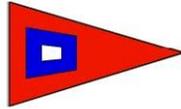


# Pettipaug Sailing Academy



## 2018 Powerboat Handling Courses

We offer two U.S. Sailing Safe Powerboat Handling courses:

Our two day ***Basic Safe Powerboat Handling Course*** is offered for anyone who wants to learn more about boats, the “how and why” about various boat types and motors, to understand basics of navigation and charts, on water communication and use of VHF radio, and of course, to become better at operating small powerboats. This course also is for those who do not hold either a state of Connecticut ***Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation***, or ***Safe Boating Certificate***. The first day of this course will provide classroom instruction and testing on the “rules of the road” and other CT and USCG boating rules, navigation and lateral aids, basics of fire extinguishers, and to gain a real understanding of how and why various types of boats handle as they do, and many other basic nautical and other issues required by the state of Connecticut. On successful completion the student will receive the CT ***Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation*** which will qualify the student to operate a powerboat or personal watercraft (“Jetski”) on CT waterways ( age restrictions applied) and the ***U.S. Sailing Safe Powerboating Certificate***.

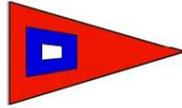
The 2nd day of the ***Basic Safe Powerboat Handling Course*** begins with review of the basic rules of the road, navigation, safety issues, and then provides in class instruction on the basics of operating, maintaining, and handling of small outboard powerboats. In addition to classroom instruction the student will then undertake ***Hands On, On the Water*** experience ***operating*** small outboard boats. Every student will have experience operating a variety of boats and motors, including using tiller and wheel steering controls, 2- and 4-cycle engines, in inflatables and hard hull boats. They will be instructed on, and have hands on experience with: preparing the boat, starting and operating engines, regular required maintenance, basics of handling characteristics of various boat types, maneuvering in close quarters and at slow and planing speeds, various skills for safe landing and departing docks, securing the boat, stopping the boat, anchoring, and man over-board drills, in addition to other important operational skills.

We are also now offering the U.S. Sailing Association’s two day ***Safety, Rescue & Race Support Boat Handling Course***. We believe the skills taught and the extensive ***On the Water*** experience, will provide valuable skills for anyone involved with boating instructional programs and/or yacht clubs and others involved in sponsoring races and regattas.

In this course, students will learn ***Safety and Rescue techniques*** such as righting capsized boats, assisting boaters in the water, various methods for rigging and towing boats, VHF radio communication, search techniques such including using the “Williamson Turn,” steering an intercept course, use of bearings and GPS, weather fundamentals, reading and plotting using charts, tides and currents. In the second part of the course, students will learn basic ***Race Support Skills*** that will help them to provide assistance for race and regatta committees, including skills to “set safe, fair, and competitive courses,” using basic course configurations, setting and moving marks, using a wind gauge and compass, offset marks, gates, “squaring the line,” taking wind readings for course setting and adjusting, length of line for various boats, essential race support boat equipment for various races.

For questions and assistance, contact: John Kennedy, Director, Powerboat Instructional Program, Pettipaug Sailing Academy at: 860-526-2232, [Kdesign@snet.net](mailto:Kdesign@snet.net), and check for latest information on [www.Pettipaug.com](http://www.Pettipaug.com)

# Pettipaug Sailing Academy



## 2018 Powerboat Course Registration Form

(Check Your Preferred Courses)

### 2 Day Basic Safe Powerboat Handling Course:

Saturday, Sunday, May 19th, 20th. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sunday, June 2nd, 3rd. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sunday, July 21st, 22nd. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sunday, August 18th, 19th. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sunday, September 8th, 9th. \_\_\_\_\_

### Safety and Rescue Boat & Race Support Boat Handling Course

Saturday, Sunday, May 26th, 27th. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sunday, July 7th, 8th. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Course Fees:

**Basic Safe Powerboat Handling: \$280.00** ( \$220.00 for ea. additional family members)

**Safety and Rescue Boat & Race Support Boat Handling: \$280.00** (\$220.00 for ea. additional family members)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if under 21) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a CT Safe Boating Certificate? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

Powerboating experience \_\_\_\_\_

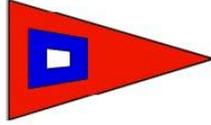
The undersigned (parent or guardian for a child) agrees to indemnify Pettipaug Sailing Academy and Pettipaug Yacht Club and hold it harmless from any claim arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions of the named powerboat student. The undersigned also agrees to hold Pettipaug Sailing Academy and Pettipaug Yacht Club harmless and to waive all claims arising out of or in connection with the Pettipaug sailing Academy or Pettipaug Yacht Club.

If the parent or guardian of a child can not be immediately reached in the event of injury or illness to the named child, permission is hereby granted to the Pettipaug Sailing Academy and its employees and agents, to employ such methods of treatment, as in their judgment may be necessary.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *Pettipaug Sailing Academy* & mail to:  
*John Kennedy, 38 Fairview Avenue, Deep River, CT 06417*

# *Pettipaug Sailing Academy*



## **Safe Powerboat Handling Course Frequently Asked Questions**

### *What do I need to bring with me?*

A PFD (life jacket), hat, jacket or raincoat if needed, lunch, snacks and sunblock. We have bottled water.

### *What if it is raining?*

Classes are not cancelled unless it is really awful. Bring rain gear if the forecast dictates. Of over 110 classes, none have been canceled.

### *Do I need to take a test?*

If you just want to improve your boat handling skills, no test is required, but if you wish to receive the **U.S. Sailing Safe Powerboat Handling Certificate** you will take a 50 question test. If you need a **state boating certificate** you need to take the U.S. Sailing 50 question test plus a 20 question state supplement. (for Connecticut) We do encourage everyone to take the test though, as we believe that everyone benefits personally from having proven to themselves what they have learned.

### *I currently own a boat and have my state certificate, how can this course help me?*

Students come to improve their skills and to gain confidence. Even those that consider themselves experienced have learned new techniques and how to deal with challenging situations. You will learn the skills to handle the boat in tight quarters and get it into and out of a slip in wind and current. Special arrangements can be made to provide instruction using your boat.

### *Do you offer group discounts if I want to bring my entire family?*

Yes. Second family member is only \$220 for our **Basic Safe Powerboat Handling Course** and our **Safety, Rescue and Race Support Boat Handling Course**.

### *How many students have taken this course at Pettipaug?*

Since our first class in 2003, over 1,250 students...adults and children... have successfully completed our courses.