



# Great South Bay Power Squadron

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## MARINE NAVIGATION COURSE OFFERED TO THE BOATING PUBLIC

July 12, 2019.....The Great South Bay Power Squadron of America's Boating Club is pleased to announce a Marine Navigation course, being offered to the boating public. This course is scheduled to begin September 26, 2019, at the West Islip Public Library, 3 Higbie Lane, West Islip, NY 11795. The course will be held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Thursday evenings and will run approximately 10 weeks followed by an open book exam.

**Marine Navigation (Piloting)** is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning.

**Topics covered include:**

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

Registration for the course is required in advance of the course and subject to availabilities. The registration includes two hard cover books, Piloting and Weekend Navigator, and a set of plotters and dividers for a cost of \$120., or \$100. for America's Boating Club members. Register at [www.boatgsb.org](http://www.boatgsb.org) or mail check payable to the "Great South Bay Power Squadron" to SEO Lt./C Marie A. Wallach, AP - 207 Fairfield Dr. E., Holbrook, NY 11741. Any questions, please contact Lt./C Marie A. Wallach at [marieawallach@gmail.com](mailto:marieawallach@gmail.com) or call 631-269-7169.

For more than 100 years, **America's Boating Club**, has been leading the way on the importance of boater safety through education and as any one of our members will tell you, "an educated boater is a better, safer boater."

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