

Saddleback College
MST 289 Introduction to Cruising the Channel Islands
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Notes for Crew:

*You are not a passenger, you are crew!
Don't act like a passenger!*

Stowing gear and supplies:

Nothing but sleeping bags on bunks; baggage gets stowed [collapsible and minimal].
Think logically: TP in head, frequently used items more accessible.

Watchstanding:

Think for yourself: Don't expect to be told every move to make.
Don't just steer the course; think about the other boats, wind, destination, the chart, etc.
Spend time on watch productively: gauges, switches, radio, ropes.
If the radio calls, answer it!
"Learn the ropes"; sheets, halyards, etc.

Don't lose track of the other boat[s]!!!

Responsibility for following instructions:

You are responsible for following published procedures. Read them!
Log everything.
Pass on information to the next watch.
Read the previous log entries.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>A/D</u>	<u>Location</u>
4 Aug	2100	DEP	Dana Point Harbor for Santa Barbara Island
5 Aug	0900	ARR	Landing cove, Santa Barbara Island
6 Aug	0900	DEP	Depart Landing for Elephant Seal Cove
	1200	DEP	Santa Barbara Island for Emerald Cove / Isthmus, Catalina
	1700	ARR	Catalina
7 Aug	0900	DEP	Depart Catalina for Dana Point Harbor.
	1700	ARR	Dana Point Harbor

Policies

Attendance at precruise meetings:

Attendance at the class meeting preceding a cruise will be mandatory for students going on the cruise. If a student is unable to attend the precruise meeting but is planning on attending the cruise, he must have made arrangements for another student or person to act as his proxy for accepting watch responsibilities and planning. Any student not present or not having a proxy present will be dropped from the Float Plan for that cruise.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, it may be possible for a student to substitute for a student unable to go on a cruise at the last minute. In that case a student standing in for another will be responsible for all cruise commitments of the other.

Cruise Departure:

Generally cruise departure time will be as soon as possible after the time agreed upon for meeting to load the boat. Preparations normally take from 1-2 hours. Any student not present at the appointed time may be left behind unless definite and specific plans are made in advance with the instructor and with the individual's watch-mates. Determination of times of meeting and departure are made at the precruise meeting. It will not be appropriate for a student to arrive just in time to jump aboard the boat as it leaves the dock.

Watch standing:

Watch standing is an integral part of the training in this class. Watches will be responsible for provisioning and preparing assigned meal(s), assuming navigational responsibility for the vessel during their assigned time periods, making log entries, and cleaning assignments at the conclusion of the cruise. Watches will be expected to notify and brief the following watch of the watch change in a timely manner, and to keep the deck log up to date with appropriate notations of navigational changes, watch changes, and other occurrences. Any time the vessel is under way, there must be a watch on duty. Anchor watches will be assigned additionally as necessary.

It is the responsibility of the previous watch to ensure that the following watch is briefed and in control when standing down. (ie. you don't just walk away from it or say "who wants to drive now?", or one of my favorites "I need to use the head; will you take it for a minute?" and then never come back.)

Examinations:

Exams are taken during the cruise on a relatively informal basis, however they are to be taken individually and closed book. This means, obviously, no discussion of answers during the test. Exams are an excellent learning opportunity and discussion after the test is highly encouraged.

Alcohol:

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law during college functions. Instructional time will be considered at any time the vessel is underway, any time class activities are taking place and any time your watch has responsibilities. Clarification of non college time will be determined by the instructor.

Possession of illegal drugs or substances requires the immediate notification of the U.S. Coast Guard and the removal of the person responsible from the vessel.

Student Initiative:

The lab/cruise portion of this class is by nature loosely organized but with very well defined blocks of knowledge which students are responsible for. Some students will have considerably more experience than others and in areas which vary according to the student's background and talents. Therefore it is crucial that each student have a firm grasp of all he is expected to learn from the course and take the initiative to ask for instruction where needed.

A primary example of this is in knot tying. Knots will be demonstrated and then practiced by students with varying degrees of success. If the student does not continue diligently to use the knots, the ability will be lost. "Use it or lose it". And it will be difficult, if not impossible, to cram at the last minute before the exam.