



Hands-On Sail Repair Seminar April 11-12 and October 17-18, 2026

Gain self-reliance and confidence in the realm of sail repair and maintenance.

The objectives of this two-day seminar are:

- To gain a grasp of the inventory needs of a given vessel for offshore cruising
- A thorough understanding of different sail construction methods and the attributes of each
- Sail trim and tricks to extend the life of a given sail
- Sewing common repairs on an industrial sewing machine with direction from a sailmaker
- Sewing common repairs in handwork with a palm and needle including rings, slides, grommets, leathers, webbings, and whippings
- The ability to identify and mitigate common issues before they result in serious damage
- To educate and provide a cruiser with the knowledge to keep their sails in good working condition from calms to gales

Lunch will be provided on site, as will coffee and tea.

Seminar cost: \$550/per person, includes lunch

Registration opens: June 3rd, maximum 12 students

Included in the two day seminar is the Hands-On Sail Repair Seminar Notebook, and machine sampler, a handwork sampler, and a ditty bag kit. You will have an opportunity at this time to order ditty materials including our Offshore Repair Kit and recommended reading.



***We will be catering lunch through a local restaurant. Upon sign up you will receive a confirmation email that will give you your lunch options to choose from.**

Hands-On Sail Repair Seminar Schedule

Saturday

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee, meet and greet, registration

9:00 - 12:30 Chalk Talk

- A presentation and discussion covering inventory, sail construction, sail trim and schedule tactics, and common repairs.

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch - provided*

1:30 - 5:00 Ditty Class

- Overview of necessary repair tools and materials for an offshore repair kit, and various techniques including fitting a palm, needle and thread selection, stitch types, etc.

5:15 - Close

Sunday

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee, meet and greet

9:00 - 12:30 Machine Class

- Overview and practice of sewing machine techniques using machine samplers for various repairs including wings, tv screens, patches, and seams.

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch - provided*

1:30 - 5:00 Handwork Class

- Continuation of ditty class using samplers to practice various techniques including a hand-sewn ring, webbing on a slide, whipping a line, installing grommets, etc.

5:15 - Close

