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Flotilla sailing holidays around the sunny Greek Islands



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BENETEAU 35 ANCHORED NEAR KASTOS

Another wonderful year of sailing in the Greek Islands!

and lost track of time. We are now getting the third generation of families and friends on our holidays. developed to be easy to sail and in the most Sailing a yacht around the sunny Greek Islands in pleasant of sailing areas! the company of our dynamic flotilla lead crews remains an addictive activity.

first time we visited. Even in this day and age, you can still drift into a village harbour, tie up, and walk a few paces to a welcoming guayside taverna.

We remain independent specialists in flotilla and yacht charter holidays and concentrate on the enjoyable aspects of sailing in the sun. Meander from island to island, stopping for a swim in crystal clear water (...and Mediterranean style lunches)!

We have been enjoying ourselves far too much Newcomers are introduced to sailing in the most relaxed setting possible. Our yachts have been

We are proud of the number of people we have inspired about sailing over the years. Our holidays The islands of Greece are still as beautiful as the are for practical beginners and experienced sailors alike.

> We work hard to keep our yachts in good running order and our shore based operational back up is unrivalled. Your yacht is your accommodation, seeing you out on the water! transport and entertainment, offering a welcome escape from normal life. Our flotilla yachts are all owned, operated and maintained in-house, and if something breaks, we simply fix it.

Lead crews, on dedicated lead yachts, provide unobtrusive guidance and encouragement for our unique brand of laid-back sailing.

We offer holidays to suit everyone's budget by including as much as possible in the initial cost of your holiday. If your messages are anything to go by, our holidays continue to provide tremendous experiences and wonderful memories.

Hopefully this brochure will give you a feel for what our holidays are all about, and we look forward to

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This year's front cover photo is of one of our Beneteau 38's anchored for a swim at Atoko Island.

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 introduction to sailing. There is minimal tide, swell or compass variation to worry about and you are never more than 10 miles from land. Good visibility means it is line of sight navigation (and you have GPS for backup). We also offer an 'Extra Pair of Hands' for the first day or two if required (details on page 7). Our routes are arranged to be sheltered from the prevailing wind. Sometimes there's not enough wind, other times a little too much, but there is always a safe harbour close by. 	The Whole Ionian - our flagship flotilla route - is slightly more of an adventure than the easier flotillas with one or two longer days. It visits a selection of favourite stops in the North and South	

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OUR GREEK ISLAND CRUISING AREAS



"We can't recommend Sailing holidays enough. To go from complete novice sailors to Landling our boat alone after just one day's assistance ... the boats really are set up to make sailing totally accessible to everyone. The itinerary for the duration of the holiday was expertly planned and our lead crew were fantastic ... They provided a perfect level of support." Ellie



NEW TO SAILING?

How much experience do I need to go on a flotilla?

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Keese To be able to meander around the islands of Greece under sail is a rare pleasure that we are proud to offer. Our holidays concentrate on the enjoyable aspects of sailing in the Greek islands, allowing those with little sailing experience, but plenty of common sense, to have a go. Experienced sailors have the opportunity to simply relax, or spend some time introducing family and friends to their passion.

Meander from port to port, stopping for lunch in beautiful bays along the way, before making the most of the afternoon breeze and sailing to your evening destination. Our flotillas are one of the most enjoyable holidays available to people looking for a sailing holiday in the sun, but are light on experience or lacking formal qualifications.

HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED?

A practical and positive attitude is the key! Every year we take thousands of people to the Greek Islands... many have been with us before (some numerous times) and others choose us for their first sailing experience. For some it's an annual event. Several have since even gone on to buy their own yachts and sail to all four corners of the world!

WHAT HAPPENS ON A FLOTILLA HOLIDAY?

A typical flotilla is made up of 10 - 12 yachts, consisting of between 30 and 50 people of varied experience levels. Each flotilla is accompanied by a fully crewed lead yacht offering local knowledge, informative briefings, assistance and unobtrusive back-up when required. You will be shown how to work the anchor, pull the sails in and out and how to turn on the all-important engine!

From then on the lead crew will see you out of harbour each morning and be on hand throughout the day. Should you still feel unsure after the boat brief, you can pay for an 'Extra Pair of Hands' to sail with you for your first day to help get you started.

We try to make your first day's sail as gentle as possible and will usually only cover 10 to 12 miles. Your lead crew will normally be at your destination in time to take your lines on the quay when you arrive, especially during your first week.

Most evenings you will be moored in a small village or town where there is a relaxed environment on shore. One evening is set aside for a beach party, the yachts are rafted up close by. Your lead crew may organise food and drinks - the route for the following day will be appropriately short!

water.

Our 'hostie' is your link with local people and advises on nearby facilities. The engineer ensures that jobs are dealt with quickly and the yachts remain in good working order.



OUR MARVELLOUS TEAM

We provide a flotilla lead crew consisting of a skipper, engineer and hostess, who sail together on a separate yacht. Along with our shore based support team they have an unrivalled knowledge of the area and are all experienced out on the

Our lead crews are chosen for their sailing and maintenance abilities, along with their gregarious nature. Our flotilla skipper has the responsibility of guiding you throughout, and will conduct daily briefings covering information about the route, weather and lunchtime anchorages.

Our shore based team work closely with our lead crews to help things run smoothly and modern internet weather forecasting means that our flotillas are seldom caught out by Mother Nature. In addition, we have fast ribs which can reach our flotillas wherever they might be.

RELAXED STARTING OUT

If you are feeling a little daunted then we are able to offer an 'Extra Pair of Hands' for the first day or two, or however long you need. This service is just €90 per day plus food (payable locally). Most people feel more than capable after just one day of on-board assistance, and some retain them for a day or two longer. You will certainly add plenty of yacht handling ability to your CV. All yachts have chart plotters, so navigation isn't the challenge it used to bel

THE PERFECT PLACE TO LEARN TO HANDLE A YACHT

We believe everyone should have the chance to begin their sailing experience in sheltered non-tidal waters, with gentle winds, beautiful scenery and unobtrusive guidance. The Ionian Islands are one of the safest sailing environments in the world and have provided an unbeatable training ground for over forty years. There are no significant tides or cold temperatures to worry about, so you will be sailing in a swimsuit rather than a wetsuit!

YOUR FELLOW SAILORS

Last but not least, one of the best aspects of flotilla sailing is meeting like-minded people along the way. Life long friendships often develop on these holidays. Socialising is not compulsory - but we challenge you not to enjoy it!

Our 'can do' philosophy ... If you feel that you can do it - you can!



WHAT ARE OUR HOLIDAYS ALL ABOUT?

ABOUT US

From the moment you speak to one of our team on the telephone or via email you are talking to someone who has either worked on or been on the holidays. They know first-hand what the boats are like, which routes will suit you best and even what the weather might be like!

Sailing Holidays has been running flotillas in the Greek Islands for over 40 years and, as many of you will already know, this area remains unique in the world.

OUR DESTINATION

The feeling of being there is hard to describe in print. as the sounds, smells and ambience of the islands make it a real escape from life in the UK. The locals are among the most welcoming people in the world and the fresh food is delicious.

The grilled lamb, locally caught fish, Greek salads and olive oil (not to mention the local wine) will really tickle your taste buds.

EASY TO SAIL YACHTS

All our yachts are set up to be manageable by two people and, if there is no wind, there is always the engine (which fortuitously keeps the beer and wine in the fridge cool!).

They all have easy to operate engines, electric anchor windlasses, roller furling sails, in addition to chart plotters for navigation, making it simple to find your way around. Each yacht is fitted with a VHF radio for contact with the lead crew. Mobile phones are an excellent alternative method of communication, as they also keep conversations private and have infinite range.

The yachts are your accommodation, amusement and transport for the week or fortnight. Your only additional expense is local food and drinks.

The best bit about sailing around on one of our yachts, is that you are able to explore islands off the typical tourist trail. You can visit some of the most remote, secluded and beautiful parts of the Greek Islands.

LAID-BACK INDEPENDENT SAILING

Join one of our traditional one or two week flotillas or sail independently. The choice is yours!

Your lead crew will ascertain whether or not individual crews are competent to go off on their own. For more experienced sailors this offers the perfect balance between a flotilla and bareboat holiday.



Two week flotilla sailing holidays

Our South Ionian, Whole Ionian, Saronic Islands and Sporades cruises



- CAR KASTOS ISLAND BAY

Island Lop between Lefkas, Meganisi, Ithaka, Kalamos, Kastos and Kefalonia islands

OUR TWO WEEK SOUTH IONIAN FLOTILLA

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

The popular South Ionian area is home to a steep and spectacular landscape providing both shelter and lively breezes in the afternoon. This flotilla consists of mostly shortish days of 10 - 12 miles, sailing from island to island.

JOIN THE FLOTILLA IN SIVOTA ON LEFKAS ISLAND

After being shown your boat and meeting your lead crew, why not retire to one of the guayside tavernas. The following morning you will start with a general briefing prior to setting sail.

EXPLORING MEGANISI ISLAND

A highlight is picturesque Spartahori village, perched on the cliffs of Meganisi Island. You may also spend a night moored at Port Atheni, where you can join in with the Greek dancing...

'Little Vathi' on Meganisi Island is also a favourite spot with excellent traditional food.

SOUTHERN LEFKAS ISLAND

Vasiliki is a popular overnight stop with great tavernas, shops and a beach where you can rent windsurfers, paddleboards and dinghies or simply relax and watch the boats coming and going. Another good spot is the Iris Hotel pontoon, perfect for relaxing beside the pool and enjoying Christos and Evanthia's evening barbecue.

