

# Captain Tony Coia

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Captain Tony Coia has been sailing for over 30 years and has been teaching in New Jersey and the Caribbean for the last 10 years having had hundreds of students in his classes. Tony first became interested in sailing while taking a sailing vacation in Maine with his wife and has been sailing ever since. In the 1980's he raced a J-24 on the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean where he participated several times in the Atlantic City Race Week, but he prefers cruising.

In addition to holding a USCG OUPV Captains License (near coastal up to 100 miles offshore), he is certified to teach ASA 101-Basic Keelboat Sailing, ASA 103-Basic Coastal Cruising, ASA 104-Bareboat Cruising, ASA 105-Coastal Navigation, and ASA 114-Cruising Catamaran.

Tony was awarded ASA's designation of "Outstanding Instructor" in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012 which is based on student evaluations.

He enjoys sailing on Barnegat Bay, Chesapeake Bay, and the Caribbean, which he visits several times a year. His picture shows him sailing in the warm winds of the Caribbean in the winter.

As a retired high school teacher, he enjoys teaching almost as much as he enjoys sailing. His sailing philosophy is "it has to be fun or you are doing something wrong".

