

5-Day Hands On Training

By SeaSkills Personal School of Seamanship

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New Owner Training

Your boat in your waters. Anywhere in the country for one low fee

Where do you find professional instruction? Someone who is not only a competent operator, but an expert teacher? It's not easy – until now.

Capt. Peter Pisciotta, owner of SeaSkills, will come to your boat and spend 5 days with you. You will learn tips and tricks and important skills needed to become an expert operator.



Couples – working as a team

Couples are ideally suited to cruising. Men and women have complimentary strengths that create an exceptionally strong team. However, sometimes one partner (usually the husband) does all the docking and maneuvering leaving his spouse in a very passive (and sometimes fearful) role. Couples who are equally matched have more fun and relax more. You will learn to work together as a team – no yelling allowed!

Novice to advanced instruction

Personalized instruction means you learn what you need to learn. SeaSkills has taught hundreds of novice and intermediate operators, but Capt. Pisciotta's skills have also helped professional mariners including sailing instructors, active charter captains, and even instructors for other schools (even Tiger Woods has a coach).

Overcome the "Insurance Catch-22"

You can't get insurance because you don't have prior-experience with a similar vessel, so how do you get experience if you can't get insurance. Have a professional instructor with a proven curriculum aboard. This program was developed with insurance industry input to satisfy their needs

No hidden costs

The fee includes tuition, materials, and SeaSkills' airfare/transportation to your boat anywhere in the US. You provide your boat and operating costs, and provisions/meals. Capt. Pisciotta will stay aboard your boat – there are no additional costs

Compare SeaSkills

Save time, money, and get the best possible training. You could travel to Florida and learn on a small boat, splitting hands-on time among 6 students. Want an unbiased opinion? Ask your insurance agent which training they would suggest - you get more for less with SeaSkills:

	SeaSkills	Florida-based School
Cost	\$2995 including travel	\$3510 plus airfare for 2
Vessel	Your boat, your waters	30' boat, protected waters
Students	Private instruction	6 students total
Hands-on time	Approximately 35 hours	20 hours



"I learned more in 5 days with SeaSkills than in 5 years of owning my boat"

John Hinshaw
52' Pilothouse

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5-Day Hands-on, Underway Program

Because this is your boat in your waters, all classes vary. But the goal is to spend Days 1 and 2 on in-harbor maneuvering, then depart on a 2-3 day cruise in nearby waters so we can learn radar, navigation, anchoring, and other skills in actual conditions. What better way to learn?



Curriculum Objectives

Close Quarter Maneuvers

- Departing a slip
- Side-tie landing (t-head),
- Docking bow-to in a slip
- Backing into a slip
- Engine failure
- Aborted dockings
- Heavy traffic management
- Springlines & Warping
- Anchoring techniques
- Bow & stern thruster(s)
- Dock lines & fenders
- Backing in a straight line
- Knots
- Skipper/Crew communications

Emergency Procedures

- Crew overboard recovery
- Flooding
- Fire onboard
- Emergency communications – EPIRB, DSC, Mayday

Mechanical & Systems

- Engine inspection
- Power Management – AC & DC
- Generator operation
- Watermaker operation
- Changing a fuel filter
- Waste pump-out
- Oil change

Navigation, Offshore, Seamanship

- Weather resources
- Go/No-go decisionmaking
- Chart plotters, GPS, PC Navigation
- Running at night
- Radar
- Electronic charting
- Weather – prediction, reading charts
- Heavy weather handling techniques
- Care and feeding of crew
- Crossing bars or inlets
- Standing watch – responsibilities
- Contingency planning



Teaching Delivery

Need to have your vessel relocated? There is no better way to learn than to accompany your yacht with an experienced delivery captain and professional marine instructor aboard as your mentor and safety net. With Capt. Peter Pisciotta aboard, you will learn-by-doing, not watching someone else. You will build confidence and have a ton of fun along the way.

Call Now to Schedule Training

Contact SeaSkills to schedule a session. Most people book a date at least a couple months in advance, though short notice sessions are sometimes available. Call or e-mail for complete information. Of course, if you need something different than the 5-day program, just ask.

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Founder, Trawler World

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