ESCAPE TO KASTOS AND KALAMOS ISLANDS

Two of our favourite island villages are Kastos and Kalamos. Both of these traditional Greek islands have idyllic harbours and the views out towards Atoko Island are spectacular.

VISITING ITHAKA ISLAND

Popular Kioni and Frikes, on the east coast of Ithaka Island, are quaint villages in which you can relax. Port Vathi has become a popular spot to visit and Pere Pigadhi (on the south east corner of the island) offers an unbeatable swim stop.

KEFALONIA ISLAND

You will visit all our favourite spots, such as beautiful Fiskardo (somehow the anchor seems to dig itself in a bit deeper here!) and picturesque Ay. Euphemia. You may also stop at Sami, which was central to the filming of 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin'.

RETURNING TO SIVOTA

On your final day you will return to Sivota to enjoy one final evening of traditional Greek atmosphere at a local taverna!



SIVOTA MOURTOS

Visit the highlights of the Ionian Islands and enjoy sailing a few more miles

OUR TWO WEEK WHOLE IONIAN FLOTILLA

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

This one way flotilla spends two weeks meandering through the Ionian Islands from Plataria in the North Ionian, to Nidri in the South Ionian and vice versa. Each island has its own unique and colourful character with swim stops en route every day. Most sailing days are only 12-15 miles between stops with one or two longer days for sailing enthusiasts!

STARTING IN PLATARIA

On arrival you will be met by your lead crew and shown to your boat. You will have the basics of your yacht explained before you retire to a waterside taverna for a cooling drink.

NORTH IONIAN HIGHLIGHTS

The flotilla will wend its way south via the alluring villages of Lakka and Gaios on Paxos Island.

A highlight of the first few days is a swim stop in Emerald Bay on Antipaxos Island. Another popular spot is Mongonisi at the southern tip of Paxos where you can Greek dance the night away...

Historic Parga, with its long sandy beach and colourful promenade, is not to be missed. You may also enjoy a glorious sunset in the small town of Mourtos, or a night at anchor in Two Rock Bay. For those in search of culture, historic Vonitsa, in the Gulf of Amvrakia, will be of interest.

THROUGH THE LEFKAS CANAL

Once you have cruised through the Lefkas Canal, a swim stop at Goat Bay is highly recommended! Nearby Palairos is a great overnight village harbour famous for its sunsets.

SOUTH IONIAN HIGHLIGHTS

Once in the South Ionian you will visit a few well known places in addition to some quieter spots. Kastos and Kalamos are two island villages that make you feel as if you have stepped back in time, with their quaint harbours and crystal clear waters.

Meganisi is another idyllic island with at least 5 possible stops! The larger islands of Kefalonia and Ithaka are also on the agenda - and the channel between the two islands offers terrific afternoon breezes for those seeking a little extra wind.

FINISHING IN NIDRI ON LEFKAS ISLAND

Your final night will be an evening at the tranquil Iris Hotel where you will enjoy the hospitality of Effie and Christos.



This route is a generalisation and may vary according to prevailing wind & weather conditions

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Explore the islands of Agistri, Aegina, Poros, Hydra, Dhokos and Spetses

OUR TWO WEEK ISLAND HOPPING SARONIC FLOTILLA 🔰 🤧

+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

Our popular one-way island hopping Saronic flotilla starts in Epidavros and finishes in Navplion in the Argolic Gulf (and vice versa). It offers an introduction to the best of the Saronic Islands and their traditional Greek ambience, without ever straying too far from shore.

JOIN THE FLOTILLA IN PALAIA EPIDAVROS

Palaia Epidavros is a picturesque village set in a tranquil bay. After arriving and meeting your lead crew it is time for an ice cold beverage. You can also take a stroll around to the ancient sunken city.

AGISTRI ISLAND, AEGINA ISLAND AND VATHI

The first few days of the flotilla will be spent sailing north east to the islands of Agistri and Aegina as well as exploring the traditional village of Vathi. Vathi is a beautiful small fishing harbour on the west coast of the Methana peninsula.

EXPLORING POROS AND HYDRA ISLANDS

You will visit the buzzing harbour of Poros before sailing around the headland to the famous island of Hydra. Poros is composed of two islands joined by a narrow causeway. It is a pretty town with whitewashed buildings set high on a hill and a maze of cobbled side streets to explore.

Hydra is a picturesque harbour that has changed very little since the mid 19th century. There are only three motorised vehicles on the island - donkeys and mules are the main form of transport!

DHOKOS AND SPETSES ISLANDS

Dhokos Island is a popular spot for flotilla beach parties with its large sheltered bay and spectacular sunsets. The flotilla may build a raft close to the beach, before a glorious evening spent watching the sunset with your fellow sailors.

In contrast, the glamorous island of Spetses will have you brushing shoulders with the super yacht set, who love its traditional Greek atmosphere.

THE PELOPONNESE AND THE ARGOLIC GULF

During this flotilla you will also be likely to spend a night in Koiladhia and a night at anchor in Vivari bay. Depending on which way the wind is blowing, you may also have a night or two in the nice new harbour at Astrous, the pretty village of Tiros or the very pleasant harbour of Plaka. We are spoilt for choice in this area!

At the beginning or end of your flotilla, you will have time to wander around Navplion, which is steeped in historical and mythological legend. You will be able to explore the Palamidi fortress set high up on the hill above the town and enjoy exploring the backstreets in the evening.



The first few days of the flotilla will be spent sailing south along the eastern coast of the Peloponnese.



Regular and steady winds for keener sailors with beautiful village harbours

OUR TWO WEEK ADVENTUROUS SARONIC FLOTILLA

Our more adventurous Saronic island flotilla offers great sailing without significant swell. The wind can be stronger than some are used to, so previous flotillas or other sailing experience is a must before tackling this route. The area is idyllic for 'cruisey' sailors.

JOIN THE FLOTILLA IN NAVPLION

This flotilla starts and finishes in historic Navplion, a coastal town rich in Mycenaean mythology. The town has a traditional Greek atmosphere with pretty side streets, a historic fortress to explore (if you are feeling energetic enough to attempt climbing the steps up to it) and a beach if not!

EXPLORING THE EASTERN PELOPONNESE COAST

You will visit some of the most picturesque ports the coastline has to offer including Astrous, Tiros, Plaka and Kiparissi.

Astrous is a traditional fishing village with a waterside amphitheatre. It is an atmospheric place with excellent shelter and friendly locals! Dining on the beach and watching the sunset in Tiros is an experience hard to beat. Plaka is another small harbour that offers a peaceful spot with a pebble beach and crystal clear waters.

WINE AND DINE IN MONEMVASIA

If the weather is suitable, the flotilla will sail a couple of longer days heading further south to visit leraka and Monemvasia. The quiet fishing village of leraka is a nice contrast to the nearby town of Monemvasia.

Why do we love Monemvasia? Where else can you swim with turtles in the crystal clear waters of the harbour by day... and be wine tasting in the back streets of a Byzantine city by night!

THE SOUTHERN SARONIC ISLANDS

A few days will be spent exploring the islands of Spetses, Hydra and the surrounding coast. Dhokos Island is a popular spot for flotilla beach parties enjoy the spectacular sunset and sleep under the stars.

RETURNING TO NAVPLION

The last few days will be spent sailing along the eastern coastline of the Argolic Gulf. You will visit ports such as Koiladhia and the anchorage at Vivari, before returning to the cultural hub of Navplion for a final night with your fellow sailors.



SKOPELOS HARBOUR

Visit the islands of Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonissos and Kyra Panayia

OUR TWO WEEK SPORADES ISLANDS FLOTILLA

+ FRIDAY DEPARTURES

We run two very popular flotillas in the Sporades. Every year they seem fill to earlier than the last! The timeless recipe of gin clear water and reliable wind has proved irresistible to all who sail here.

KEENER SAILORS REJOICE

The wind in the Sporades can be lively at times, so this route is aimed at our more experienced flotilla sailors. The combination of the slightly stronger winds and the flat sea offers invigorating sailing.

OREI, TRIKERI CHANNEL & THE GULF OF VOLOS

Your introduction to the Sporades Islands will begin in Orei where you will meet your lead crew. Your first night out will usually be Kiriaki (where the calamari is to die for). This is a small village with an easy to access wreck for snorkelling.

SKIATHOS ISLAND

The flotilla will then head east to the beautiful anchorage of Koukounaries. You may also spend a night in Skiathos town with its bustling backstreets and picturesque harbour.

SKOPELOS ISLAND & THE MAMMA MIA CHURCH

The beaches on the south side of Skopelos have the finest white sand you will find anywhere! Another nice stop is Loutraki where you can visit the traditional hilltop village of Glossa.

The spectacular Church of St John (better known as the church nestled precariously on a rocky outcrop in the Mamma Mia movie) is great to visit - the view from the top is worth the climb! The Sporades area provides a really fresh feeling, with so many islands and so few people.

ALONISSOS NATIONAL MARINE PARK

Steni Vala on Alonissos island is another very popular spot. The once abandoned old town of Alonissos, high up in the hills above Patitiri, is great for intrepid explorers. Don't forget to take a walk around the excellent museum in Patitiri.

PEACEFUL NIGHTS AT ANCHOR

The more remote islands have stunningly clear water - Kyra Panayia is one such island with its large bays, perfect for free swinging. An ideal spot for cooking onboard and sleeping under the stars.

