

Learn advanced cruising along the California coast

Modern Sailing Academy's advanced cruising class to Monterey and back is a demanding way for experienced coastal sailors to gain valuable offshore experience. Designed for students who have completed American Sailing Association (ASA)—certified Basic Keelboat and Basic Coastal Cruising classes, or equivalent training, the six-day course will teach them the knowledge necessary for cruising on their own.

The class will be taught by the Sausalito, Calif., school's founder John Connolly aboard their Islander 53 *Polaris*. In addition

to gaining sailing skills in an area known for its challenging conditions, participants will learn how to use the various equipment—windvane, GPS, SSB, weatherfax, etc.—aboard a good-size cruising boat.

After becoming acquainted with the boat and its systems on day one the skipper and crew will head south in the open ocean to Monterey. The return trip will include stops in Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz to practice anchoring and/or docking skills and to enjoy

some time exploring ashore.

The cost for the trip (June 19-25) is \$1,475 per person. For more information about this course and other sailing classes and events organized by the school go to www.modernsailing.com.

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