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### **NauticEd Releases Captain's Rank**

Today, NauticEd Online Sailing School announced its release of the NauticEd Captain's Rank. This coincides with the posting of the NauticEd Safety at Sea Clinic which is the final required course to attain the Sailing Certification Rank. The NauticEd Captain's Rank focuses entirely on sailboat operations both near shore and offshore and is directed specifically towards the recreational sailboater.

Until now, many recreational sailboaters have been gaining a commercial boating license to attain the educational equivalence of Captain but with out the intention of operating commercially. Now with NauticEd, students can gain a Captain's Sailing Certification with out jumping through the significant hoops associated with a commercial operator's license.

This is very exciting for the sailing industry says Grant Headifen, Educational Director for NauticEd. 'It means that we can have more educated boaters on the water and the investment cost in the education is well within reach of every sailboater. We've lowered the barriers and made the experience fun and interactive with multimedia learning. Now, if anyone wants to learn to sail, gain a sailing certification or just increase their sailing education, doing it online makes it more accessible and thus more likely to be done'. The Educational investment in the Captain's Rank is less than \$US300.

Headifen estimates it will take the average student 60 hours of study over time to complete the theory courses and online tests associated with the NauticEd Captain's Rank. The NauticEd online Courses required to gain the rank cover a wide breadth of topics listed as follows:

- Skipper
- Maneuvering Under Power

- Coastal Navigation
- Bareboat Charter
- Sail Trim
- Storm Tactics
- Weather
- Safety at Sea

In addition, a NauticEd Captain must have logged a minimum amount of real sea time which is denoted by a level associated with the Rank as follows:

- Captain Level III - 50 days of sea time;
- Captain Level IV - 100 days of sea time
- Captain Level V - 200 days of sea time.

Time is logged on NauticEd's online sailing logbook and can be accessed via iPhone and Android apps or on an internet connected computer.

NauticEd which stands for Nautic Education offers 2 lower level Sailing Certifications; Skipper and Bareboat Charter Master. These are achieved by passing fewer courses than listed above. NauticEd also offers other online courses such as a Catamaran Sailing Confidence, Celestial Navigation, and a Crew Course.

To learn more about the NauticEd Sailing School and Sailing Certifications go to <http://www.nauticed.org>

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