RETURNING TO OREI

After two weeks of exhilarating sailing you will enjoy one final day's sail back to Orei. Here you will have the opportunity to spend one last night with your fellow sailors.

+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

EARLY AND LATE SUMMER DELIVERY FLOTILLAS

Our yachts are wintered in Gouvia Marina, on Corfu Island, where they receive comprehensive maintenance and cosmetic attention. At the beginning of May all yachts are sailed to their summer bases and at the end of October they are sailed back to our winter base.

These trips are known as 'delivery' cruises. It is normally our more practical and experienced flotilla sailors who take part. Any teething issues with the yachts tend to become apparent in these first few weeks as the yachts set sail for the first time in the year. Keener sailors enjoy these flotillas as they cover longer distances, plus the weather has not quite settled, so good wind is more common.



1 WEEK IONIAN DELIVERY FLOTILLAS

• Whole Ionian Delivery • North Ionian Delivery Explore the Ionian Islands without the crowds on our shorter Ionian delivery flotillas that travel from Corfu down to Lefkas in May and do the return trip in October. These remain some of the most affordable holidays of the year, and are ideally suited to our more experienced sailors.



Whole Ionian Delivery

Take a bit more time and catch some good wind sailing on our Two Week Ionian Island deliveries. Enjoy tranquil harbours and deserted bays sailing from North to South in May and South to North in October. Empty quaysides in the Ionian are a rare pleasure.





2 & 3 WEEK CORINTH CANAL DELIVERY FLOTILLAS

2 WEEK Corinth Canal Delivery

Corfu - Saronic Islands (and vice versa)

Starting from Corfu in May (vice versa in October) you will travel south through the Ionian Islands. You will also visit several lovely places like Galaxidhi and Trizonia before sailing through the historic Corinth Canal. After possible visits to Aegina or Agistri islands your cruise will conclude in Epidavros.

3 WEEK Corinth Canal Delivery

• Corfu - Saronic Islands (and vice versa)

For those with a little more time on their hands...visit more of our favourite places in the North Ionian, South Ionian and Saronic Islands on our three week cruise. After sailing through the Ionian Islands, you will pass underneath the incredible Antirion suspension bridge. The next few days will be spent making your way east via the Iovely island of Trizonia. After cruising through the scenic Corinth Canal and possibly visiting the islands of Aegina and Agistri, your cruise will end at Epidavros.

Please note: on all Corinth Canal Deliveries you will be required to pay the Corinth Canal fee (£80 - £150 per yacht depending on size)



One week flotilla sailing holidays

Our Ithaka, Paxos, Lefkas and Kefalonia cruises



BENETEAU 38

Explore the picturesque harbours and anchorages of the central South Ionian

OUR ONE WEEK ITHAKA FLOTILLA

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

Our Ithaka flotilla spends a week meandering around the South Ionian Ithaka, as well as the smaller islands of Kastos, Kalamos and Meganisi.

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Your starting point for the flotilla is the fishing village of Sivota. Once you have arrived and met your lead crew, it is time to relax. Soak up some sun and simply relax and unwind! the atmosphere of the quayside tavernas before the first day's briefing the following morning.

EXPLORING ITHAKA ISLAND

Ithaka has three fantastic ports and a number of beautiful anchorages. Frikes is a small village nestled between the mountains on the north east of the island and is a popular overnight stop.

Just a short sail away is traditional Kioni. Its brightly coloured buildings and gorgeously Greek Islands. This route explores the mythical island of atmosphere make this a true favourite. Enjoy a delicious dinner on the quayside.

> Vathi is the largest port on Ithaka Island. A wander around the back streets and village square will envelope you into a leisurely world where you can

Enjoy a laid back party on the beach with your fellow flotilla sailors or simply cook on board and enjoy a night under the stars at stunning Pere Pigadhi. Enjoy swimming in the gin clear water and you'll feel a million miles away from the stresses and strains of everyday life.

KASTOS, KALAMOS AND MEGANISI ISLANDS

A sail across to the picturesque islands of Kastos and Kalamos is a great opportunity for a swim stop on Atoko Island in either Cliff Bay or One House Bay. This is an ideal spot to cool off en route while waiting for the afternoon breeze!

Depending on which way the wind is blowing, you may also stop for a night at one of the beautiful anchorages on the top end of Meganisi Island.

RETURNING TO SIVOTA

On the final day of your holiday you will return to Sivota on Lefkas Island to enjoy one final evening in a local Greek taverna. We recommend a walk around the village in the evening to take in the atmosphere.





Enjoy island hopping between the bays of Paxos, Antipaxos and Corfu islands

OUR ONE WEEK PAXOS FLOTILLA

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

A highlight of this flotilla cruise is, of course, the island of Paxos with its four beautiful harbours - Lakka, Longos, Gaios and Mongonisi. The regular afternoon breezes make this an ideal first flotilla for couples on their own, young families or those making the step from dinghies to yachts.

JOIN THE FLOTILLA IN PLATARIA

Once you have arrived in Plataria, met your lead crew and been shown to your yacht, it is time to relax and retire to one of the quayside tavernas for refreshments! The following morning, after the main flotilla briefing, you will set sail. The destination for the first day will be decided upon, depending on which way the wind is blowing, to make it as relaxed as possible.

SAILING AROUND PAXOS & ANTIPAXOS ISLANDS

You can't miss the turquoise water of Lakka Bay for a lunch stop within a stone's throw of Lakka Village quay. Gaios is a traditional Greek town, with a number of tavernas and shops to explore.

Mongonisi is another fantastic stop on the island of Paxos. You can swim off the back of your boat, siesta in the afternoon and then spend the evening Greek dancing the night away. A highlight of this flotilla is a lunchtime stop in Emerald Bay on Antipaxos Island for a lazy lunch and swim.

For the more adventurous sailors among you, a sail down the west coast of Paxos, exploring its spectacular cliffs and caves, is a glorious way to spend a day.

EXPLORING THE GREEK MAINLAND COAST

One of our favourite places is Parga. It is a classic ancient Greek coastal town. After mooring on stunning Valtos Beach it is time for a swim. You can catch Yiannis' ferry boat, or walk along the beach up to the Venetian castle and down into the town for your evening meal. The flotilla may also stop at Mourtos village, where there are a number of anchorages in the surrounding archipelago of small islands. The sunsets from this west-facing port are breathtaking.

RETURNING TO PLATARIA

On Saturday, you will return to Plataria where you can spend your final night relaxing and sharing tales of the week's events with your fellow sailors.



This route is a generalisation and may vary according to prevailing wind & weather co



Island Lopping at its best ... visit a different Greek village every day!

OUR ONE WEEK LEFKAS FLOTILLA

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

This one week flotilla will give you a real taste of the Greek Islands. It is ideal for to introduce family and friends to sailing.

JOINING THE FLOTILLA IN NIDRI ON LEFKAS ISLAND

The flotilla starts from our pontoon at the Iris Hotel in Stena, on Lefkas Island. Relax around the hotel pool or go for a walk into Nidri Town, a mere ten minutes away. A likely first day sail is to the pleasant village of Sivota, set in a sheltered bay, also on Lefkas Island.

MEANDERING AROUND MEGANISI

Your days will be appropriately short for an introduction to your island hopping adventure. A highlight of this area is picturesque Spartahori village, perched on the cliffs of Meganisi Island.

Steve and Gerry's taverna at the end of the bay, with a beach on either side, has lazy lines for your beginners or for more experienced sailors looking convenience. This is a perfect spot for swimming off the back of the yachts!

> You may also spend a night moored at Port Atheni where you can join in with the traditional Greek dancing. They are always looking for volunteers!

EXPLORING THE GREEK MAINLAND

The waters to the north of Meganisi provide the perfect playaround for learning to sail, due to the shelter Lefkas Island provides.

A lunchtime swim in the crystal clear waters of Goat Bay is not to be missed, followed by an overnight stop in Palairos - enjoy the best sunset in the southern Ionian.

ESCAPING TO KASTOS & KALAMOS

Two other favourite stops are the villages of Kastos and Kalamos. Both of these traditional Greek islands have idyllic harbours, where the locals warmly welcome visitors. Keen walkers will love wandering around these islands.

ITHAKA ISLAND

Later in your week the flotilla may call in to Ithaka Island which is the leaendary home of Odysseus. Kioni and Frikes, on the east coast of the island, are pleasant villages in which you can really get a taste for Greek island life.

RETURNING TO LEFKAS ISLAND

Your final night will be spent relaxing beside the Iris Hotel pool with your fellow sailors and enjoying Christos and Evanthia's excellent barbecue



+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

OUR HALF TERM FAMILY FLOTILLAS

ALL OUR YACHT TYPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THESE FLOTILLAS



above route is a generalisation and may no Il spots on this map. In addition, it will vary according to preva wind & weather condition





ONE WEEK ITHAKA, PAXOS, LEFKAS & KEFALONIA

FLOTILLAS (Please see specific flotilla paaes 21-29 for more details on these flotillas)

Our one week flotilla routes



are great for beginners, as well as experienced sailors looking to introduce family and friends to their passion. The above one week flotillas are available during May half term break.

ONE WEEK 'END OF SEASON' PAXOS & CORFU **FLOTILLA**

As all the vachts from the flotillas assemble in the Corfu area in time for the school half term holiday at the end of the summer season, we run special one week half term flotillas. The flotillas are divided into family groups, according to children's ages.

Couples and other adults are concentrated on separate flotillas. Teachers rejoice!

