

# Tradewinds Sailing School and Club

More Experience. More Time on the Water. More Fun.



## Windwords

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### From the Helm

Despite a couple of rainy days, 2012 is off to a great start! It already feels like summer around here with the amount of activity on the weekends. We can't wait to see what the rest of this year has in store for us!

Our 2012 Fleet changes are effective on Feb 1, so make sure you are signed up for all of the proper checkouts. If you are planning on taking some courses this spring, don't wait too long to check the schedule - some of our courses are booked quite a bit farther in advance than is usual this time of year.

Our first social of 2012 is on the 25th of this month, and we are looking forward to telling & hearing sea stories from this winter. Bring your friends! The more, the merrier!

Racing Clinics are on the schedule and it is time to get ready for the 2012 Friday Night Races. If you haven't attended a clinic in previous years & want to race with us, make sure you get signed up for one - it's a pre-requisite!

Enjoy the sailing and when the winds are light or it's a little chilly, keep in mind... the February sailing isn't all that bad in San Francisco!

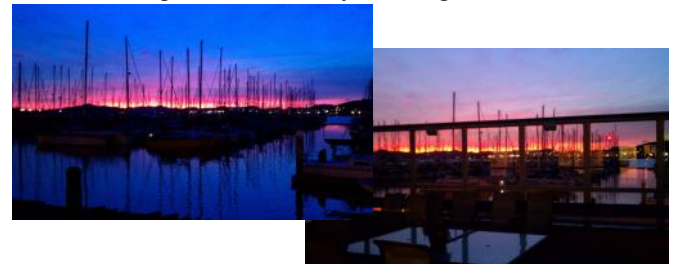
*-Matt K*



BCC Class "Toughing it Out"



The up-side of a drizzly morning at TWSC!



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## Events & Announcements

**Date**    **Event** - Click: [Event Calendar](#)

**Feb 4  
10am-  
2pm**    **GPS** - The goal of the course is to teach the usage of a handheld GPS for mariners. The focus is on handheld as this is the type of unit that sailors typically own and use on a wide variety of boats. The same principles can be applied to any GPS unit including the fixed ones found in many boats. The course is delivered in a class room lecture format with examples provide by a Garmin 76CS. Attendees are encouraged to bring their personal GPS to the classroom if they have one, but this is not a requirement for the class. **\$25/person**

**Feb 5  
10am-  
2pm**    **Sail Trim** - Join Angie, our resident bay area racer and sail expert to learn the finer points of sail trim. She'll use our sail trim model to show you just how each adjustment affects sail shape and power. **\$25/person**

**Feb 5  
3:30pm**    **The Super-bowl** - Join us at the clubhouse to cheer on your favorite team. Bring your favorite Super-bowl snacks & drinks.

**Feb 10,  
11,12**    **Marine Weather** - Accurate interpretation of weather data is an essential maritime skill for coastal and offshore sailors. Although useful for the avoidance of storms, the more common need is usually to find *more* wind, wind in a *better* direction, and in a *kinder* seaway for passage. Larry Myers will instruct you in marine weather. This class includes the ASA 119 Weather Endorsement Certification. **\$395/person**

**Feb 18  
9am-  
5pm**    **Advanced Anchoring** - One anchor, two anchors, med-mooring, learn all of the tricks to make your boat stay put in a variety of conditions. Sleep soundly at anchor with the confidence to know that you've done it right! **\$225/person**. [Also check for package deals!](#)

**Feb 25  
10am**    **Racing Clinic** - Starts, upwind legs, downwind legs, racing rules, everything you need to know to get started. This course is a pre-requisite if you intend to join us for our Friday Night Racing Series this year and haven't attended a clinic in previous years. **\$75/person**

**Feb 25  
6pm**    **Tradewinds Social** - Join us for our first social of 2012. Swap sea stories, meet other Tradewinds members to sail with, and share potluck appetizers and drinks. There will be live music & plenty of laughter!

**Feb 26  
9am-  
5pm**    **Advanced Docking & Motoring** - Take the stress out of close-quarters maneuvering & boat handling. Let us show you all of the tricks for docking in tough conditions and looking good in not-so-tough conditions! Upwind, Downwind, Forwards, Backwards, it's all possible and it doesn't have to be stressful! This course is a pre-requisite for checking out on our largest boats, over 35'. Includes ASA 118 Certification (Docking Endorsement) **\$225/person**



Almost-360-degree panorama of the anchorage & mooring field at Trellis Bay, Beef Island, B.V.I.

