

# Sail Ho!

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Lives there a man who has not dreamed of hoisting anchor and sailing over the horizon? Who hasn't pictured himself aboard a yacht with sails blown full, wind whistling through the rigging, and sea spray hurtling across the rail?

Where does one begin? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary gave some 30 sailors (would be and "old salts") the opportunity through classroom instruction to broaden their knowledge of "The Principles of Safe Sailing."

The Sailing Committee's effort was an outstanding success both by the number of Club members who participated and the quality of instruction they were able to offer members free of charge.

Thanks should be extended first of all to those members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who gave freely of their time to make it all possible: Dr. Vanderstok, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fankboner, and our own Club member Paul Dolan.

Also, many thanks go to the Club members who volunteered their time on Saturday mornings to dare the elements (and the students) to instruct sailing techniques. Students were able to use the Club Scorpions

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as well as Hobie 14's and 16's volunteered by members.

Lastly, the Sailing Committee members under the head of Commodore Harold Hutchings and Vice Commodore Gordon Bradley should be congratulated for their tremendous efforts to expand the quality of sailing instruction and activities available to Club members. Other Sailing Committee members volunteering their time and knowledge were: Dave Hoffman, Howard Schirmer, Jeff Kissel, Jon Haig, Tom Vesey, Bruce Blakely, and Peter Wheelon. Also, a special thanks to our beach captain Wayne Faulkner, who graciously transported students in the Boston Whaler.

From age 12 up, graduates of Sailing Committee's course in "Principles of Safe Sailing," courtesy U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Photo G. Bradley.

