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## **GIFT OF SAILING FULFILLS LIFELONG DREAMS**

FT. MYERS, FL (September 2004) –Few experiences in life are more rewarding than learning to sail. A combination of learning a new skill with visions of alluring ports of call, sailing is a perfect choice for the adventurer or dreamer on one’s holiday gift list this year. The Gift of Sailing is presented in a nautically wrapped box that includes a classic embroidered sailor’s jacket, US SAILING course textbook and a personalized gift certificate card. The gift recipient may choose dates, location and the course level later. A minimum deposit of \$200 is required to activate the gift.

“Sailing is an instant escape from the treadmill of work and home duties,” said Doris Colgate, CEO of Offshore Sailing School. “The rewards of sailing are exciting and fun for the workaholics you know who love new challenges and learning something useful. It bonds family relationships and gives friends an opportunity to get away together.”

Offshore’s most popular course is Fast Track to Cruising<sup>®</sup> which combines the Learn to Sail course with either Bareboat Cruising Preparation course or the Live Aboard Cruising course at a special savings. “In less than two weeks, students become qualified to handle and navigate sailboats with confidence,” said Colgate. “For many people, sailing becomes a lifetime passion, with nearly half of our graduates going on to buy a sailboat and 95 percent chartering a sailboat.”

More than 100,000 men and women have graduated from Offshore Sailing School and have gone on to enjoy a lifetime of sailing. Ranked #1 by *Practical Sailor* in both instructors and curriculum and the only sailing school recognized by the American Council on Education for credit at the college level, Offshore provides training at all levels of sailing instruction. Locations include Captiva Island, Florida Keys and St. Petersburg, FL; Jersey City, NJ; New York, NY; Newport, RI; Abaco, Bahamas; Tortola, British Virgin Islands; and St. Martin in the Caribbean Leeward Islands.

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Information on courses, locations and gift giving can be found at [www.offshore-sailing.com](http://www.offshore-sailing.com) or by calling **800-221-4326**.

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