

## Learn Essential Skills at the Cape Cod Boatbuilders Show

This year we've added seven great seminars at the Cape Cod Boatbuilders Show, March 22 – 24. Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Sail & Power Squadrons are offering free seminars to those who attend the show. Marine author, Bob Sweet and long-time instructor, Dick Moore are the featured presenters.

Friday, March 22

2:00-3:00 pm **Using & Selecting Chartplotters** – Whether you have one or want one, chartplotters have totally changed boat navigation. Learn a bunch of tips and tricks using your chartplotter to safely navigate to your destination and home again. You'll also learn about the latest features in chartplotters.

3:30-4:30 pm **Using, Selecting & Installing AIS & Marine Electronics** – AIS is rapidly becoming an essential safety tool for your boat. Learn how it works and the options for installing various features on your boat. You'll also learn about interconnecting all your electronics and which devices need to match in order to work properly. The latest features will be described to help you decide if you need them.

5:00-6:00 pm **Using GPS for Sailing** – Sailors face additional challenges while navigating. Your GPS can help you stay safe, even while tacking to windward and also help you get there faster by pointing you in the right direction, and even tune your sails.

Saturday, March 23

1:00-2:00 pm **Anchors & Anchoring** – Anchoring is a bit of an art-form. It all begins with the anchor – which one should I select and use? Modern anchor designs have changed the whole process for the better. Learn about the rest of the gear and effective techniques for staying put under a range of conditions.

2:30-3:30 pm **New England Marine Weather** – Using your own eyes and senses, you can determine what is likely to happen and when. Weather systems and forecasts are explained and used to show you how to refine your own forecasts for your boating area.

4:00-5:00 pm **Sail Trim** – Sails provide the power to move your sailboat. Learn how to set them properly and adjust to varying conditions to get the most from your sails. This seminar will demystify the wide range of adjustments and give you clear criteria for tuning your sails.

Sunday, March 24

1:00-2:00 pm **Essential Boat Skills – Rules & Ropes** – You encounter another boat, what should you do? What should they do? You'll learn simple ways to remember the rules and how to deal with those who do not. After a quick overview of rules, sounds, and lights, we'll demonstrate and let you try essential knots to hone your marlinspike skills.