

## **TrawlerFest Steams to Bay Bridge Marina**

Boat show, training camp, nautical party—TrawlerFest returns to Bay Bridge Marina on the Chesapeake this September. Brought to you by PassageMaker Magazine, TrawlerFest features an impressive in-water display of cruising powerboats, marine products and services and world-class seminars.

Registration is now open for the five day seminar series, including TrawlerFest's signature diesel engine course with two of the nation's finest instructors on the topic.

This is not the only diesel engine course for boaters, but it is the only diesel engine course for boaters taught by renown author/researcher Nigel Calder and veteran boatbuilder and yard operator Steve Zimmerman. Calder's status is such that when he makes an observation about engine performance, the engine manufacturers themselves pay attention.

This two-day session, "Everything You Need To Know About Diesel Engines," combines classroom time with hands-on engine time in the shop. It combines theory and practical troubleshooting instruction, and it does so with a touch of humor to keep things lively. Attendees receive a certificate of completion that in some cases may help save some money on their boat insurance.

It is also worthy of note that unlike most other engine instructors both Calder and Zimmerman are veteran cruisers, who bring this perspective to the curriculum. Before you sign on to any other diesel course, ask the organizers how many years of long-distance cruising its instructors have done.

Other perennial favorites include "Boat Buyers Survival Guide," "Guns & Government," "Boat Handling" and "The Great Loop," which feature TrawlerFest's signature interactive team-teach approach.

The TrawlerFest boat show and seminar series happens at Bay Bridge Marina Yacht Club on Kent Island at the foot of Maryland's magnificent Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Seminars are in session Tuesday through Sunday, Sept. 26-30. The boat show runs Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 28-30, and includes booths displaying marine products and services.

## **MESSAGE TO SAILORS**

Nearby Annapolis is known as the "Sailing Capital of the United States." Here's a message to Bay Sailors: Even though the event is called TrawlerFest, and its brought to you by PassageMaker magazine, most of the seminars are "propulsion agnostic." That is, their lessons apply equally to sailors as well as power cruisers.

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