

## **Pensacola Yacht Club Offers Spring Safety at Sea™ Seminar**

Pensacola, Florida- September 14, 2016: Now is your chance to get the boating safety experience you need, before you need it. The Pensacola Yacht Club Satori Foundation will host a US Sailing sanctioned one and two-day Safety-at-Sea™ Seminar on March 25 and 26. At the same time your family can enjoy a Spring Time beach getaway in beautiful Pensacola, Florida.

The seminar will be held at Pensacola Yacht Club where Bayou Chico meets Pensacola Bay. The club ballroom can accommodate 150 participants for the Saturday lecture sessions. Eighty of those may continue on to Sunday's hands-on practical experience with groups of 20 rotating through outdoor stations on the dock, on the beach, the terrace and in the pool.

Registration is now open through US Sailing Regatta Network: [Pensacola SAS Seminar](#). Information about the seminar offering is available at [www.satorifoundation.com](http://www.satorifoundation.com). Club Information is at [Pensacola Yacht Club](#). Information about Pensacola accommodations is at [Visit Pensacola](#).

The Pensacola seminar programs are offered as a general 1-day 'Lecture Based' Safety Seminar or an in-depth, 2-day 'Hands On' seminar which is sanctioned by US Sailing and fulfills the important safety seminar attendance recommendation and requirements for US offshore races including the [2017 Pensacola a La Habana Race scheduled for April 30, 2017](#) and next the Regata al Sol in 2018 from Pensacola to Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

The course is a must-do experience for both power boaters and sailors. Anyone making an offshore race, planning an offshore passage or taking a shorthanded coastal cruise will profit from the planning hints, advice and the expert insights of the moderators and other presenters.

- Moderated and taught by experienced, lifelong sailors who include some of the top names in sailing and safety.
- Designed for sailors of all types and levels — cruisers and racers, novices and experts.
- Appropriate for a wide range of boats — small, big, monohulls, multihulls (and powerboats, too) — that are sailed anywhere — near shore and offshore.
- Curriculum is certified by US Sailing, with special attention to conditions and challenges of the host organization's sailing area.
- More than 1,000 sailors attend safety seminars around North America every year and many bring their families and crews.
- The certifications are good for five years.

Combined with the Saturday seminar, 'Hands-On' Training yields the official World Sailing (ISAF) Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course Certificate. This certificate is highly recommended for the 2017 Pensacola a La Habana and the 2018 Regatta al Sol races from Pensacola Yacht Club. The seminar is either required or recommended for such famous races as the Fastnet, the Sydney-Hobart, the Marion Bermuda Race and the Newport Bermuda Race.

World Sailing certification includes hands-on training with an inflated life raft, as well as pool time in your inflated PFD wearing offshore clothing. Attendees will gain knowledge in the use of life rafts, boarding, and righting skills, use of flares and fire-fighting skills will also be covered. An exam (passing grade of 80) is part of the certification process.

The primary moderator is Bruce Brown. Mr. Brown was the chairman of the independent review panel for the 2012 Newport to Ensenada Race involving the loss of yacht 'Aegean' and her crew. He was a presenter at Volvo Ocean Race SAS Seminar in Miami. He is a instructor in the 100T USCG License Program and a presenter USCG Marine Industry Days. Brown is a published author of numerous safety related articles. He has been the lead moderator at the CCA Newport Bermuda Race safety seminar and much more.

The second Moderator is Bill Biewenga. Biewenga is an accomplished inshore and offshore sailor. He has accumulated well over 400,000 sea miles including 41 transatlantic crossings, over 60 passages to and from the Caribbean, several TransPacs and Bermuda races, numerous record attempts, deliveries and races, as well as participation in 4 round the world races. He has experience as a skipper, navigator, weather analyst/router, watch captain, helmsman, deck hand, and project manager. He has sailed in the Great Lakes and virtually every ocean of the world.

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