

Trawler Talk

Trawler Events Coming Soon in Manitowoc

Trawlers Midwest is hosting their own Free In-Water Boat Show on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 with demo rides being given from 10 am – 4 pm each day. All of their in-stock trawlers and catamarans will be open for touring. This is a great opportunity to compare sizes and accommodations plus experience in-water performance of the trawler and catamaran hulls.



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The Trawler Fest, consisting of seminars and a boat show, **will not** be held this year in Manitowoc as it has been the past three years. Instead of that event, PassageMaker Magazine, who previously hosted Trawler Fest, is sponsoring a new event called the PassageMaker University.

PassageMaker University (PMU) is an exclusive two-day offering of courses taught by the industry's leading experts. The in-depth courses provide the latest information and are helpful even for the experienced cruiser. Attendees can choose a diesel workshop, an education in weather as it applies to boating, or a hands-on boat handling experience. The diesel and weather courses will be held in the hotel and the boat handling course will be using Trawlers Midwest's dealer boats at the Manitowoc Marina, which is within walking distance of the hotel.

There is not a boat show connected to this event this year and the dates have been moved to July instead of August. Trawlers Midwest will have extended hours each evening of the event and will be open on Sunday to accommodate

those attending the University that wish to tour our in-stock trawlers and catamarans.

PASSAGEMAKER UNIVERSITY

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Friday, July 13 & Saturday, July 14
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

This University courses have become very popular and reservations fill up pretty fast. They are only held in four other locations in the United States. Classes will run 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. for two full days of instruction. All learning materials will be provided, as will lunch each day. Class size is limited to 16 for each class, so you must register in advance. Call Trawler Fest toll free at 888-487-2953 or register on-line at www.trawlerfest.com. The cost for the class of your choice is \$450 for each person.

The host hotel is the newly renovated *Best Western Lakefront* which offers all the amenities, including swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. Be sure to make your reservations early, as the hotel will fill up quickly. Call 920-682-7000 and be sure to request the PassageMaker University rate.

Following are the classes that will be held and you can select the one that most fits your current needs.

Bob Smith's Diesel Workshop

Bob Smith, developer of Ford Lehman diesel engines, will present this two-day hands-on diesel engine course during PassageMaker University in Manitowoc. Bob will bring with him a complete engine and all the tools needed for the class. All of the components of the Ford Lehman engine that Bob uses for the course are easily visible, which makes class demonstrations clear and understandable.

On the morning of the first day of the course, Bob will introduce theory. Students will get their hands dirty in the afternoon with basic engine maintenance procedures. On day two, the students will run the engine they have worked on and will spend some more time on troubleshooting, repairs, and preventive and regular maintenance procedures.



Weather-Wise Mariner

Lee Chesneau is a recently retired NOAA/NWS Ocean Prediction Center meteorologist who has been educating boaters on the science, practical application, and forecasting of weather for years. Lee's in-depth course will allow you to make smart cruising decisions and help you better understand weather in your immediate area and in the cruising areas in which you plan to venture.



This course includes an introduction to weather terminology; you'll also learn about the components of the atmosphere and how they affect the weather around us, the all-important factors of precipitation and visibility, and pressure and wind concepts. Understanding why and how weather happens the way it does can help you become a safer boater. Lee also will explain surface pressure maps, the upper atmosphere, wave formations and patterns, and frontal and non-frontal systems, combining lectures with hands-on practice with various weather and surface maps. The course will provide a foundation to make you a weather-wise mariner, enabling you to confidently identify your weather windows and

make the “go” or “no go” decision that can make or break your cruise!

Boat Handling & Seamanship

Patti Moore, founder of Sea Sense, the Women’s Sailing and Powerboating School, and licensed Capt. Holly Davenport have spent a lifetime boating. With years of professional teaching and boating experience on their side, Patti and Holly will share with you boat handling and seamanship skills that are guaranteed to make you a smarter, more confident boater. This two-day course will cover boating terminology and theory, hull shapes and how they affect performance, single versus twin screw, proper use of docklines, effects of wind and water on boat handling, and more. Time at the helm with an experienced captain and instructor will help you combine all of the theory and handling skills introduced throughout the course. This hands-on class offers you the opportunity to try different things, make mistakes, learn from your peers, and ask questions, all the while gaining confidence and a better understanding of boat handling and seamanship. The focus is on being a partner, not a passenger!



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