## Welcome New Members

Miroslav Gavrilov

Charles Baston

David Demirdjian

Mercedes Broening

Jim Hutchings

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## Classes

The following classes have at least one opening at the release of this newsletter. See our online [Course Schedule](#) for real-time data. Call the office if you have any questions or if you are ready to sign up.

Prices listed are normal full-price courses. Check our [specials page](#) for current specials!

### Basic Keelboat (\$695)

Feb 13,14,15  
Feb 20,21,22  
Mar 3,4,10  
Mar 4,10,11  
Mar 5,6,7  
Mar 9,10,11

### Basic Keelboat All-Women's(\$695)

Mar 17,18,24

### Basic Coastal Cruising (\$795)

Feb 13,14,15  
Feb 18,19,25  
Mar 11,17,18  
Mar 12,13,14  
Mar 17,18,24

### Bareboat Chartering (\$895)

Apr 15,21,22  
Apr 29 & May 5,6  
May 12,19,20

### Coastal Navigation (\$325)

Apr 27,28,29

### Advanced Motoring & Docking (\$225)

Feb 8  
Feb 26

### Advanced Anchoring (\$225)

Feb 18

### Advanced Coastal Cruising (\$1,295)

May 18,19,20  
Jun 22,23,24

## ***Boat Checkouts***

Remember, checkouts are free and the more boats you are checked out on, the easier it is for you to go sailing on any given day! There are openings in the following checkouts. Remember to call the office and schedule it if you can attend. For up-to-the-minute schedule & openings, click: [Checkout Schedule](#)

Date	Time	Boat Number/Name
Feb 2	4pm	Toba Leah (Silver)
Feb 4	11am	Galen (Gold)
Feb 5	9am	Kallisto (Silver)
Feb 7	4pm	Amazing Grace (Silver)
Feb 9	4pm	Lucy! (Gold)
Feb 11	9am	Pain Killer (Gold)
Feb 11	11am	Valhanna (Gold)
Feb 12	9am	Asilo (Silver)
Feb 12	11am	Santorini (Silver)
Feb 14	4pm	Mauna Kea (Silver)
Feb 16	4pm	Clio (Silver)
Feb 18	9am	Vested Interest (Gold)
Feb 18	11am	Home Free (Gold)
Feb 19	9am	Toba Leah (Silver)
Feb 21	4pm	Bon Temps Rouler (Gold)
Feb 23	4pm	Asilo (Silver)
Feb 25	9am	Redeemed (Gold)
Feb 25	11am	Black Pearl (Gold)
Feb 26	9am	Amazing Grace (Silver)
Feb 26	11am	Kallisto (Silver)
Feb 28	4pm	Monet (Silver)

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# Nautical Terminator

By Tony Johnson, Tradewinds Instructor

We sailors like our “A-” words. They sound salty. The prefix comes from Greek and means “on,” “at,” “or in the state of.” I’m going to assume you know *ahoy* and *ahead* and *astern* and *abeam* and *ashore* and *aground*, but here are a few less common ones:

*A-weather*: Towards the wind, just as *a-lee* means away from the wind.

*A-hull*: Sometimes in a storm we may douse all sail and lash the helm to leeward. This is called *lying a-hull*. Same thing as “under bare poles.”

*A-try*: Similar to *-a-hull* or hove-to. The objective is to get the boat, by whatever sail configuration achieves it, to lie with her bow about six points (67.5 degrees) off the wind.

*Athwart/athwartships*: Across the boat, perpendicular to the centerline.

*A-peak*: When the bow is directly above the anchor, the anchor is *a-peak*.

*A-trip*: When the anchor breaks free, it is said to be *a-trip*.

*Aweigh*: When the anchor is *a-trip* and no longer on the bottom, it is *aweight*.

*Aloft*: Up the mast. Yes, but did you know that *alow* means down on deck? Of course, *below* means belowdecks, but that’s not an A- word, is it?

*Adrift*: This means floating without steerage, guided just by wind and tide. Also, anything aboard is said to have *gone adrift* if can’t be found or has come loose and is preparing to bash you in the head.

