

Master Captain Julie Tipton



Master Captain Julie Tipton, a decorated Navy veteran, took her first sailing class in 1985 at Naval Station Norfolk, VA. She was instantly hooked. She sailed here and there in the interim, and in 2006 she bought a small boat and learned as much as she could. Six boats later, she and her husband own ***Sailing Vessel (S/V) TipSea***, a 37' Gulfstar. Julie has cruised to Maine and New England several times and competed in the 2023 Annapolis to Newport race. She has sailed the entire East Coast, delivered boats to Maine and New England, and has sailed to Bermuda, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Mexico and Hawaii. *TipSea's* home is the Chesapeake Bay where Captain Julie teaches sailing and

cruises most summers.

Julie believes that nothing beats looking through 10-15' of water and clearly seeing the bottom. Her love of food (especially Maine lobster) and developing new friendships makes her time on the water invaluable. She learns something new every time she goes out. Her sea stories make for good entertainment for everyone.

Captain Tipton holds a U.S. Coast Guard 25 ton masters license with a sailing endorsement. She is also a Certified American Sailing Instructor teaching at the following levels:

- ASA 101 - Keelboat 1
- ASA 103 – Basic Coastal Cruising
- ASA 104 – Bareboat Cruising
- ASA 105 – Coastal Navigation
- ASA 114 – Cruising Catamaran

Captain Tipton is a solid professional captain, and considers safety her utmost priority. Her passion is fueled by teaching others how to sail and sharing her experiences of how to respect the ocean while enjoying what it has to offer.

The personal sailing philosophy she brings to ***The Gratitude Sailing Institute*** is, in her own words, "...to bring the joy of sailing to her students, one sailor at a time." She also believes "...calm seas don't make a great sailor."

Gratitude is as fortunate as they are delighted to have Captain Tipton as one of our key instructors and teammates!