

# TrawlerPort<sup>®</sup>

TrawlerPort is a designated area within leading mainstream boat shows, promoting the cruising lifestyle. Flags and banners identify participating vessels that serve this niche. TrawlerPort offers free boating activities taught by your favorite *PMM* editors and other industry professionals. TrawlerPort is your portal into the cruising lifestyle.

**Friday, February 15**

**11 a.m.**

## **Circumnavigation: What I've Learned—Bruce Kessler**

Circumnavigator and renowned cruiser Bruce Kessler shares his tips for common sense offshore and coastal cruising in general.

Bruce will show a 10-minute film on the Nordhavn Atlantic Rally crossing and talk about the preparation it takes and what you should know to cross n ocean and to enjoy coastal cruising.

*Bruce Kessler, a native of Seattle, has been messing about in boats all his life. He raced sports cars at the international level as a young man, but boating and fishing have been a passion ever since he could barely walk down the family dock on Vashon Island.*

**12 p.m.**

## **Bahamas Bound—Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell**

Learn easy cruising plans for the Bahamas, just 54 miles from Palm Beach, Florida. Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell will help you stage your boat in Palm Beach before crossing the Gulf Stream to Grand Bahamas and on to the Abacos and Marsh Harbor. Plan to stay for a few weeks or the entire season. They will discuss U.S. and Bahamian Customs information, where to go, and what to do while relaxing in the island paradise. Don't forget your Q Flag and Bahamian Courtesy Flag.

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**Life Raft Demo—Henry Marx**

Learn how to select the right life raft and how to prepare an abandon-ship bag. Attendees will also see a life raft-inflation demonstration.

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**2 p.m.**

**Charting as a Spectator Sport—Peter Swanson**

A few years ago, the notion of boater-generated navigational intelligence was a theoretical discussion. Now, with advances in chartplotters and crowdsourcing initiatives by cartography giant Navionics, we may be seeing the end of the centuries-old top-down model for nautical mapping.

*Peter Swanson, a boating writer and delivery captain, and executive editor of PassageMaker Magazine has been covering marine electronics since 2000. Before that, he was a newspaper reporter and editor. He has more than 15,000 miles of bluewater experience in trawlers and much more than that in sailboats. He lives in the Jacksonville, Florida area.*

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**Heaving Line Toss—Henry Marx**

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## **Saturday, February 16**

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### **Great Stops on the Great Loop Part 1—Capts. George & Patricia Hospodar**

If traveling America's "Great Loop" is on your "bucket" list, join Capts. George and Pat Hospodar for their seminar on some of the most outstanding not-to-be-missed cities, towns, and villages you may want to consider in planning your journey. These seasoned boaters will offer insight and tips on marinas, anchorages, fuel stops, shopping, unique venues of particular local interest, cultural and historical sites, land transportation availability, best spots for crew changes, and more. This will be a multimedia presentation accompanied by an information packet, which will be distributed at the conclusion of their program.

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### **Cruising Together: How We Started And Are Still Doing It After 20 Years—Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell**

From their first weekend adventures to living the dream aboard a 44-foot trawler, your eyes will be opened by Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell as they share their experiences cruising together and how they still manage to like each other!

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**Boat-Buying Wisdom from an Industry Veteran—Steve D'Antonio**

Will the boat you are buying live up to your expectations? Are the key systems installed correctly and compliant with recognized industry standards and manufacturers' guidelines? What construction method is used, cored composite, aluminum or steel and does it matter? Is the running gear properly aligned? Is the battery bank large enough for your needs? Is the fiberglass resin blister-resistant? In this interactive seminar, systems expert and *PMM* Technical Editor Steve D'Antonio will review these and a variety of other details that will guide you through evaluating a new vessel or maintaining the one you own, avoiding grief, aggravation, and unnecessary expense.

*Steve has been employed continuously in the marine industry since 1988, beginning as a mechanic electrician in 1994, and then going on to manage boatyards and custom boatbuilding shops. In that same year, he published his first article. Since that time, he has written hundreds of technical, seamanship, destination, and boat review articles for various publications. Among others, he is the technical editor for both *PMM* and Professional BoatBuilder Magazine and a monthly technical columnist for Cruising World Magazine. In 2007, Steve launched Steve D'Antonio Marine Consulting, Inc. ([www.stevedmarineconsulting.com](http://www.stevedmarineconsulting.com)), which offers marine systems consulting, management and technical training, and pre-purchase services to boat owners, boatbuilders, and others within the marine industry.*

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The skill of navigation is essential when traveling safely while you cruise in the ocean, coastal and inland waterways. Capts. Chris & Alyse Caldwell will share the latest in navigation resources including paper charts, electronic chart plotters, and Internet websites that can help you plan your cruise. Learn about whistle signals, lights, and other navigational assets while you discover how to interpret Racons, range makers, tides, and currents. Navigation is much more than moving from one waypoint to the next.

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**How to Avoid the Most Common, Costly, and Dangerous Systems Failures—Steve D’Antonio**

Nearly all systems problems and failures boat owners face are avoidable. In this seminar, PMM Technical Editor and 25-year marine industry veteran Steve D’Antonio, will share with attendees guidance and wisdom that will help them avoid fuel tank contamination and corrosion, running gear misalignment, saturated fiberglass core, batteries that die prematurely, clogged heat exchangers and unreliable electrical systems, to name a few. Steve will also share tips on avoiding disputes and working effectively with the marine industry. The session is interactive, so come prepared with your questions.

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**A Comparison of Trawler Types: Which One Is Best For You?—Larry Polster**

Looking for that perfect vessel to fulfill your cruising dreams? Understanding the different living and operating characteristics of each of the four major categories of trawlerd (Full-displacement, Semi-displacement, Planing, and Catamaran) will help you choose the right vessel for you.

*Larry Polster is a lifelong boater, born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. His business travels for a consulting firm took him to Florida where he purchased and lived aboard a 44-foot sailboat. Work eventually brought him to District of Columbia, and Annapolis seemed the logical spot to live aboard and commute. In 1999, Larry and his wife Janet sold the sailboat and bought a Krogen 42—the beginning of Larry’s relationship with Kadey-Krogen Yachts. Larry left his consulting job of 17 years and opened the Maryland office for Kadey-Krogen Yachts. A few years later, he became a partner in the company and currently serves as vice president. Larry, Janet, their daughter Hannah, and their Portuguese water dog, Sasha (the office mascot), reside in Annapolis.*

**3 p.m.**

**Trawler Buying Basics—Curtis Stokes**

Curtis will present as many details about the buying process as possible and tips for finding the right trawler for your needs. This seminar will cover everything, including search options, selecting a broker, how to make an offer, the survey process, and the final closing.

*Curtis Stokes is a longtime yacht broker, former yacht captain, and lifelong boater. Curtis has professionally operated everything from tenders to megayachts and holds a 3,000-ton All Oceans Master’s license. Curtis has circumnavigated the world two-and-a-half times, but now concentrates on marketing and selling yachts worldwide, especially trawlers and Great Loop capable boats. Curtis’ company, Curtis Stokes & Associates, Inc. is a Trawler Fest national sponsor and AGLCA Admiral sponsor.*