You will visit some of our favourite spots in the area known for its crystal clear water. The North Ionian regatta also takes place during this week and is areat fun for all the family. At the end of summer the sea water is nice and warm, so the children tend to spend more time in it than on it!





HOLIDAYS COMBINING A WEEK AFLOAT ...

...FOLLOWED BY A WEEK ASHORE

'Villa Flotilla' or 'Shore to Sail' Holidays

Holidays for sailors whose partners have different priorities!

A WEEK OF SAILING WITH A WEEK ASHORE.. Combine a one week flotilla sailing holiday with another week relaxing ashore. These holidays will appeal to those who enjoy sailing but have family or friends who are not quite so enthusiastic a compromise can be made!

Some people opt for a week of sailing followed by a week of winding down on shore. It is entirely up to you which way round you prefer! These holidays are completely bespoke so you can even do more than one week of sailing or exploring on shore if you have a little more time on your hands.

STYLISH COMFORT FOR YOUR SHORE BASED WEEK

We are thrilled to be able to offer two of the most delightful accommodation options in the Ionian!

Choose from studios or apartments, beside the sea, at the Iris Hotel near Nidri. Based in the South Ionian, this option is ideally suited for a shore based week before or after any of our Ionian flotilla sailing holidays. At our second option, the Salvator Spa Hotel & Villas in Parga, you can really pamper vourself in one of the rooms, suites or twobedroom villas. You will definitely win over the non sailors among you by spending a week here!

THINGS TO DO

If you are looking to get back out on the water you can rent motor boats, take a dive course, try windsurfing or stand up paddle boarding. Hiring a car is popular and provides the opportunity to explore all around Lefkas Island and the Greek mainland. If it is relaxation you are after, you will be pleased to know that both of our accommodation options have a swimming pool.

We have a brand new luxury villa above Sivota on Lefkas Island and can arrange villas throughout the lonian on request.

A week of sailing plus a week of relaxation by the pool - the holiday of a lifetime!



A quiet sanctuary with our yachts on the pontoon right in Front of the hotel

THE IRIS HOTEL, LEFKAS ISLAND

+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

Combine a week or two of sailing with a stay at the Iris Hotel



The one week flotilla sailing part of our 'Shore to Sail' holiday programme can be found on pages 21-29.

An extra week in the Iris can be enioved before or after any of our flotilla holidays. The Iris can also be booked as an accommodation and flight only option. It is certainly a areat place to wind down!

The Iris Hotel is our accommodation option in the South Ionian. It is ideally suited for a low cost shore based week before or after any of our Ionian Island flotilla sailing holidays.

WHY CHOOSE THE IRIS?

It is the perfect base for a week ashore on Lefkas Island! The family run Iris Hotel offers a lovely spot right beside the yachts, with the pontoon only a few metres from the hotel pool.

It is located in a district called Steno on Lefkas island, which is a 10 minute walk from the bustling village of Nidri. The pool environment at the Iris is hard to beat for a relaxing IoII about in the sun.

A BRILLIANT TEAM

Owners Christos and Evanthia are always on hand to help and cater for whatever you need.

The pool bar offers drinks and excellent bar food throughout the day and well into the evening. Their poolside barbecues are a treat.

LOCATION

The beauty of the this quiet but central location is the accessibility of a range of things to do in your shore-based week. You can rent a car, a small motor boat or a sail boat locally, embark on a dive course or take a day trip on a ferry to neighbouring islands.

EATING OUT

There are many excellent tayernas in and around Nidri. One of our favourites is Elena's on the other side of Vliho Bay, as the food and sunsets are spectacular. This is a boat or taxi ride away but worth the effort!



Should you rent a car, a drive around the island will give you an opportunity to visit the stunning white sandy beaches of Porto Katsiki and Kathisma on the west coast. Lefkas Town itself is a great spot to visit for a day, with its lively Greek atmosphere. It is also home to the popular kite surfing beaches of northern Lefkas. Some people head up into the hills for the spectacular views and to visit the mountain villages. The more active among you may wish to pay a visit to the windsurfing mecca of Vasiliki at the southern end of the island.

THE ROOMS...

There are two types of accommodation at the Iris Hotel. The spacious studios, with self caterina facilities, have modern bathrooms and are popular for couples. We also have one bedroom apartments, which feature a large double bed as well as two single beds in the living room. In addition to this, they have a dining area and the self catering facilities are excellent. All rooms have a balcony or patio space.









IRIS ACCOMMODATION FEATURES

- ✓ Excellent / 5* Trip Advisor Rating
- ✓ Swimmina Pool
- ✓ WiFi in the bar area
- ✓ Convivial Pool Bar
- ✓ Cafeteria

- ✓ Sea Views
- ✓ Mountain Views
- ✓ Garden Areas
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Private Parking
- ✓ Television

Explore the stunning beaches of Lefkas Island by car or wander into Nidri town



Watch the sunset over Paxos Island from your balcony

SALVATOR SPA HOTEL AND VILLAS, PARGA

+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

THE SALVATOR POOL AND BAR

Combine a week or two of sailing with a stay at the Salvator Hotel



The one week flotilla sailing part of our 'Shore to Sail' holiday programme can be found on pages 21-29.

The Salvator is only 30-40 minutes from either Preveza airport or Plataria, so this can be an extra week before or after any of our sailing holidays in the Ionian Islands.

 \sim We have no doubt at all that our flotilla sailing gang will really score a few points with the non sailors of the family by bringing them here. The combination of one of our yachts and a room in the Salvator is about as good as it gets! This is a luxurious option that won't break the bank.

For more than 20 years, our flotillas have been enjoying the wonderful food from the Castello Restaurant in Parga. The Salvator boutique hotel and villas are owned and run by the same family – Spiros and his sons.

WHY CHOOSE THE SALVATOR?

Olive tree clad hills lead down to historic and picturesque Parga town, only 20 minutes walk away (or 5 minutes in the free shuttle bus). The service and atmosphere are guite exceptional.



We are not spa experts (being sailors) but we think the facilities here are absolutely brilliant. There are exercise machines for those of that inclination, a steam room, a sauna and professionals offering massage and beauty treatments. There are large outdoor and smaller indoor swimming pools and even a poolside jacuzzi. With the balconies all facing west, the sunsets over Paxos are stunning. **EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA**







RELAX IN THE SALVATOR SPA

Hiring a car opens up the possibility of exploring the amazing villages and towns on the mainland. If you choose not to hire a car, Lichnos and Valtos beaches are both within easy reach. There are also a number of atmospheric tavernas in historic Parga Town and the surrounding villages.





ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

A range of accommodation options are available from ensuite rooms and suites for individuals and couples, to larger apartments, suites and villas for aroups of friends and families.

All rooms have easy access to the main hotel area as well as the restaurant and bar that serves fresh. locally sourced food all day long.

VILLAS

Our most popular options at the Salvator are the lovely villas which can accommodate families and larger groups. All villas have two bedrooms, enormous living room areas, fully equipped kitchen facilities and wonderful attention to detail. The villas have their own private pools and the 'superior' villas have infinity pools.

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SALVATOR ACCOMMODATION FEATURES

- ✓ Excellent Trip Advisor Ratina
- ✓ 4 Star
- Swimming Pool
- 🖌 Spa
- 🖌 Jacuzzi
- 🖌 WiFi
- ✓ Complimentary shuttle-bus to Paraa
- Complimentary Breakfast
- ✓ Restaurant
- Cocktail Bar, Lobby Bar, Pool Bar

- ✓ Sea Views
- ✓ Mountain Views
- ✓ Garden Areas
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Safety Deposit Box
- 🖌 Mini Bar
- Library
- ✓ 24 Hour Reception
- Lift
- ✓ Laundry Service
- ✓ Doctor on Call
- ✓ Private Parking
- ✓ Television

Wander around historic Parga town and its beaches, or explore further afield

"The instruction provided by RYA Instructor Will was absolutely first class; each of us came away much better sailors, Will managed always to keep instruction purposeful, fun and informative"

From complete beginner to confident skipper, get qualified in the sunny Greek Islands

RYA SAILING SCHOOL - LEARN TO SAIL IN THE SUN

+ SUNDAY DEPARTURES

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Training Centre

In conjunction with Corfu Sea School we offer comprehensive RYA training and aualifications. Whether you've never set foot on a boat before or you already have some experience and dream of skippering your own yacht, we can help you take the next step.

OUR APPROACH

Our instructors are excellent and highly regarded for their professional approach. Our online training system allows you to complete the theory work in the comfort of your own home, so there's no need for a lengthy class based course. Each course has its own tailor-made package, so you will arrive in Greece fully prepared for your practical sessions.

THE DETAILS..

Unlike our flotilla holidays, you are buying berths on our school yacht and should be aware that you will be sharing the yacht with other students.



However, you won't be obliged to share a berth with someone you don't know. The maximum ratio of participants to instructors, on each yacht, will be 4:1. You will be asked to complete an application form prior to starting your practical course for the school to fulfil the RYA requirements.

LEARN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

If you and your family or friends wish to book the whole boat and a private instructor, this can easily be arranged. Simply contact the office for details.

