

4-Day Power Preparation Checklist

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**Welcome to San Juan Yachting and thank you for choosing us
for your powerboat instruction!**

We hope you will find this checklist helpful for your planning.

PREPARATION

- **Pre-study will greatly enhance your learning.** Please read the textbook: *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*, by Bob Sweet. You can check out from your local library, or purchase it from your local bookstore or from Amazon.
- We suggest ready the textbook in conjunction with the curriculum. Here is a link to the curriculum on our website: [Power Curriculum](#)
- Please arrive at our office at 9am for the start of your course.

PACKING LIST

When packing, think layered and compressible. Soft bags rather than hard luggage please. Our weather can vary quite a bit, so bring a bit of everything. Remember we always find we use half of the items we thought we needed to bring.

Items to consider bringing:

- Textbook: *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*
- Windbreaker and warm jacket
- Warm cap or hat and sunhat
- Sunglasses and/or reading glasses
- Personal water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear (any PVC will do)
- Soft-soled shoes with non-marking soles.

TRAVEL

- Written directions to our office are located below. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.sanjuansailing.com/charters/getting-here.html>
- Hertz and Avis offer one day/one way car rentals with no drop-off fee between the Sea/Tac and Bellingham airports.
- There are several connection flights offered daily by Alaskan Air (Horizon), between Bellingham and Seattle (Sea-Tac).

ABOUT YOUR COURSE

- The course will cover cruise and fuel planning and yacht systems orientation.
- You'll spend time learning to maneuver in close quarters and to use line handling techniques to your advantage while docking.
- Practice maneuvering, anchoring, and tying up to a mooring ball.
- Training includes navigation (chart and GPS chart plotter as well as understanding tides and current), route planning, safety and emergency procedures, VHF training;
- Diesel engine troubleshooting and clear understanding of all the boat's systems.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed at dockside.
- Many people ask us if it is a common practice to tip their instructors. It is. Tip size varies quite a bit and is left to your discretion.

Directions to San Juan Yachting

Drive north on I-5 from Seattle. Take exit 256A "Meridian Street" once you reach Bellingham. Left onto Meridian Street. Right onto Squalicum Way immediately after driving over railroad tracks. Follow Squalicum down to waterfront. Right on Coho Way after driving over railroad tracks again. Head straight towards the water, look right at the stop sign, and you'll find us. For a map, visit our website at:

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