

2-Day Seamanship Preparation Checklist

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Welcome to San Juan Yachting and thank you for choosing us for your powerboat instruction!

We hope you will find this checklist helpful for your planning.

PREPARATION

- **Pre-study will greatly enhance your learning and prepare you for the course.** Read the textbook: *Powerboat Handling Illus.*, by Bob Sweet, prior to your course and review with the course curriculum. The text can be ordered through Amazon.com or from ASA/RPBA at (310) 822-7171.
- Complimentary linens and towels will be provided for your convenience.
- We will also provide lunch for both days. Dinner out on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday will be your responsibility (many wonderful restaurants nearby!).
- Please arrive at our office at 9am Saturday for the start of your course.

PACKING LIST

When packing, think layered and compressible. Soft bags rather than hard luggage please. Our weather can vary quite a bit, so bring a bit of everything. Remember we always find we use half of the items we thought we needed to bring.

- Textbook: *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*
- Windbreaker and warm jacket, rain jacket
- Warm cap or hat and sunhat
- Sunglasses and if applicable, reading glasses
- Sunscreen
- Soft-soled shoes with non marking soles

TRAVEL

- Written directions to SJY are located below.
- Hertz and Avis offer one day/one way car rentals with no drop-off fee between the Sea/Tac and Bellingham airports.
- There are several connection flights offered daily by Alaskan Air (Horizon), between Bellingham and Seattle (Sea-Tac).

ABOUT YOUR COURSE

- Saturday will primarily be exploring systems, line-handling, fuel planning, anchoring and maneuvering (including lunch, which we provide). At the end of the day, you'll stay at the dock and find a nearby restaurant for your dinner.
- Sunday will involve more maneuvering, catching a buoy, and some piloting. We will provide breakfast and lunch, so please let us know if you have dietary constraints.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed at dockside. We do not provide them, but you are welcome to bring your own.
- Sunday we will review all the material and get you back to the dock by 5PM.
- Many people ask us if it is a common practice to tip their instructors. It is. Tip size varies quite a bit and is left to your discretion. A general suggestion is 10-15%.

Directions to San Juan Yachting:

Drive north on I-5 from Seattle to Bellingham. Take Exit 256A and turn left onto Meridian Street. After 1/2 mile turn right onto Squalicum Way. Follow Squalicum Way, crossing underneath a railway bridge and around a sharp left-hand curve to the waterfront (1.9 miles). Turn right onto Coho Way. At 4-way stop look right and you'll see our office.

Maps available at www.sanjuanyachting.com.

