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Safety at Sea seminar includes U.S. Sailing Certification

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - Learn the information and skills required for safe sailing at the Safety at Sea Seminar on Feb. 22, 2014, presented by The Mariners' Museum and Landfall Navigation.

This day-long seminar, designed and conducted by sailors and experts in their fields, provides novice and experienced mariners with information and skills required to prepare for sailing the Chesapeake Bay or offshore, handling heavy weather, conducting rescue procedures and much more.

2014 marks the third year The Mariners' and Landfall have offered the seminar. New this year, registrants will earn an official Near Coastal Safety at Sea Certification from U.S. Sailing.

The Safety at Sea Seminar is open to all cruising and racing skippers, crews and their families, recreational boaters and commercial mariners. Topics include "Formula for Disaster - Lessons Learned," man overboard and rescue procedures, medical care and prevention, damage control, pumps and steering gear emergencies, Chesapeake Bay weather and life raft inflation and abandon ship procedures.

The program will be moderated by Captain Henry Marx, owner and president of Landfall Navigation, who has over 40 years sailing experience on both coasts of the United States, the North Sea and the Caribbean. Joining Marx will be a panel of experts including, Capt. Mark Bologna, Will Keene, Bill Sammler and Pete Seidler, retired U.S. Coast Guard captain.

The registration fee for the seminar is \$85 before Feb. 1 and \$110 after Feb. 1. Mariners' Museum Members receive \$15 off each ticket. The fee covers lectures, demonstrations, course materials, U.S. Sailing Near Coastal Safety at Sea Certificate and a boxed lunch.

Seating is limited. To reserve space, visit www.MarinersMuseum.org/Safety-At-Sea. For more information, and for marine dealers interested in having a presence at the event, contact Bryan Hill at (757) 591-7749 or bhill@MarinersMuseum.org.

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