*Abroad*: Spread, as in “She had all plain sail *abroad*.”

*Abaft*: Behind. This is a relative term used with a reference point, as in “*abaft the beam*.” Its opposite, less commonly heard, is *afore*.

*Awash*: An object almost submerged is *awash*. The deck, for example, or a rock or shoal that can be seen above the water level.

*Avast*: This is an order to stop some nautical procedure, as in “*avast hauling!*”

*Aback*: A sail is *aback* when the wrong side is filled. This occurs when you tack accidentally, which of course would never happen.

*A-main*: All of a sudden.

*A-hoo*: I don’t know where I got this. It’s obscure but all too often, I find it useful. It means “messy,” “disorganized,” or “all screwed up.”

*Aloof*: Yes, this has a nautical origin. In sailing, it originally meant keeping your luff as close to the wind as possible—*a-luff*—and in particular, was used when falling off the wind may have put you on a lee shore.



BCC Course Testing at Angel Island



Instructor Kelli Gant enjoying some R&R after mooring in the B.V.I.

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## 1985 Catalina 36 For Sale

This Catalina 36 was previously in the Tradewinds fleet (“Black Pearl”) and was always in demand by the members.

It is the Tall Rig version of this extremely popular cruiser. It is a great Bay boat with excellent sailing characteristics. Mechanically in sound condition (Universal diesel running fine). Lightly used over the past two years and needs some TLC for cleaning and bright-work. Located in Brickyard Cove.



Offered at \$27,500.

Call Lindsay Jones (510) 970-9826

## Tradewinds Gold Fleet Boat for Sale! ‘Redeemed’ Hunter 356

*The Hunter 356 was introduced in 2002 and awarded Boat of the year from Cruising World-Best Production Cruiser.*

*Redeemed is easy to sail shorthanded with roller furling main and jib, down below she is spacious with a warm all teak interior. She is loaded for her size with electric anchor windlass, Raymarine Autopilot/Chartplotter/Radar, Dodger, Bimini and lots of extras.*

*Call the  
office for more  
details,*

*we would love to keep her in the fleet!*



**More Time on the Water.**

# San Juan Islands June 15-22, 2012

**Join Brandy, Matt & Family on this magnificent charter! Only a few cabins left!**

How does this sound for a summer vacation?!

Day 1 - Sucia Island. A brisk sail across Bellingham Bay to Lummi Island, up scenic Hale Passage, to the most popular of the marine parks. (18 NM)

Day 2 - Stuart Island. Cruise through Dahl's Porpoise territory southwest along Orcas Island to Prevost or Reid Harbors. Both are state parks, with fascinating trails. (14 NM)



Day 3 - Victoria, BC. Sail south via Haro Strait through Killer Whale waters. Clear customs and moor in front of the Empress Hotel and Parliament. (23NM)

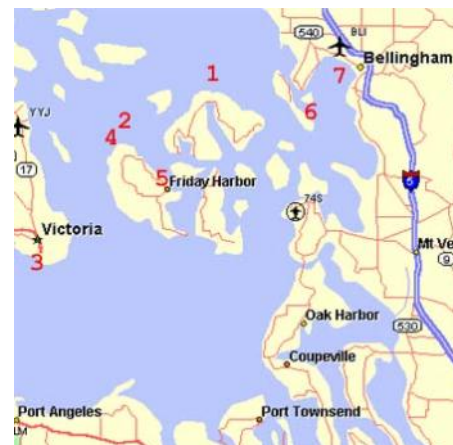
Day 4 - Roche Harbor. Catch the flood tide up Haro Strait to this tranquil old money resort on San Juan Island. (22 NM)

Day 5 - Friday Harbor. Head east to Jones Island, where deer eat apples from your hand. Sample Deer Harbor, meander carefully to this A island center. (20 NM)



Day 6 - Inati Bay. Via stately Rosario Resort in East Sound (Orcas Island), then sail east through Obstruction Pass, drop anchor 1-R here on Lummi Island. (21 NM)

Day 7 - Bellingham. A morning sail across Bellingham Bay completes your circuit, though truthfully you have tasted but a tiny sample of the delights of the San Juans. Itinerary subject to change upon impulse with only delightful consequences. (7 NM)



Cost per cabin is \$3400 for Tradewinds Members and \$3800 for non-members on Sailboats. Cost per cabin is \$4400 for Tradewinds Members and \$4800 for non-members on Powerboats. This rate includes your cabin, provisions (minus beverages, and the cost of fuel), bus and flight from Oakland, CA to Bellingham, WA.

