



# BOAT HANDLING



**NEW COURSE!** First Time Presented by GBH  
MONDAYS • April 1 – May 6, 2019

Build boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. Boat Handling provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in steering and maneuvering, boat operation, skipper's responsibilities and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment.

## I Took America's Boating Course (the ABCs). Do I Need This Too?

Boat Handling is the next step beyond the America's Boating Course (the ABCs) class. BH focuses on improving boating skills. The key areas that ABC students tell us are most important to them — knots, anchoring, the rules of the road and more — get dedicated seminars.

For both sail and power boaters, Boat Handling covers a wide range of knowledge, including:

- Steering and handling boats on plane
- Boating in wind and waves
- Docking and line handling
- Anchoring in various conditions
- Rules of the road
- How to respond to emergencies
- Marlinespike/basic knots
- And other topics essential to boating with safety and confidence

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## Finally, the Updates to Seamanship that We Were Asking For!

**B**oat Handling replaces the former Seamanship course and is now the introductory course in the USPS core curriculum. Completion of all topics and passing an exam qualifies you for the USPS grade rating of **S** (*Seamanship*).

Course content is thoroughly revised and updated. The student manual is now in eBook form and new videos and animations are integrated into fresh PowerPoint slides. GBH adds several handouts and helpful resources, such as a knot practice kit. Some additional material from the previous Seamanship course may be purchased at close-out prices, including Charlie Wing's *The One-Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road*.

### Seminars Schedule

- April 1 **Rules of the Road** — A Practical Approach
- April 8 **Confidence in Docking and Undocking** — Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- April 15 **Boating with Confidence** — Handling Your Boat Underway
- April 22 **Anchoring with Assurance** — Don't Get Carried Away
- April 29 **Emergencies on Board** — Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- May 6 **Knots and Line Handling** — The Knots You Need to Know

**SIX MONDAYS** • April 1 – May 6, 2019 • 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. • Westwood Senior Center, 60 Nahatan St., Westwood, Mass. • Instructors are Dave Albanese, S, Jeff Gardiner, AP, Joe Kelliher, AP, Laurie Reilly, S, and Gordon Talley, JN. • Class size is limited.

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**REGISTER @ [abc-gbh.org/registration](http://abc-gbh.org/registration)**

Full Course (six sessions): Members, \$100; Non-Members: \$130  
Individual Seminars: Members, \$25; Non-Members, \$29

### **\*\* Did You Take Our Seminars in 2017-2018?**

\*\* Students having previously taken component seminars at GBH (2017: **Emergencies, Anchoring** • 2018: **Rules of the Road, Boat Handling**) will receive a discount of \$15 for each seminar up to a maximum of \$60. For example, a GBH member having taken all four of these topics will pay only \$40 for the full course. A non-member having taken one or more previous seminars may retake those topics at \$14 each. Etc. The discount will be paid as a refund. For questions, please write Gordon Talley at [info@abc-gbh.org](mailto:info@abc-gbh.org).

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