

Mooring

This clinic provides understanding and practice approaching, retrieving, securing moorings and proper departure procedures.

Challenge Outing

So you know how to sail. Looking for some challenges in which to test your skills? This outing will challenge different skills each time you participate varying from Navigation to Operations.

Senior Sail

Exclusive outing for ADVANCED students only. Skills & Drills oriented to reinforce basic and advanced proficiencies.



DID YOU KNOW?

their genuine excitement watching students get enjoyment while learning to sail.

Without the personal touch of the staff at Windsong I would not have the depth of learning the ways of sailing nor an appreciation and the excitement of all aspects of sailing. I learned a great deal about navigating using nature both day and night time. Celestial Navigation is amazing to learn. I love the sense of understanding how sailors and early adventurers made their way across the seas using their natural surroundings.

Cheers and see you on the water soon!

APRIL

Ground Classes

(See Class Links Below)

Basic Sailing Theory
4/28 & 4/30

Basic Coastal Cruising
4/14 & 4/16

Bareboat Chartering
4/21 & 4/23

Coastal Navigation a
4/8, 4/10 & 4/15

Celestial Navigation a
4/6 & 4/13
(Prerequisite Coastal Nav_a)

Celestial Navigation b (lab)
4/27
(Prerequisite Celestial Nav_a)

ON-THE-WATER CLINICS

With spring here and summer approaching sunscreen is highly recommended.



Sunscreen is best applied 1 hour prior to being out in the sun. The lotion must have sufficient time for absorption to provide the best protection from the sun. Sunscreen is a combination of organic and inorganic chemicals that create a filter from the light of the sun so that less of the sun will reach the deeper layers of your skin. Some of the light will go through, much like a screen door. Protect your skin for harmful sun rays.

When joining a sailing outing you need to remember to apply sunscreen early on for time to absorb so it does not cause your body to be slick and fall on the boat. Applying while on the boat is a danger to you and others around you.

It can also create staining of canvas, sails, lines, and seats aboard the vessel and may even cause damage to clothing of the other students.

Be safety conscious and aware of others aboard and you'll have a great time!

Tips and Reminders!



You can take the Ground School Classes except where prerequisites are required.

We'd like to take this opportunity to **thank all our students** for their loyal support through the season(s) and encourage everyone to **bring one new friend** along each year as you sail. As we continue to give our best, we want to make our products and services available to all who may be interested, but first, someone has to make the introduction.

Share the love of your sport with those who may be interested in our unique collection of programs. You'll be glad you did and so will they!

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Anchoring I

4/19

Heave to Reefing

4/12

Maneuvering I

4/5

On-the-Water Training
Every Weekend!

YEAR ROUND!!!



Directions

Guidelines for Participation

Frequently Asked Questions

Gift Certificates



Mission:

Provide a variety of sailing opportunities to those pursuing education, recreation or corporate adventures while sailing on Lake Lanier.

We value your loyal patronage and strive everyday in every way to continue to earn the opportunity to serve you. You deserve the best that we can offer and are the reason we come to work each day.

See you on the water....

Sincerely,

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