OUR RYA SAILING AREAS

North Ionian - Explore Corfu and Paxos islands. starting from Plataria on the Greek mainland or Gouvia on Corfu Island.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 7 or 14 days aboard the vacht
- Tuition from one of our RYA instructors
- Full online theory tuition pack
- All RYA course material and Logbook
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- 2 on-board evening meals per week
- All fuel, water and marina fees
- Towels and bed linen
- Waterproof jackets
- Sunshine and swim stops



No previous sailing experience is required to **LEARNING THE ROPES** You'll live on a yacht, spending a week cruising undertake the competent crew qualification. There around the sunny Ionian Islands. Along the way is no minimum age requirement, however, the RYA you'll learn sail handling and trimming, nautical recommend a minimum age of 12 years. Children terms, useful knots, and how to steer the boat on a under 12 looking to undertake the competent crew course need to be strong enough to use the compass course. yacht's equipment effectively. **IMPORTANT SKILLS**

You'll learn important safety skills such as how to If you would like your child to take part, but operate flares, life jackets, life-rafts, and how to worry they may not be capable of participating fully, never fear! They will either be awarded assist the recovery of a man overboard - exactly a Competent Crew Certificate or an RYA Start the capability every skipper needs in a good crew. Yachting Certificate for younger sailors.



RYA COMPETENT CREW THEORY & PRACTICAL - 1 WEEK

WHY DO COMPETENT CREW WITH US?

This course aims to take you from novice, to valuable member of the crew, with the help of one of our excellent instructors. It's suitable for beginners or those with limited experience who want to get a solid grounding of the basics.

BEFORE YOU GO

Included in the package is our online 'Competent Crew' theory course. This takes you through the language of sailing, knot-work and theory. After completing the theory course you'll arrive on the yacht well prepared for your week of sailing.

£895 PER PERSON Plus flights and transfers if required approx. £300 - £400

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- 7 days aboard the yacht, with full instruction
- 4 hours Competent Crew theory
- The RYA Competent Crew course book
- The RYA Sail Cruising Syllabus and Logbook
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- 2 on-board evening meals
- All fuel, water and marina fees
- Towels and bed linen
- Waterproof jackets
- Sunshine and swim stops



VHF SHORT RANGE CERTIFICATE - 8hr theory + 1hr practical

Build your confidence on the VHF radio and gain this handy qualification (essential for chartering a boat in Croatia). The VHF Short Range (Radio) Certificate is an 'add on' that can be completed during your training course in Greece (after completing your online theory prior to your course). This qualification is a legal requirement for marine VHF users throughout the world.

£120 PER PERSON

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Online theory course (approx. 4-8 hours)
- 1 hour test with an RYA instructor in Greece (this can be done on board).

Note: The minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years.



RYA DAY SKIPPER PRACTICAL - 1 WEEK

LEARN TO SAIL IN THE SUNSHINE

Kiewein Karter K aims to build on your core skills by developing your navigation, decision making and leadership ability. You will skipper a yacht on a number of short passages, under the guidance of your instructor, taking charge of everything from passage planning, to interpreting weather forecasts and mooring. This course covers both tidal and nontidal waters.

WHY DO YOUR DAY SKIPPER?

The RYA Day Skipper is a valuable qualification and recognised as evidence of competence by insurance and charter companies worldwide. Perfect if you are considering a bareboat holiday.

BEFORE YOU GO

Prior to arrival in Greece, you will complete our RYA Essential Navigation and Seamanship course online (through the Corfu Sea School website). This covers topics such as charts, buoyage, navigation, pilotage, rules of the road and passage planning. The pack includes practice charts and a plotter to get you started.

PRE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum suggested pre-course experience is 5 days, 100 miles and 4 night hours. The Competent Crew course is an ideal prerequisite, as is skippering a yacht on one of our flotillas. The minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years.

£895 PER PERSON

Plus flights and transfers if required approx. £300 - £400

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- 7 days aboard the yacht, with full instruction
- Full online theory tuition (including VHF/ GMDSS and Diesel Engine)
- The Essential Naviaation & Seamanship course material
- The RYA Sail Cruising Syllabus and Logbook
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- 2 on-board evening meals
- All fuel, water and marina fees
- Towels and bed linen
- Waterproof jackets
- Sunshine and swim stops



OUT IN THE SUNNY GREEK ISLANDS

Then you will spend the first six days on the school yacht in Greece completing the Competent Crew syllabus. After a two day break to relax and revise a little, you will spend another six days training for the Day Skipper element of the course. This is an excellent course for beginners looking to guickly get qualified to Day Skipper level. The minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years.

RYA COMPETENT CREW + RYA DAY SKIPPER COMBINED - 2 WEEKS

GET QUALIFIED!

Kast-track' package brings together the Competent Crew and Day Skipper courses, into a convenient two week sailing course. Prior to arriving in Greece participants complete both of the online courses.

£1610 PER PERSON

Plus flights and transfers if required approx. £300 - £400

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- 14 days aboard the yacht, with full instruction
- Online Competent Crew & Essential Navigation & Seamanship theory
- The RYA Competent Crew & Essential Navigation & Seamanship course material
- The RYA Sail Cruising Syllabus and Logbook
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- 4 on-board evening meals
- All fuel, water and marina fees
- Towels and bed linen
- Waterproof jackets
- Sunshine and swim stops

RYA TRAINING AND FLOTILLA COMBINED - 2 OR 3 WEEKS

A WEEK LEARNING & A WEEK RELAXING!

Many people choose to continue on from their training course with a week or two on flotilla. We have plenty of options if you're looking to combine our brilliant training with a great holiday.

INTRODUCE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We can easily arrange for family and friends to fly out and join you for your second week on any of our Ionian Island flotilla holidays.

FLOTILLA HOLIDAY PRICE + £895 RYA TRAINING All flight & transfer costs are included in our flotilla holidays. Therefore combining RYA training with a flotilla holiday saves you the additional flight cost.

YACHT LAYOUT - Beneteau 361 (max 4 people per vacht)

For more yacht details see page 48

One or two week flotilla sailing holidays for individuals or couples

SHARE-A-YACHT ON FLOTILLA

Many people enjoy going on our flotillas by themselves or as couples. Some have their first sailing experience on 'Share-a-Yacht' and come again, year after year. One of the most appealing aspects is the new people you meet.

HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

Sailors with a range of experience levels take part and this is what makes it so much fun. If you have never sailed but would like to, then you can share a boat to learn the ropes and perhaps sail one by yourselves the next time. This is an opportunity to make new friends whilst sailing in the sun and is a brilliant way to spend 1 or 2 weeks away from it all.

SOCIAL SAILING

When you go on any Share-a-Yacht holiday, you will be able to mix socially with 30 - 50 other people from the flotilla in the evenings, or just wander off and have a more tranquil time on your own. The atmosphere ashore in the evenings is very relaxed.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

In the London office we assemble crews based on people's age and sailing experience and we mix the sexes as best we can. This formula has worked really well for many years.

We find it's better that people meet at the beginning of the holiday and not before, as everybody is in the holiday mood by then.

THE RULES

There is no smoking allowed anywhere on our Share-a-Yacht boats, inside or outside. Our lead crews reserve the right to cast any disruptive individuals adrift if they feel that the safety or happiness of the flotilla is being affected.

ACCOMMODATION

All 36ft Beneteaus have three double cabins plus two berths in the saloon, so they are comfortable.

Meet a great group of people on whichever flotilla route you choose!

Having a maximum of four people per yacht works best as it allows a separate sleeping area for everyone aboard, assuming the crew consists of four individuals. This keeps things relaxed and comfortable for everybody.

The majority of Share-a-Yacht holidays have been really successful and many people have stayed friends for years. Some enjoy the company of their new shipmates so much they book a whole yacht to themselves the following year.

We have even had a few Share-a-Yacht weddings over the years! No promises, but you have to try very hard to not have a lot of fun in the Greek Islands! Even if your new sailing partners aren't perfect, it is still a great holiday.

As Norman Rockwell said: "Only you and I are perfect, and sometimes..."





Skippered ensuite double cabin charter for individuals or couples on our Beneteau 52.3

LUXURY SHARE-A-YACHT OPTION ON FLOTILLA

 \sim This is a luxury skippered version of our traditional 'Share-a-Yacht' programme on the flotillas where you can book your own cabin. For this option, an onboard skipper is provided.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

This programme is aimed at individuals and couples who enjoy their own personal space and a little more privacy.

It is ideal for those who are nervous about taking a yacht out on their own and it is certainly a luxurious way to explore the Greek Islands and visit lots of atmospheric places!

Daytime will be spent sailing from island to island and evenings will be spent exploring local villages with your new shipmates. It is a great way to meet people in a beautiful environment. There is a mystical element to simply being out in the Greek Island sun.

ACCOMMODATION

There are two options on the Beneteau 52.3 as there is a master ensuite cabin (forward) and two double ensuite cabins (aft). The master cabin is the largest and, as a result, costs a little more.

Kalokeri is very spacious and sails like a dream. Having a skipper onboard (in a separate cabin at the bow) will give all participants a great opportunity to learn all about sailing in a relaxed environment.





Sail on a beautiful yacht with ensuite accommodation and meet like minded new people



Learning the ropes in style and comfort or simply sit back and relax!

SKIPPERED YACHT CHARTER ON FLOTILLA

Sail on our Beneteau family 50 or Beneteau 52.3

WHY CHOOSE SKIPPERED CHARTER?

ldeal for families and groups of friends who wish to sail, under the watchful eye of one of our friendly skippers. You can take part in the sailing without the worry of personal decision making!

These yachts sail quite fast which means they can cover a large area in a week or fortnight. For yachts of this size finding a harbour is not crucial so more isolated to get away from it all. The skipper anchoring for the night is fun too.

Skippered yachts can join in with one of the flotillas especially for socialising in the evenings or simply go 'off piste' to deserted anchorages for a night under the stars.

