



## *The Sailing Breeze* Newsletter

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### **Quote of the Day**



"A ship in a safe harbor is safe,  
but that is not what a ship is  
built for"

by William Shedd

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**NOVEMBER**

**GROUND CLASSES**

### **Captain Dave's Tips**



Several years ago I was sitting in traffic in Buckhead, a unique experience for many of you I'm sure, and I couldn't

help but make the following observations. As pedestrians were passing one another on the sidewalk, many would make eye contact and occasionally a verbal exchange of greeting was shared. Each person appeared to possess a "Personal Space", a distance around themselves that when accidentally invaded by others, often an apology for intrusion was offered. It's sort of a magical zone each of us has that provides us separation, comfort and safety. I recall that this same behavior often occurs in department stores and at social functions as well.

As the traffic inched forward, I also gave thought to how when those same friendly, kind and considerate people were driving a skate board, car, bike or even a boat that the rules seemed to no longer apply. In fact quite the opposite seems to be the rule in many cases. It's almost like the vehicle becomes our

(See Class Links Below)

Bareboat Chartering  
12/14

Basic Sailing Theory  
11/17 & 11/19

Charter Smarter  
11/15

Coastal Navigation b  
11/8  
**Prerequisite Coastal Nav\_a**

Coastal Navigation c  
11/7  
On-the-water

Marine Meteorology  
11/16 & 11/18

## **DECEMBER**

Basic Sailing Theory  
12/13

Basic Sailing Theory  
12/14 & 12/16

Basic Coastal Cruising  
12/15 & 12/17

Bareboat Chartering  
12/7 & 12/9

Coastal Navigation a  
12/3 & 12/8 & 12/10

Coastal Navigation b  
12/12

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**WE OFFER:**  
On-the-Water  
Instructional Outings  
Every Weekend!

"Space", but instead of apologizing for invading the "Space" of others, the behavior often becomes one of exerting one's presence at the expense of the space of others. The polite exchange and acknowledging eye contact take on a whole different meaning. Drivers dart boldly and uncaring around others whenever any space exists, often without seeking permission or acknowledging appreciation for the courtesy, if you can call it that.

I'm sure psychologists have a name for this behavior and even an explanation for its purpose, but to me it seems a great contradiction. A human on the street exhibits politeness, yet in a moving vehicle often exhibits aggression. I know this is not 100% true, but enough for me to ponder. Carrying that research one step further I realize that in boating, those under power are often more aggressive than those under sail. Again I find this intriguing, not 100% true, but enough to ponder. Those under power are "Goal" oriented in pursuit of a destination yet they don't really appear to be all that relaxed during their "Recreational Pursuit". They're in a hurry and usually cut someone off in the process as they hurry along toward their destination. At the next red light I asked myself, what is so innately different about the sport of sailing, or is it just the sort of people that the sport attracts. Is it the cart or the horse, the chicken or the egg that makes the difference?

When I go sailing I observe the following. I'm not really in a hurry. I don't really have to even get the sails up to enjoy myself. I don't have to go fast, but it's usually more fun when I do. Just the motion of the boat is different than that of a power boat. I'm not here to sell sailing over power boating because I certainly enjoy both but what I do notice is that my objectives are different. As a sailor, even when I do go power-boating, my attitude, goals and expectations are different. Why is this?

Sailing is different. Does it change our attitude or

**YEAR ROUND!!!**

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are people with a certain disposition attracted to sailing? Since I do both, I think that sailing changes you. I've introduced so many folks to sailing over the past two decades, I think I observe the transition in other people too.

Interest, huh? Next time you have some spare time, give thought about how you choose to spend it. There's an interesting transformation in those who go sailing. It begins when you park the car and walk toward the docks and it takes full affect the minute you untie the lines and cast off. It removes you from the issues back home or in the office. It's an escape to nature. By the time you return to the car, you've changed. You're renewed. Next time you need a change, go catch a breeze somewhere. I'm likely already there, ahead of you!

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## **Facts About Georgia**



- Georgia is named after King George II who was king of Britain when Europeans first settled in 1733
- Although initially conceived of by James Oglethorpe as a refuge for London's indebted prisoners, Georgia was ultimately established in 1732 to protect South Carolina and other southern colonies from Spanish invasion through Florida
- The 13th and last of the British colonies, Georgia was the only one to be governed remotely by a

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- Purchase \$25 or more toward a special Sailor's Discount

Board of Trustees in London for the first 20 years. It was also the only colony to prohibit slavery from its inception-along with lawyers and Roman Catholics.

- Georgia is the country's number-one producer of peanuts, pecans and peaches, and Vidalia Onions, known as the sweetest onions in the world, can only be grown in the fields around Vidalia and Glennville. Another sweet treat from the Peach State is Coca-Cola, which was invented in Atlanta in 1886.

Resource: History.com

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Holiday  
Just Because**



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See you on the water....

Sincerely,

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