

Captain Dan Purcell



Captain Dan Purcell was first introduced to sailing on a friend's boat while in college. That initial trip - across the Chesapeake Bay from Annapolis to St. Michaels - started what has become a life-long love affair with sailing. He is also an alumnus of **The Gratitude Sailing Institute's** instructional team, having earned his American Sailing certification over a decade ago in the Virgin Islands.

While the Chesapeake still tops his list of favorite cruising grounds, Dan has sailed the East Coast from Martha's Vineyard to Key West, and extensively throughout the Caribbean and Bahamas. Dan currently sails his Catalina 42 MKII, most recently from Maryland to Florida where he lives aboard during the winter months.

Dan is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain with 25 ton, near coastal licensing credentials. He is also a Certified American Sailing Instructor teaching at the following levels:

- ASA 101 - Keelboat 1
- ASA 103 – Basic Coastal Cruising
- ASA 104 – Bareboat Cruising

In addition to his sailing expertise, Dan brings a solid background in corporate affairs, and is always primed to lead one of **Gratitude Sailing's** Executive Leadership and Teambuilding sessions on the Bay aboard his **Sailing Vessel (S/V) B&B**.

In addition to his sailing prowess, Dan is an American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) Master Advisor with certifications in diesel engines, electrical and marine systems.

The personal sailing philosophy he brings to **The Gratitude Sailing Institute** is, in his own words, "...to build a pirate nation, one sailor at a time."

Gratitude Sailing is as fortunate as they are delighted to have Captain Purcell as one of their key instructors and teammates!

Testimonial:

"Having a captain who can calculate the risk, troubleshoot the problem and solve [it] on the boat gives me peace of mind. With the unpredictability of the ocean, his expertise brings an extra layer of security in my trips." – Kar R.