OUR SKIPPERS

Your friendly and knowledgeable skipper will be able to take you to some gorgeous spots that are ideal for one yacht, but a bit tight for a whole flotilla!

Our skipper's knowledge of the area means that you are able to get to places that are quieter and has a separate cabin with facilities in the forward end of each yacht, so can be around as much or as little as you all feel comfortable with.

Skippered charter costs the same as a flotilla, plus the price for the skipper and his or her food.









Sizes to suit all groups and budgets

Beneteau 311

FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Sleeps 6, ideal for 2-4 2 cabins plus saloon Saloon infill for a wider berth Tiller & lazviack mainsail Wheel & furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 18HP Volvo engine Inflatable dinghy Hot & cold pressurised water

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Inside shower Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins Electric fridae Gravity toilet holding tank Cockpit table (fold away) Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music GPS

These, smallest of our flotilla yachts, are the ideal first cruising experience for couples or young families who are trying sailing for the first time, or making the step from dinghies to yachts.

THE BENETEAU 311's

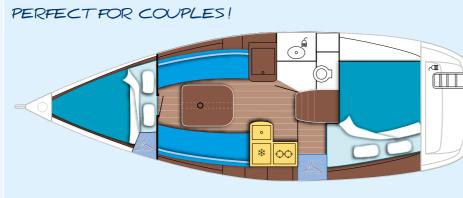
They are popular because of their easy handling and manoeuvrability. They are also a cost effective way to go sailing in the Greek Islands.

TILLER STEERED

The tiller steered/slab-reefing Beneteau 311's will appeal to the keener sailors amonast you or those looking to make the step from dinghy sailing.

WHEEL STEERED

These yachts feature in-mast mainsail and headsail furling making them remarkably easy to sail! This wheel steered yacht is built with couples and young families in mind.



BENETEAU 311 YACHT LAYOUT

Launched 2004 Headroom 1.90m

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The Beneteau 323's have a stylish interior and provide comfort for those wanting to enjoy the luxury of a modern yacht. Designed for couples and young families, they are easy to handle.

Beneteau 323

FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Sleeps 6, ideal for 2-4 2 cabins plus saloon Saloon infill for a wider berth Wheel steering (can be swivelled out of the way) Furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 21HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinghy Hot & cold pressurised water GPS Spacious inside shower

Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins Extra portholes for ventilation Electric fridge Gravity toilet holding tank Cockpit table Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music

Launched 2008 Headroom 1.95m Length overall 10m Waterline length 9.75 Beam 3.26 1.45m

These easy to sail yachts are perfect for couples

The Beneteau 323's have proved a great hit since we introduced them in 2008. They are perfect for couples and are available on most of our routes.

With a spacious stern cabin and a large heads they are the perfect yacht for couples wanting to enjoy more space. The most popular feature is the bathroom and shower area which is twice the size of those on similar sized yachts. The aft cabin features through ventilation as well as a fan, so is cool even on a hot day.







BENETEAU 323 YACHT LAYOUT

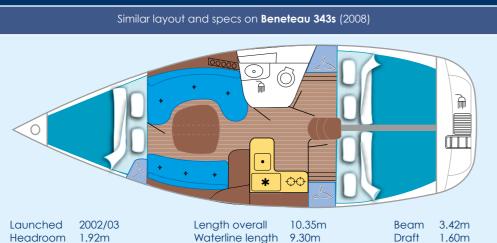
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Beneteau 331 and 343

FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Sleeps 6, ideal for 4	I
3 cabins plus saloon	I
Saloon infill for a wider berth	I
Wheel steering	I
Furling mainsail	(
Furling genoa	(
Electric anchor windlass	I
28HP Volvo engine	I
Inflatable dinghy	
Hot & cold pressurised water	i
Inside shower	(

Bathing platform with shower
Electric fans in cabins
Extra portholes for ventilation
Electric fridge
Gravity toilet holding tank
Cockpit table
Fitted passerelle
Bimini sunshade
Step-through pulpit
ipod connection for music
GPS



BENETEAU 331 YACHT LAYOUT



Our Beneteau 331's (and 343's) feature wheel steering and a good sized swimming platform area - perfect for those lazy lunches at anchor.

These models are our smallest three cabin yachts making them perfect flotilla yachts for families or two couples. They are well designed and roomy yachts that sail perfectly.

Outside the school holidays, they are an extremely popular option for couples looking for a little more room and a more salubrious option.

Both yachts feature in-mast furling which means the boat can be easily handled by two people from the cockpit.



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> We have invested in more new Beneteau 35's (Cruising World's Midsize Boat of the Year 2015). These 3 cabin yachts are ideal for families or couples wanting a little more space and a luxurious layout. They also sail like a dream.

The new ultra modern design and the large windows give it a bright and airy feel. The spacious cockpit area and fold down swimming platform are brilliant for lazy lunches at anchor and hosting drinks on board. The twin wheels optimize your view of the sails and the twin rudders are great for sailing performance.

The Beneteau 35's use the same modern design concept as our Beneteau 38's, but slightly smaller and therefore more cost effective for couples and young families alike! They also feature our easy to use sail furling systems.



New era Beneteau 35

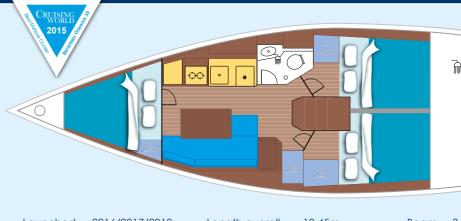


FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Sleeps 8, ideal for 4-6 3 cabins plus saloon Saloon infill for a wider berth Twin wheel steering Furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 29HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinghy Hot & cold pressurised water Inside shower

Fold down bathing platform with shower

Electric fans in cabins Electric fridge (front opening) Gravity toilet holding tank Cockpit table Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music Auto Pilot Chart plotter





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Length overall 10.45m Waterline length 9.97m Beam 3.72m Draft 1.85m





BENETEAU 35 YACHT LAYOUT

Beneteau 361

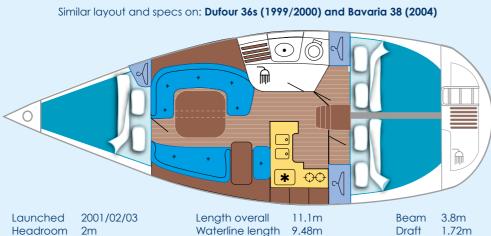
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Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins Electric fridge Gravity toilet holding tank Cockpit table Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music

NOTE: The Dufour 36s and Bavaria 38 have conventional slab-reefing mainsail with lazyjacks and run on our RYA training courses.

We believe these 3 cabin yachts are the ideal family cruising yacht - perfect for 4-6 people.

They have been modified with more hatches meaning increased ventilation throughout, a larger bed in the forepeak and mainsail furling (with the exception of the Dufour 36 and Bavaria 38). Sailors will enjoy our 'comfort sailing' additions, like our fitted easy to use passerelles and our brilliantly modified deep anchor chain lockers. The swimming platform area is spacious and is brilliant for lazy lunches at anchor. One of the best features of the 361 is the large bathroom area designed with a separate curtained off shower. You will be spoilt by the shower!



BENETEAU 361 YACHT LAYOUT





Furling mainsail Furling genoa Inflatable dinghy

The large windows surrounding the hatches allow an incredible amount of light into the boat. All three cabins are spacious. There is a large double bed in the forward cabin (which is rectangular, rather than triangular). The two aft cabins are also larger than usual.

Our favourite feature is the huge cockpit area (with twin wheels) and the fold down swimming platform - perfect for swim stops!

Another great feature is the separate shower, which means the heads can still be used when other crew members take a shower.

New era Beneteau 38



FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT BENETEAU 38 YACHT LAYOUT EUROPEAN Fold down bathing platform Sleeps 8, ideal for 4-6 The best forepeak with shower 3 cabins plus saloon of any vacht in OF THE YEA Electric fans in cabins this size range Saloon area converts to Electric fridge (front double berth if required opening) Twin wheel steering Gravity toilet holding tank Cockpit table Huge open cockpit Electric anchor windlass Fitted passerelle 29HP Yanmar engine Bimini sunshade A REVOLUTION Step-through pulpit Hot pressurised water IN YACHT DESIGN ipod connection for music Inside washroom (with Auto Pilot shower) in addition to a Launched: 2014/2015/2016/2017 separate shower room Chart plotter Length overall: 11.50m Beam: 3.99m Headroom: 1.96m Waterline length: 10.72m Draft: 2.05m

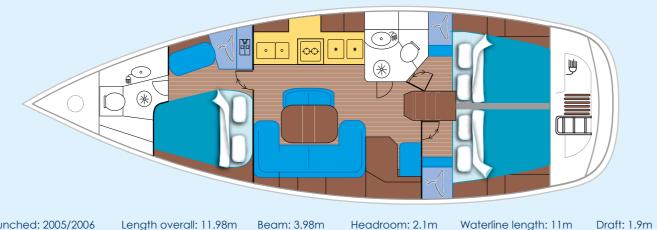
The pine coloured interior and expansive design gives them an ultra modern and spacious feel. The layout is perfect for families with older children and groups of friends who like a little bit of extra room.



