

Contact Information

To read (and see) more on the TSPS and its activities, visit <http://www.tspsjapan.org>

Email addresses for the following officers are also available from the TSPS website:

- Commander (general inquiries)
- Membership Chairman (applications)
- Chief Instructor (Class 2 license)
- Education Officer (all courses)
- Mail List Manager (announcements)
- Japanese Liaison

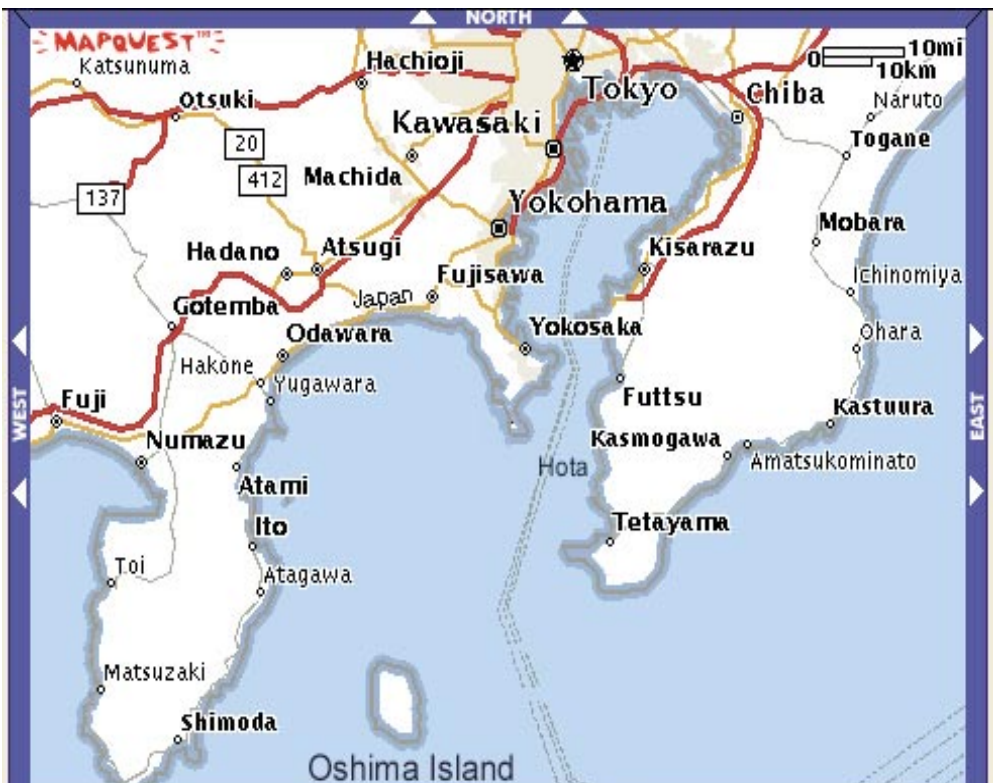


Our annual seaside rendezvous in Misaki



The view off Oshima

Tokyo-area Sailing & Boating Waters



Tokyo-area sailing is blessed with generally mild weather through most of the year, infrequent fog, moderate tides and currents, and warm seas from early summer to late fall. Winds are generally good-to-strong and seas moderate when no typhoons are in the vicinity. However, brisk winds and changeable weather are always a possibility, so smart seamanship and good safety practices are *always* your best insurance!

Favorite sailing and boating destinations include Oshima Island, Atami, Shimoda, Tatayama, and Hota (shown on map). Key marinas include Yumenoshima, Yokohama Bayside Marina, Seabornia, Hayama, and Enoshima.

TOKYO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



Safe Boating Made Fun



Who We Are

The Tokyo Sail & Power Squadron is the Tokyo branch of the United States Power Squadrons, the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to recreational boating and safety. USPS teaches boating safety courses to the general public, as well as a wide variety of maritime navigation and skill courses to its own members. The TSPS has been a reliable source of English-language information on boating and sailing in Japan for over four decades.

What We Do

- * Public boating safety courses for new boaters or others wanting to brush up their knowledge of maritime rules and safety measures
- * Japanese Class 2 Boat License test preparation courses in English. This license is necessary for operation of small powered watercraft in Japan, including cruisers and sailboats with engines.
- * Monthly and annual boating-related Events & Activities
- * Networking with Japanese and expatriate sailors

Who Can Join?

Anyone in Japan with an interest in safe sailing or motorboating. Potential members should speak English and must pass one of our basic boating safety courses (study-at-home possible). Alternately, English speakers of any nationality who have obtained a Japanese boat license are eligible to join. TSPS is able to help you prepare for the English version of the Class 2 Boat Operator License exam.



Want to Learn More?

Contact one of our officers or come visit with us every first Wednesday of the month at our monthly Keelhaul, where our members and non-member friends and associates meet to relax and talk about boating. Locations change, so ask to be placed on the "Friends of TSPS" email announcements list. (<http://www.tspsjapan.org>)

COURSE OFFERINGS

These member courses are available on a study-at-home basis, and may be offered as scheduled classes when demand warrants.

Advanced Grades

- Seamanship
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting
- Junior Navigation
- Senior Navigation
- Instructor Education

Elective Courses

- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Qualification
- Marine Electronics
- Sail 101 & 102
- Weather

TSPS ACTIVITIES



On-The-Water

- Boating education
- Weekend cruises
- Race participation
- Crew networking
- Nippon Cup Match race assistance

Social & Other

- Monthly Keelhaul
- Spring Rendezvous
- TSPS Beach Party
- Receptions
- Special events
- Annual dinner

About the Japan Class 2 Watercraft Operator's License

The Japan Class 2 License for watercraft operation (formerly Class IV) allows a skipper to pilot up to a 5-ton vessel up to 5 nautical miles offshore.

The tests to obtain the license are managed by the Japan Marine Leisure Promotion and Safety Association (JMLPSA), and are held in English in Tokyo approximately twice each year.

The Class 2 examination process consists of a written exam and a practical on-the-water exam consisting of carrying out a safety inspection and then maneuvering a motorboat.

TSPS offers English-language manuals and classroom instruction to pass the English version of the written test. We also provide a one-day on-the-water training course to help students prepare for the practical test.

We also direct you through the registration procedure, and will supply forms, etc. for you to submit, according to the timetable announced by JMLPSA.

JMLPSA often gives relatively short notice before offering the test in English. We recommend that you join our "TSPS Friends" mailing list to receive announcements on course availability, as well as our other functions open to non-members.

To join the TSPS Friends mailing list contact the TSPS Maillist Manager at ftf@gol.com.