Cruising Catamaran (ASA 114)

Pre-study is vital to the success of your course.

General Description: An advanced cruising standard for individuals with cruising experience. The individual can act as skipper and crew of a 30-50 foot multihull sailboat by day in coastal waters. The standard includes those skills unique to a 30-50 foot multihull.

Sailing Knowledge

A certified Sailor has successfully demonstrated his or her ability to:

1. Identify and describe the following hardware/terms:
   - Bridgedeck
   - Bridle-line
   - Float
   - Partial wind deck
   - Hull(s)
   - Safety nets
   - Stability
   - Wing deck
   - Cabin
   - Catamaran
   - Full wing deck
   - Galley down
   - Galley up
   - Main hull
   - Seagull striker
   - Stability Curves
   - Crossarms
   - Open wing deck
   - Galley up
   - Multihull
   - Dolphin striker
   - Trimaran
   - Three point rig

2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages to operating a multihull sailboat.
3. Describe the weight carrying characteristics of 30-50 foot cruising multihulls and how weight distribution affects safety and performance.
4. Describe the differences in performance between multihulls and monohulls of about the same size.
5. Describe the accommodations of a typical 30-50 foot multihull and how comfort and safety will differ from a monohull.
6. Identify differences in ship's systems between multihulls and monohulls.
7. Describe shoal draft and its effect on planning ahead and sailing.
8. Describe the danger of capsizing, how to recognize the danger and how to prevent it.
9. Discuss the characteristics of a multihull which determine windage and the effects of windage on course and speed.
10. Discuss how multihull design affects turning radius.
11. Describe a typical center/daggerboard installation on a multihull and how they affect performance.
12. Describe options for gear stowage and proper stowing procedures.
13. Describe how and where a safety harness tether would attach to a multihull.
14. Discuss the various sail combinations and how they affect balance of a multihull.
15. Discuss the differences of multihull heavy weather sailing practices (advantages and disadvantages) including the following:
   - Lying ahull
   - Heaving-to
   - Speed controls
   - Running off and standing on
   - Sea anchors
16. Describe and discuss the methods of rafting multihulls and the limitations involved.
17. Discuss the limitations of a multihull galley and methods of working safely in the galley.
18. Discuss auxiliary power options on a multihull.
19. Discuss engine placement on a multihull and its affect on performance and comfort.
20. Discuss common mechanical maintenance on a multihull.
21. Discuss common mechanical repairs on a multihull.
22. Describe and discuss what to do if one or both engines fail.
23. Describe options for carrying and towing a dinghy.
24. Describe the method of tying a multihull securely to a dock in areas of varying tidal range.
SAILING SKILLS

A certified Sailor has successfully demonstrated her or his ability to:

**Boat Handling Under Power**
25. Cast off and safely leave a dock with at least two different wind directions relative to the bow (i.e. wind across the stern and wind across the beam).
26. Stop the bow of the boat within four feet of a marker while maneuvering under power. Perform the exercise upwind, downwind, and with the wind across the beam.
27. Maneuver the boat under power in a confined space, noting effects of wind and current.
28. Maneuver the boat within 2 feet of, and parallel to a dock. Define and carry out a bail-out plan.
29. Turn the boat in the tightest possible circle to determine its turning radius. Twin screw boats will perform the exercise with screws turning in opposite directions and again with screws turning in the same directions.
30. Repeat item 29 turning the boat in the opposite direction and compare the differences between both turns.
31. Repeat items 29 and 30 while making stern way (going backwards).
32. Steer a straight course of at least 10 boat lengths in reverse using moderate speed.
33. If the boat used for certification is equipped with two engines, repeat items 30-31 using one engine then the other.
34. Steer multihull using an emergency steering device.
   - Moving forward on a steady bearing
   - Moving backward on a steady bearing
   - Moving forward on a figure 8 course

**Person Overboard**
35. Demonstrate a skipper's actions and commands while under power from the time a member of a crew falls overboard without warning until the crew is safely recovered.
36. Describe at least two methods of getting a person out of the water and back on board a multihull.

**Boat Handling Under Sail**
37. Function as helmsman and crew giving correct commands and proper responses while demonstrating the proper techniques of closed hauled sailing, reaching (all three points), running, tacking and jibing, heading up, bearing way and luffing while noting the differences and likenesses of sailing a multihull vs. monohull.
38. Sail an ordered compass course for 5 minutes without varying more than 10 degrees from the heading.
39. Sail a figure 8 course between two buoys noting acceleration/deceleration times and momentum during turns.
40. While sailing at full power, luff sails and observe how long it takes for a multihull to come to rest.
41. Trim luffing sails noting how long it takes to accelerate to full power.

**Person Overboard**
42. Demonstrate a skipper's actions and commands while under sail from the time a member of the crew falls overboard without warning until the crew is safely recovered.
   - Use two different return techniques including the quick-stop method.

**Heavy Weather**
33. Reduce sail by reefing and shake out a reef while keeping the vessel under control and on course.
44. Heave-to and get underway again, noting the vessel’s motion at different angles to the wind.
45. Sail with mainsail only, then headsail only noting performance characteristics and limitations.

**Anchoring**
46. Use proper anchoring techniques to anchor using the following methods:
   - Two anchors off the bow or stern (Bahamian style)
   - Single bow anchor and bridle
   - Single bow anchor and stern to the beach (Med style)
   - Bow to a permanent mooring with bridle (if available)