Beneteau 393

Sleeps 8, ideal for 4-6 3 cabins plus saloon Saloon area converts to double berth if required Wheel steering (can be swivelled out of the way) Furling genoa Furling mainsail Electric anchor windlass 55HP Volvo or 52HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinghy Inside washrooms (2)

Hot pressurised water Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins Electric fridge Gravity toilet holding tanks Cockpit table Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music GPS



BENETEAU 393 YACHT LAYOUT (3 CABINS / 2 HEADS)

Launched: 2005/2006

Our Beneteau 393's feature the 3 cabin. 2 bathroom combination that is popular with families and friends alike. The Beneteau 393 has wheel steering and the wheel conveniently pivots sideways for easy access to the cockpit and bathing platform area.

They are perfect for 'grown up' families or two couples wanting ensuite comforts. The saloon table also goes down to make another double berth if required. However many people you are, the 393 is a real pleasure to be aboard and sails beautifully.

These, smallest of our "two heads" yachts, are very popular so, if you have specific dates in mind for your holiday, it may be a good idea to book early to avoid disappointment.



Inside washrooms (2) Hot pressurised water

Our Beneteau 40's are sleek and spacious with three double cabins and two toilets. The Beneteau Oceanis range of yachts has certainly hit the spot over the years and these 40's are no exception. They feature twin wheel steering, a huge central saloon and everything else you would expect. This layout is popular with two couples or friends who like a bit more space and privacy.

These yachts are also ideal for families, with teenage or grown up children - the starboard side of the saloon can be adapted into a comfortable double berth if required.

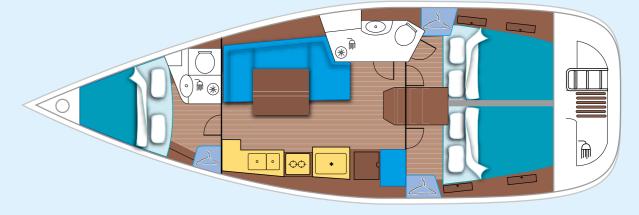
Beneteau 40



FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

- Sleeps 8, ideal for 4-6 3 cabins plus saloon Saloon area converts to double berth if required Twin wheel steering Inmast furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 40HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinghy
- Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins Electric fridge Gravity toilet holding tanks Cockpit table Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music Auto pilot Chart plotter

BENETEAU 40 YACHT LAYOUT (3 CABINS / 2 HEADS)



Launched: 2011 Length overall: 12.2m

Beam: 3.98m

Headroom: 2.1m Waterline length: 11.15m Draft: 1.8m

They are spacious yachts, sail beautifully and feature all the modern ease of handling elements. Perfect for those looking for one of our larger flotilla yachts.



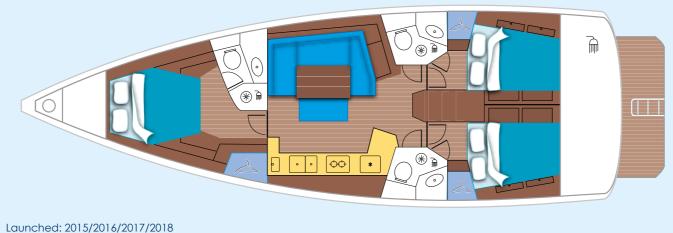
Our spacious new era Beneteau 45



Sleeps 8, ideal for 6 3 ensuite cabins plus saloon Saloon area converts to double Cockpit electric fridge berth if required Twin wheel steering Furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 54HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinghy with outboard ipod connection for music engine included Hot pressurised water Fold down bathing platform with shower

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Electric fans in cabins Electric fridge (front opening) Gravity toilet holding tanks Cockpit table Huge open cockpit Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit Auto Pilot Chart plotter Generator



BENETEAU 45 YACHT LAYOUT

Length overall: 13.9m Beam: 4.5m

Headroom: 2m

Waterline length: 13.5m

Draft: 2.16m

On board the Oceanis 45, comfort reigns supreme! The modern design perfectly meets the needs of any crew through a number of clever details.

The chart table doubles as a living room table creating a large living space. The folding bathing platform makes access to the sea for swimming very easy.

The three ensuite cabin layout provides unrivalled luxury for larger families and groups of friends alike. The interior volume is enormous.

These stunning yachts will be sailing in the Sporades, Saronic and Ionian - the perfect yacht for any cruising ground.

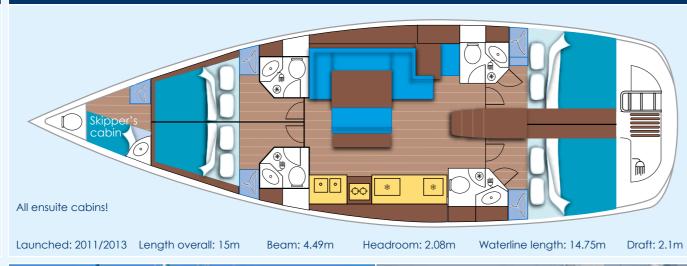


BENETEAU 45 SAILING IN THE SPORADES

Beneteau Oceanis 'Family 50'

Sleeps 10, ideal for 8 4 cabins with ensuite, plus a skipper's cabin Twin wheel steering Inmast furling mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 74HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinahy with outboard engine included Hot pressurised water Inside washrooms (5) Bathing platform with shower Electric fans in cabins

Two electric fridges Gas cooker with oven Gravity toilet holding tanks Cockpit table Saloon area converts to double berth if required Fitted passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit Bow thruster ipod connection for music tolia otuA Chart plotter Generator



FIVE CABIN BENETEAU OCEANIS 50 YACHT LAYOUT

Our two Beneteau Oceanis 50's 'Kassandra' and 'Kalista' are perfect for four couples or larger families with four double ensuite cabins, an extra large saloon, and separate skipper's cabin.

These yachts are built for both comfort and speed. They have an auto-pilot, bow thruster, inmast furling mainsail and roller furling headsail - all to continue our efforts to make sailing easier. All toilets are fitted with gravity holding tanks.

They are available for independent charter (minimum qualifications are Day Skipper practical or ICC).

If you don't have any qualifications, but are keen to get some bigger boat experience, skippered charter with one of our qualified skippers on board is a great option.



Kalokeri normally sails as a skippered yacht. Beginners, looking to try sailing for the first time, can take Kalokeri with one of our qualified skippers. This is a great way to learn the ropes and gives you the option to be as hands on (or off) as you like.

Kalokeri is also perfect for those who are experienced sailors (minimum qualifications are Day Skipper practical or ICC and other relevant experience), who are looking to introduce friends and family in the most luxurious environment possible. She features 3 double ensuite cabins, one of which is the forward 'Master Suite' which has a king size bed. There is a separate Skipper's cabin which is accessed via the foredeck.

You can also simply book a cabin on our skippered 'Luxury Share-a-Yacht'. This is for couples and individuals who want to spoil themselves!

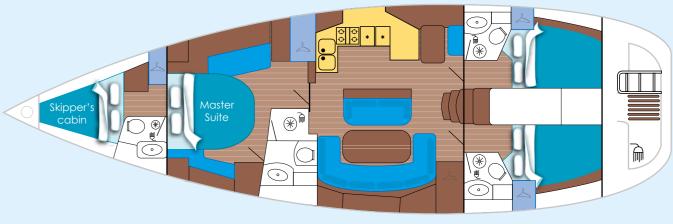
Our 'Owners version' Beneteau Oceanis Clipper 52.3

FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Sleeps 8, ideal for 6 3 large cabins with ensuite, plus a skipper's cabin Twin wheel steering Lazviacks battened mainsail Furling genoa Electric anchor windlass 100HP Yanmar engine Inflatable dinahy with outboard engine included Hot pressurised water Inside washrooms (4) Bathing platform with shower

Electric fans in cabins TV & DVD player Extensive galley including two full sized front opening fridges, cooker with oven system with electric halyard winch Gravity toilet holding tanks Cockpit table Passerelle Bimini sunshade Step-through pulpit ipod connection for music Bow thruster Auto pilot Chart plotter Generator

FOUR CABIN BENETEAU OCEANIS CLIPPER 52.3 YACHT LAYOUT



Launched: 2008

Length overall: 16.20m Beam: 4.90m

Headroom: 2.08m

Waterline length: 15.89m

Draft: 2.4m







YACHT CHARTER DIVISION

Independent, Skippered and Luxury Sailing Holidays throughout the Mediterranean

Once you have experienced all our flotilla routes or larger yachts within our own fleet, you may wish to branch out to new areas... Our team have been busy assembling a range of yachts from selected suppliers around the Mediterranean. For those of you who would like to charter independently, there's bareboat sailing. If you don't have the relevant qualifications you might like a skippered charter. If a pampered lifestyle is more to your liking, we also arrange crewed charter on **luxury yachts** that are familiar to us.

To keep things simple we can also arrange yachts plus flights and transfers if required, in all areas of Greece, Croatia, Turkey, Italy and Spain!

SKIPPERED YACHT CHARTER

For those who don't have qualifications but would like to experience sailing in the sun without worrying about navigation and boat handling



LUXURY YACHT CHARTER

Larger luxury yachts with crew for those who wish to sit back and be looked after in style!



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INDEPENDENTYACHT CHARTER (BAREBOAT SAILING)

Independent yacht charter (also known as bareboat sailing) is where you hire and sail the yacht yourself. This is a way for qualified sailors to really get away from it all. It is also a great way to explore a new coastline. Being independent leaves you free to venture to beaches and coves that are simply idyllic.

One key difference from the flotillas is that the yachts are supplied from selected yacht owners throughout Europe. Sailing Holidays Ltd acts as an agent for yacht companies in various destinations and assures that the yachts and providers used are of a high standard. It allows for us to offer yachts in different destinations.

