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In Chapter 11, you will apply the big ideas listed below and reviewed in the Chapter Summary on page 753. You will also use the key vocabulary listed below.

Big Ideas

- 1 Graphing square root functions
- 2 Using properties of radicals in expressions and equations
- 3 Working with radicals in geometry

KEY VOCABULARY

- radical expression, p. 710
- radical function, p. 710
- square root function, p. 710
- parent square root function, p. 710
- simplest form of a radical expression, p. 719
- rationalizing the denominator, p. 721
- radical equation, p. 729
- extraneous solution, p. 730
- hypotenuse, p. 737
- legs of a right triangle, p. 737
- Pythagorean theorem, p. 737
- distance formula, p. 744
- midpoint, p. 745
- midpoint formula, p. 745

Why?

You can use radical equations to solve real-world problems. For example, you can find the length of a sailboat's waterline given the hull speed of the sailboat.

Animated Algebra

The animation illustrated below for Example 5 on page 731 helps you answer this question: What is the length of a sailboat's waterline if the sailboat has a hull speed of 8 nautical miles per hour?

The screenshot shows an interactive algebra interface. On the left, a window displays a sailboat on the water with the text: "You need to find the length of the sailboat's waterline." Below the image is a "Start" button. On the right, a larger window contains the problem text: "How long is a sailboat's waterline, if it has a hull speed of 8 nautical miles per hour? Recall that the hull speed of a sailboat can be estimated using the formula $s = 1.34\sqrt{l}$." Below the text is a calculator interface with buttons for "Add", "Subtract", "Multiply", "Divide", "Square", "Simplify", and "Round". The display shows the equation $8 = 1.34\sqrt{l}$ and the instruction "both sides by 1.34". A "Check Answer" button is located at the bottom right of the calculator window. Below the calculator window is the instruction: "Click on an operation and enter a number."

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Other animations for Chapter 11: pages 711, 719, 722, 737, 746, and 753