



## **Basic Cruising Course**

Welcome to Advantage Boating and to the wonderful world of sailing. The following are some helpful reminders to ensure your maximum enjoyment. Please read them carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

### **What to Bring:**

1. A Canadian approved personal floatation device (PFD) is provided but you may bring your own if you so wish.
2. Deck or other soft non-marking shoes with a grip is a must.
3. Water bottle(s) is recommended especially on hot, sunny days.
4. Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen (even on cloudy days).
5. Sweater/fleece, jacket and some rain gear (top & bottom).
6. A change of clothes.
7. Your pre-course information package, pen and paper for your theory sessions.
8. Meals - unless it has been pre-planned with your class, you will be ashore for lunch. Weekend or Evening food service is available at Britannia Yacht Club and Nepean Sailing Club. There are also several restaurants close to the clubs (approximately five minutes by car). You may also bring a picnic lunch.

### **Completing your Certification:**

- Your Sail Canada Basic Cruising Certification is a two step evaluation process – Afloat Skills and Ashore Knowledge.
  - Afloat Skills – are evaluated continuously throughout the 28 hours you will spend with your on-water instructor/coach.
  - Ashore Knowledge – a written exam is completed at a separate time outside of the 28 hours afloat. Your on-water instructor as well as our website have a list of the exam

dates available throughout the summer. Please book a date for your exam through your instructor during the afloat class or phone the Advantage Boating office at 613-721-8683. This Ashore Knowledge night is included with your course registration fee.

- On the same “Ashore Knowledge” night you will also complete the exam for your Boater’s Card. This separate exam and carding is also included in the cost of your Basic Cruising course.
- After the successful completion of the Basic Cruising Standard, you will be given a Sail Canada International Cruising and Power Logbook to record your certification.

See you on the water!