



Perfected Sailing – Platinum Level

This 5 – 6 day course focuses on navigation, club racing, and high-speed sailing. As was introduced in the Gold Level, Independent Sailing, this Level applies a greater focus on dead-reckoning navigation to be used on coastal waters and inland lakes, how to achieve success in most club racing venues, and will dive into higher performance (speed) sailing. Higher performance sailing takes you from typical displacement boats into planing hulls with asymmetric spinnakers. This design change in the hull introduces the world of true vs. apparent wind angle and expands your possibilities when it comes to course management, strategy, and tactics.

This Level also covers planning a day cruise, reviewing all the needs, wants, and “what ifs” of a day on the water with friends.

More advanced than the Gold Level, successful completion of this Level will have the student thinking about the following, and more, when on the course:

- a. Sailing at faster speeds.
- b. Finding the breeze to maximize planing hulls abilities.
- c. Sailing the best VMG using apparent wind angles.
- d. Thinking 5 – 6 tacks or gybes ahead due to increased speed.
- e. Acceleration after starts, tacks, and gybes.
- f. Tacking/gybing in pressure, not in a lull.
- g. Adapting to changes – puff, lull, header.
- i. Having fun...!.