The initial deposit to reserve a cabin is \$1400 (\$2400 for powerboats). We expect to fill all of our cabins quick, so don't delay. The final payment of \$2000 for members and \$2400 for non-members is due February 1, 2012. Please pay close attention to the cancellation policy below.



**The Fine Print:**

The price listed includes all taxes and fuel surcharges as of August 1st, 2011. If the airlines add new fuel surcharges or invent new taxes, we may have to pass these on to you. We don't expect it to get worse, but we have to warn you just in case.

**Cancellation Policy:** 6 months before departure, full refund. 6 months to 120 days, loss of deposits. Less than 120 days before departure, no refund.

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# Grenada

Oct. 3-13, 2012

## *Best of the southern Caribbean!*

Grenada, the Spice Island, way down at latitude 12, is home to beautiful beaches, spice plantations, rum distilleries, and colorful coral gardens. Relatively undiscovered, the new charter base here has been open for less than a year. Bordered by white and black sand beaches, this verdant island has for centuries been a major source of nutmeg, cloves, ginger, cinnamon and cocoa. The nearby Windward islands of the southern Caribbean offer superb tradewind sailing conditions, year-round temperatures in the 80's, crystal clear warm water, world-class snorkeling and a sea-turtle sanctuary in the Tobago Cays, and a variety of enchanting islands to discover and explore.



We will first fly from Miami down to Grenada, where we'll spend two nights in a luxury hotel, located right on the powder white sand beach, recovering from the flights and acclimating to the tropical island lifestyle. Explore the waterfalls and crater lake at Grand Etang, tour a spice plantation or rum distillery, maybe indulge in a local organic chocolate factory, or just relax on the beach and swim in the warm waters.

Next, we'll transfer to the charter base and board our waiting, luxury yachts. Most everything we could need or want is already on board, from snorkeling gear to a fully equipped galley to linens for the beds to a dinghy and outboard. A few

minutes by dinghy takes you to a nice supermarket for provisioning. After that, the itinerary is up to you- as long as you bring the boat back after a week, as hard as that will be!

You may sail to the islands of Bequia, Mayreau, Carriacou, Canouan, Petit Martinique, and Union Island, part of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Enjoy the towns and shopping and night life one day, then the pristine beach and coral reef of a deserted island the next. Dine at local restaurants, or maybe organize a lobster and fish BBQ, as October is lobster season. No matter your preference, you are sure to enjoy every minute of these fantastic, far reaches of the Caribbean.



After reluctantly returning the boats, we'll transfer back to our luxury hotel for one more night of relaxation and fun, then fly back to Miami the following morning. Your time here will feel like a world away, the long sunny days stretching into warm starry nights. Peace, tranquility, a warm interaction with nature, good food and new friends... This is what a sailing vacation is supposed to be!



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## So what's the deal?

- ✓ The trip costs just \$2,295 per person, and includes pretty much everything:
- ✓ Round trip airfare from Miami to Grenada
- ✓ 3 nights in a luxury hotel
- ✓ 8 days and 7 nights aboard the yachts
- ✓ All ground transfers
- ✓ A special ASA dinner celebration

The only thing you'll need to buy is food and drink, and maybe a souvenir.

## How does it work?

You are welcome to participate in sailing the boat, or you can just relax and enjoy the ride. If you have your ASA Bareboat certificate and would like to skipper one of the boats, that may be possible, too. We will have both monohulls and catamarans available, but the choices are first come, first served, so sign up soon!



We welcome couples, families, and flexible singles, and work very hard to ensure everyone has an absolutely great time.



Tradewinds is partnering again with David Kory, who has led so many of our sailing vacations over the years, to all corners of the globe.

A deposit of \$495 per person will hold your spot, with an additional deposit of \$1000 due April 1, and the balance will be due July 15. Visa/MC and checks are fine, and payment plans are available, too. But space is limited on this trip, so don't delay- sign up today!

For answers to your questions, or if you are ready to join us, email David directly at: [davidkory@gmail.com](mailto:davidkory@gmail.com), or call him at (925) 787-6893

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