We are happy to arrange your flights and transfers, or you can sort these out yourselves.

Within the five countries and between the 30 bases, we have 14 different sailing areas available, each with their own unique characteristics for a memorable sailing adventure. Our office team know these areas well, so don't hesitate to ask!

Picture yourself meandering independently from harbour to harbour or island to island under sail with your own personal itinerary.

The advent of GPS navigation and mobile phones has made independent sailing easier and a more common activity in recent years.

QUALIFICATIONS

To charter a vacht independently you need a minimum qualification of an RYA Day Skipper Practical Certificate or an ICC (International Certificate of Competence). For Croatia you also need a VHF radio licence. (See our courses on pages 36-39).

BOOK WITH 100% FINANCIAL PROTECTION

All payments for flight inclusive holidays with us, are covered by our Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL Financial Protection scheme. Financial protection for yacht only bookings is facilitated through our ABTA, ABTOT (no. 5218).

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6 I just have to email you to let you know what a fab week of sailing we enjoyed. We sailed out of Trogir as you know and stopped in various beautiful anchorages and moorings in Veli Drvnik, Solta, Brac, Hvar, St Klement and Vis. Got a couple of days of highly unusual storms which was interesting - tested our proper sailing a bit :)

Thank you for all your help making it happen. All the logistics went exactly as planned - we are grateful for your efficient organisation.

Helen, July, Trogir, Dalmatian Islands, Croatia

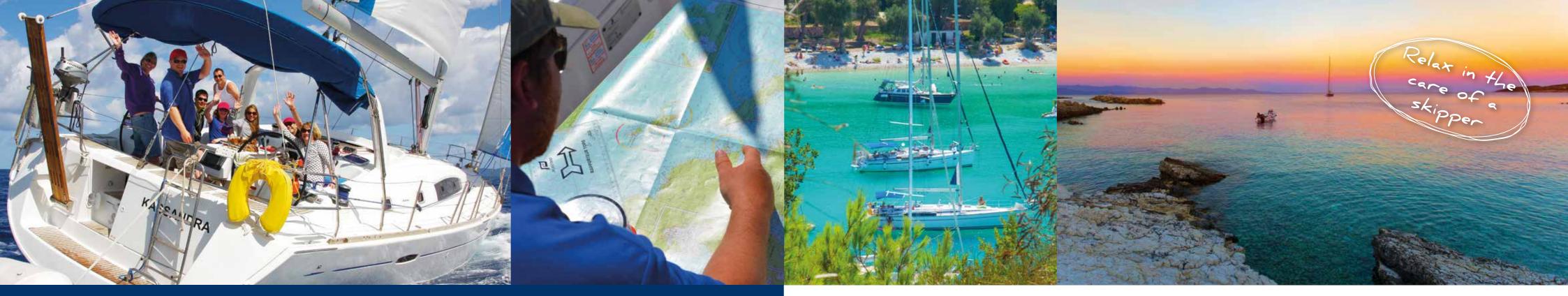
POP-UP FLOTILLAS Where we assemble a flotilla of bareboats.

Every year we Pop-Up somewhere around the Mediterranean! We are never sure where or for how long, it's just wherever the wind takes US.

Keep an eye out for our 'Pop-Up' Flotillas in areas we don't usually visit. The perfect way to explore new, more adventurous sailing grounds, with the unobtrusive assistance and guidance of our friendly flotilla lead crew.



For groups or families who enjoy exploratory sailing!



SKIPPERED YACHT CHARTER

IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK...

Not a sailor? No qualifications? Want a chauffeur and wish to be taken off the beaten track? Then it's the one for you! This is a nice way to learn the ropes without the responsibility. Our skipper will encourage you to take an active part in the holiday or you can just relax and be sailed around!

Employing a skipper allows for non-sailors or sailors to charter a larger yacht and go off on their own, to experience the same beautiful environment as other sailors, without formal sailing qualifications. Skippers will also advise you on ports to visit, where to eat, and places to swim.

It's very easy... We provide a sailing yacht with a skipper who effectively 'drives' the boat for you wherever you'd like to sail! You, your friends and family can get involved as much or as little as you like - it is a great activity holiday for all the family if your desire is to 'get away from the world'. If sipping a G&T while sunbathing is more your thing then you simply sit back and enjoy...

WHO ARE THE SKIPPERS?

We have a team of professional, experienced and qualified skippers, one of whom will sail your yacht with you. From all the Skippers we know, we are able to select the one best for you based on your individual requirements.

YOUR SKIPPERED CHARTER ITINERARY

When you take a skippered charter it is entirely up to you where you go. The skipper's local knowledge will go a long way but they will also be guided by you, your interests and preferences of where you would like to spend your holiday.

HOW MUCH DOES A SKIPPER COST?

Hiring a skipper is similar to hiring any piece of inventory (with all due respect to our skippers of course!) in that you order them as extra and we add the charge accordingly if one of our yachts; if the yacht is supplied by a bareboat company, you simply pay your skipper on arrival at the base.

6 This was undoubtedly the most relaxing include them if cooking on board. holiday we have had in many years, thoroughly A skipper costs €1,050 per week. The skipper will enjoyed by all, and exceeded our expectations. also require their own cabin, so please bear this in Our skipper, was just brilliant, finding out what mind when organising your sailing party or group. everyone wanted from the trip, and guiding us in Our laid back approach to skippered charter planning the route. He took all the stress out of the provides an excellent first step to sailing a yacht. trip for us, and got on well with everyone in our The majority of sailors who sail with us will return the group... Thank you for this awesome holiday, we following year and come back again and again can't wait to start planning our next one! 9

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When choosing the skippered option please note that you are responsible for his/her food, this does not mean taking them out for steak every-night, unless you want to of course. This essentially means treating your skipper as one of the family. For the evening you can choose to either give them an allowance, invite them to come alona with you, or

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Have a look at the different destinations and choose one you like the sound of. Selecting a yacht is the same as selecting a villa (six people will need at least three bedrooms (cabins) + one extra for the skipper = a four cabin yacht!

Peter, August, Saronic Islands, Greece





LUXURY YACHT CHARTER - mono-hulls, multi-hulls & motor yachts

A FLOATING LUXURY CHALET

board a luxury yacht or catamaran combines the freedom of a sailing holiday with the comfort and service of a luxury villa holiday.

You will enjoy ensuite cabins and plenty of space on these larger yachts. Al fresco dining in the spacious cockpit areas is a unique experience.

Cabins are cleaned each day and linen and towels are changed twice a week. Not sold...did we mention the king-sized beds and air-conditioning? Even the loos are electric!

Your skipper and hostess will cater for your The sun-deck and (trampolines on catamarans) This is fully crewed ultra comfort... A week on every need. From a delicious breakfast, to a comprehensive wine list, you couldn't be better looked after! When it comes to dinner you can either eat on board or try out the local restaurants - in our eyes it would be remiss not to step off and explore the ambient local eateries but, with comfort like this, we could forgive you for enjoying a niaht on board!

SAILING, WATER SPORTS, DOLPHIN WATCHING...

If you're worried that having a crew means you'll get less action, you couldn't be more wrong! There are an array of activities on board.

provide great dolphin watching opportunities. Stand up paddleboards and windsurfers are provided for your entertainment.

If this still doesn't tickle your thrill-seeking taste buds there is wake-boarding, water-skiing and other free water sports on offer.

There is also the small factor of sailing from place to place, with a different view every day. The beauty of having a skipper and hostess means that you can be hands on or hands off, whichever you prefer.

You can be as involved as you like in the sailing - novices can practice sailing skills, whilst experienced sailors can take complete control and the crew will just be on hand as required. If the wind gods aren't behaving, don't worry these yachts can motor pretty quickly to your next destination! They are self contained with large generators to keep things powered up even if you don't spend much time in harbour. Imagine a private villa where you wake up in a different beautiful location every morning. A completely new type of holiday for people who would like great experiences without sacrificing comfort! Another memorable way to spend those special moments in life.



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Your SAILING Reflections



"Great day for Goosewinging! Thank you SO much for everything team Elpida - you guys rock! " Marcus Cryer - Two Week Whole Ionian Flotilla



"Banger of a week..." Dan Bullock - One Week Lefkas Flotilla



"Fantastic week on Leda with JB, Kat & Roodie as lead crew. Can't wait to come again. Surprised the glasses and mugs made it with only limited breakages!" Chantelle Neighbour - One Week Paxos Flotilla



Twelve year old Billy managed to take some amazing shots using his drone! Billy Woodfield - Two Week South Ionian Flotilla



"Thank you for some fabulous memories and getting us home each day. You have been amazing.' lan, Jackie, Alan & Carol - Two Week Saronic Island Hopping Flotilla





"The most amazing rewarding holiday we have ever been on! We had no sailing experience at all and yet within hours we were on the water! Each day, each stopover increased the wow factor, we really were sailing our own yacht ... a dream come true! Five Stars is not enough. Thank you, we and the Jacquin family will be back next year!"

Phil, Nikki & Maddy Nimmo - Two Week Sporades Flotilla

"Thank you Sailing Holidays for showing us the best sunsets!"

Ellie Callcut - Two Week Sporades Flotilla *Warning* Do not try this at home!



"The perfect star raft!" Lorna Pollard - Two Week Saronic Island Hopping Flotilla

Steve Devereux - Two Week Sporades Flotilla



"Great fun experiencing, and learning something new all together. Most importantly having fun doing mad things at sea!"

John Pailing - Two Week South Ionian Flotilla



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