Sailing Itinerary

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Set sail around Carters Creek and the Rappahannock River. The Tides Inn's onside sailing school offers a four-day Basic Keelboat course that leads to sailing certification. There are also shorter classes for various interests, and everyone in the family can find a sailing course created just for them.

SAILING & LEARNING

A typical day starts at 9:30am by preparing the boat for sailing. Then you motor away from the dock, raise the sails and head out into the broad expanse of the Rappahannock River estuary. Each day you will be learning a new skill, building on what you learned the previous day.

ON THE BOAT

Midway through the day you will drop anchor, put the bimini up, and relax while you eat lunch. Then up anchor and sail again for the afternoon, finishing at 4pm. During very hot or cold weather you may spend some time learning in the comfort of the classroom, but otherwise all your theory and ropework is done while you are out on the boat.

CERTIFICATION

On the last day you take a quick written test (aimed at testing the instructors rather than you!) and receive your US Sailing Basic Keelboat certificate.

FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE

Although highly structured, the courses are intensively practical and are aimed at getting you out on the water and independent as quickly as possible. Groups never exceed four students, so you get lots of personal attention and lots of hands-on sailing experience.

CHOICE OF CLASSES

Classes for teens and children are also available, along with adult classes including the two-day Introduction To Sailing and three-day Basic Cruising.

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