

Master Captain Gary Hutson



Captain Gary Hutson has sailed the Chesapeake Bay for nearly four decades and is one of **The Gratitude Sailing Institute's** ASA Instructor Emeriti. He holds a U.S. Coast Guard 50 ton Master Captain license, and is certified as an American Sailing Instructor up to ASA 104 and Docking.

He obtained his Senior Navigator Designation from the U.S. Power Squadron and has taught their Seamanship, Sail, and Engine Maintenance courses. As a lifelong resident of Maryland, Gary owned and operated an automotive repair facility, and served as a volunteer firefighter and paramedic for more than 30 years.

In addition to his teaching at **Gratitude Sailing** as an Instructor Emeritus, Gary provides yacht delivery and boat maintenance services.

Described by students as a patient and kind instructor, Gary especially enjoys preparing students to become tomorrow's sailors and boat owners, with a solid educational foundation that enables them to experience the joy of safe, enjoyable, sailing.

Gary and his wife, Deb, cruise aboard **Sailing Vessel (S/V) Reality**, their Passport 40, out of Baltimore Yacht Club. Their daughter, Kate, is an attorney residing in Virginia and comes up to Baltimore as often as possible to sail with her Mom and Dad.

Gary's personal sailing philosophy is ... "Never mind the office. Sail the boat."

His future plans include some coastal cruising, probably ending up in the Caribbean. **Gratitude Sailing** is delighted to have the steady hand of Captain Hutson aboard!

Unedited student testimony:

"I just wanted to send you a note to let you know how much I enjoyed the recent 101 class with Captain Gary Hutson. He adapted his teaching style to each individual in the class and made the topics interesting. As testament to his abilities as an instructor, I scored 100% on the written and skills tests. By nature, I am very analytical and curious about how and why things work, and Gary took the time to explain those aspects of sailing. He's extremely personable as well. Beyond the mechanics of sailing, the 4 days were actually a lot of fun! The 101 course was an enjoyable experience and I can't wait to advance my sailing skills. I just hope I'll be lucky enough to have an instructor as good as Captain Gary." - Russ B.