

**US Coast Guard Auxiliary -- Los Angeles Flotilla 12-4**  
**“Boating Skills and Seamanship Course”**  
 May 11 – June 29, 2010

Date & Time	Chapter & Topic	Instructor
5/11/2010 7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Chapter 1 -- Which Boat Is for You?</b> -- boater's language, types of boats, outboard motors and sterndrives, hull design, uses of boats, boat building materials, your intended use, the Coast Guard Customer Infoline, marine surveyors, buying a boat.	Jeff Piolet
5/18/2010 7:00 – 7:30 PM  7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Lines and Knots Workshop</b> – introduction; types of lines and the purposes; learn “The Bowline”  <b>Chapter 2 -- Equipment for Your Boat</b> -- requirements for your boat, fire protection and detection, your boat's equipment, substance abuse, boating accident reports, life jackets, visual distress signals, courtesy Marine Examinations.	Hal Pruett  Victor Bruno
5/25/2010 7:00 – 7:30 PM  7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Lines and Knots Workshop</b> – “The Half-Hitch” and the “Stopper Knots” usages and purposes  <b>Chapter 3 -- Trailering Your Boat</b> -- legal and practical considerations, selecting your trailer, trailer hitches, the towing vehicle, balancing the load, handling your trailer, pre-departure checks, preparing to launch, launching, retrieving, storing your boat and trailer, theft prevention, Zebra mussels, float plan.  <b>Chapter 13 -- Your Boat's Radio</b> -- radios used on boats, functions of radios, licenses, selecting your VHF-FM radio, installation, operating your VHF-FM, maintain a radio watch, channels have special purposes, some "no no's," copies of the rules, calling another station, procedure words, phonetic alphabet, routine radio check, distress, urgency, and safety calls, crew training.	Dick Reinhardt  Sterling Tallman  Bernie Granich
6/1/2010 7:00 – 7:30 PM  7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Lines and Knots Workshop</b> – Learning “The Sheet Bend” and the “Square Knot”  <b>Chapter 4 -- Handling your Boat (Part 1)</b> -- leave with a full tank, fueling your boat, your boat's propeller, cars and boats, twin screws, jet drives, loading your boat, getting started, leaving a pier, "man" overboard.	Hal Pruett  Jeff Piolet

6/8/2010 7:00 – 7:30 PM	<b>Lines and Knots Workshop</b> – Learn and use “The Cleat Hitch” and the “Clove Hitch”	Hal Pruett
7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Chapter 4 -- Handling your Boat (Part 2)</b> – Continuation of last week; this session will include docking, mooring to a permanent anchor, anchoring, towing a skier and heavy weather, and a Q&A session.  <b>Chapter 8 -- Boating Safety</b> -- small boat safety, personal watercraft, hypothermia, motorboats and sailboats, carbon monoxide poisoning, float plan, U.S. Coast Guard District Offices, instructions for using a course plotter, metric conversion system.	Jeff Piolet  Steve Johnson
6/15/2010 7:00 – 7:30 PM	<b>Lines and Knots Workshop</b> – Tying your boat up	Cheyne Scoby
7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Chapter 5 -- Your "Highway" Signs</b> -- protection of ATONs, buoyage systems, waterway marks, how waterways are marked, light characteristics, chart symbols, light structures, lights on bridges, electronic aids to navigation, a word to the wise, navigation publications.	Nora Watson
6/22/2010 7:30 – 9:30 PM	<b>Chapter 6 -- The Rules of the Nautical Road</b> -- two sets of rules, to whom do the rules apply, what is a vessel, the general responsibility rule, general considerations, conduct in narrow channels, traffic separation schemes, vessel traffic services, stand-on or give-way, rules for special vessels, risk of collision, bend signals, restricted visibility, vessel lights and shapes, vessels at anchor, diving operations, distress signals, drawbridge signals, penalties.  <b>COURSE REVIEW/Q&amp;A</b>	Bernie Granich
6/29/2010 6:30 – 9:00 PM	<b>FINAL EXAM (closed book)</b>	

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