

Newport International Boat Show Announces Exciting New Education Series

Newport Exhibition Group, owners and producers of the Newport International Boat Show, announced today the 2017 Education Series for this year's Boat Show. Greatly expanding on past offerings, the Newport International Boat Show will host in-water courses, seminars and demonstrations, giving showgoers plenty to look forward to beyond the excitement of new boats and boating gear debuts.

This year's education opportunities include Confident Captain's At The Helm instruction program and the CruiserPort University seminar series presented by PassageMaker, Sail, Soundings and Power & Motoryacht. In addition, ticket holders will also have the opportunity to tour the 200-foot educational Tall Ship SSV Oliver Hazard Perry at no additional charge. The ship will be docked at Perry Mill Wharf for tours and staff will be on-hand to answer questions.

"The Newport International Boat Show offers so much more than the latest boats and marine equipment available on the market today," said Nancy Piffard, show director at Newport Exhibition Group. "Our guests have the opportunity to attend seminars presented by top-notch speakers who are well known around the world. There is nothing more valuable than At The Helm training with a licensed captain to improve one's boating skills. These educational offerings are not to be missed!"

Confident Captain's At The Helm courses include: Become a Power-Boater, Powerboat Docking and Maneuvering, Advanced Outboard Handling, Just Go Sailing! and Advanced Sailboat Handling and Trim (Including Spinnaker Sailing).

CruiserPort University will include a number of seminars by world-renowned speakers. Author and researcher Nigel Calder will present Troubleshooting and Repairing Diesel Engines Underway and Troubleshooting and Repairing Systems Underway. Chris Parker will discuss Offshore Weather. Captain John Clayman will present Characteristics of Offshore Boats, Sail and Power and Storm Tactics: Power & Sail. Bob Sweet will speak on Old School Navigation. Captain John Clayman and Ryan Gettler will present To Bermuda, the Caribbean and Beyond. Eric Kunz and Bob Sweet will discuss Radar and Electronic Navigation. Captain Bob Arrington, Brian Kinsella and Ben Sprague will discuss Survival at Sea. Eric Kunz will cover Troubleshooting Electronics at Sea. There will also be a presentation entitled, First Aid & Emergency Preparedness at Sea with a DAN Medical Services instructor. Seminars will take place at the Newport Blues Café across the street from the boat show entrance.

For more information on the 2017 Newport International Boat Show, please visit www.newportboatshow.com.

Show Dates & Hours:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 14th, 15th, and 16th: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, September 17th: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission Prices:

- Thursday, September 14th, VIP Day: Online and at the gate tickets are \$35*.
- Friday, Saturday or Sunday, September 15th, 16th or 17th advanced tickets are \$15* until September 14th and day-of tickets are \$20.
- Two-day discounted ticket packages are also available online.
- Children under 12 are admitted free all days when accompanied by an adult.
- Friday, September 15th only, visitors with a valid Military or Newport County Resident ID pay \$12 admission at the ticket booth (This discount cannot be combined with any other discount offer).



To learn more or to register for the Confident Captain At The Helm or the CruiserPort University programs, visit newportboatshow.com/index.php/attending-the-show/educational-seminars. Details on the SSV Oliver Hazard Perry are listed at www.ohpri.org/ship.

New Courses Offer Hands-on Training and Informative Seminars by World-Renowned Instructors for Boaters of All Levels

