



Get certified in exotic locales

With the school's adventure sailing program, Modern Sailing Academy is offering a great way to gain the skills and confidence to qualify for advanced certifications from the American Sailing Association (ASA) while at the same time enjoying some of the world's best cruising grounds. And once the high level ASA courses are completed successfully, students will be prepared to bareboat charter worldwide or be ready to sail their own boats to distant shores.

On Modern Sailing's schedule for 2006 are classes taught in Australia's Whitsunday Islands and Greece and Turkey that offer Bareboat Charter (BBC) and Advanced Coastal Cruising (ACC), and a course in Tahiti that offers Offshore Passagemaking (OPM). The San Francisco Bay-based school's head instructor John Connolly skippers the chartered boats used for the classes, which are all 10-day liveaboard cruises.

The Whitsunday Islands, a group of 74 mostly uninhabited islands off Australia's northeast coast,

are the first stop of MSA's 2006 adventure schedule. The dates for the two legs, which will begin and end in Shute Harbour, are February 9 to February 19 and February 23 to March 4 and the participants will learn aboard a Beneteau 50.

Two trips to Greek Islands—Rhodes to Kos and back—with stops in Turkey are scheduled for May 6 to May 16 and May 19 to May 29. The courses will be taught aboard a Bavaria 50.

The final trips for the year will be in the South Pacific aboard a Beneteau 473. Students will fly in and out of Tahiti and the classes will include a 200-mile offshore passage to the Tuamotus and stops in Raiatea and Bora Bora. The two legs will be from September 23 to October 5 and October 8 to October 20.

For more information—costs, availability, qualifications—visit the sailing school's website at www.modernsailing.com or contact Academy Director Michael Beers at 800-995-1668.

