Flotilla sailing holidays in the sunny Greek Islands
Barrie and Heidi Neilson
(on land for a change)

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SAILING HOLIDAYS FLOTILLA ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

EASY ROUTES FOR BEGINNERS

1 WEEK ROUTES: TAHIA, LEFKAS, KERKIFALI & PAXOS
2 WEEK ROUTES: SOUTH IONIAN AND NORTH IONIAN

OUR SLIGHTLY MORE ACTIVE ROUTES

1 WEEK ROUTE: WHOLE KIONAN PLACEMENT
2 WEEK ROUTE: WHOLE KIONAN, FARAWAY ISLANDS & ISLAND HOPPING SARDONIC

FOR KEENER SAILORS

2 WEEK ROUTE: ADVENTUROUS SARONIC ISLANDS, SPORADES ISLANDS & CORINTH CANAL DELIVERY
3 WEEK ROUTE: CORINTH CANAL DELIVERY

All our routes in the Ionian Islands offer a perfect 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 haven close by.

The Ionian is the ideal place to introduce family and friends to your hobby if you are already a sailor. You can do this safe in the knowledge that assistance is nearby, should you need it. Why not combine sailing with a week relaxing on shore.

These flotillas tend to appeal to those who have enjoyed one of the easier routes and would now like a little more sailing and a look at some different islands, bays and villages.

Our slightly more adventurous Saronic and Sporades flotillas provide a further step up in flotilla sailing, whilst remaining very much a holiday. If you fancy a bit of sailing in more open waters, these routes reach beautiful and uncrowded places. They can offer a bit more of a challenge, without being too much of a struggle.

Our Saronic Islands and Argolic Gulf flotilla is a voyage through history with more reliable sailing breezes. The Corinth Canal delivery down to the Saronic Islands is also a great adventure. Our Sporades flotilla is our most open water flotilla route renowned for stronger winds with relatively flat seas. We also arrange Independent Yacht Charter (Bareboat Sailing), Skippered Charter and Luxury Charter throughout the Mediterranean - see pages 62-67.
How much experience do I need to go on a flotilla?

**NEW TO SAILING?**

A practical and positive attitude is the key! Everyone who goes on a flotilla holiday generally has a basic understanding of sailing. Even if you’ve never been on a boat before, you may have spent holidays on a sailboard or windsurf board; you'll be surprised how similar they are. With a flotilla, you benefit from 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!

**OUR LEAD CREW 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 excellent knowledge of the area and are all experienced out on the water.

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 ‘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 FELLOW SAILORS**

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**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 navigation. 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!

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**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!
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ANCHORED FOR A SWIM IN THE SOUTH IONIAN

South Ionian, North Ionian, Faraway Islands, Whole Ionian, Saronic Islands and Sporades cruises

Two week flotilla sailing holidays

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 everyday life. The locals are among the most welcoming people in the world and the 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 fortunately 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.

WHAT ARE OUR HOLIDAYS ALL ABOUT?

Parga
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 ON KEFALONIA ISLAND
After being shown your boat and meeting your lead crew, why not retire to one of the quayside 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...

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 Port Vathi provides a Greek dance lesson. Captain, Corelli’s Mandolin” was filmed around this area making it the perfect spot to go for a wander around.

RETURNING TO BASE
On your last day you will return to Ay Euphemia to enjoy one final evening of traditional Greek atmosphere at a local taverna!
Set sail to the emerald waters of the Faraway Islands whilst visiting some old favourites on the way!

New harbours at Ericousa and Othoni have prompted a return to the Faraway Islands! A safe haven at Ericousa gives us more flexibility when heading out to the ‘Faraway’s’. In reality the ‘Faraway Islands’ really aren’t all that far away. They are named this as they are Greece’s furthest away islands from Athens! (Like Lands End in the UK or Finisterre in Spain.)

Most of the time we will head north in the first four or five days to the sparsely populated Faraway’s. Sometimes the flotilla will call into historic Corfu Town. This offers everyone an opportunity to immerse themselves in Venetian and Greek history. It has a unique atmosphere in the evenings.

Ericousa has a large bay, great for free swinging or anchoring off at night. It is certainly a relaxing thing to do and your morning swim will be invigorating! A new harbour has been built at Ericousa but it remains a well kept secret. So not many yachts usually venture this far north of Corfu making for a relaxing couple of nights under the stars.

Othoni is clad in a thick cover of pine and olive trees with rocky scrub on the hilltops looking out over the sea to Mathraki and other smaller islands. All three of the islands feature beautiful sandy beaches. The most spectacular beach is the golden sands of Mathraki. The water is transparent with a backdrop of the white cliffs of Corfu. (Yes, Corfu has white cliffs too!)

Up to four days will be spent around the Faraway islands. Most flotillas will spend a night at anchor in remote Port Timoni and a night in spectacular Paleokastritsa.

The flotilla will usually head for Paxos, either using the “inside route” (the east coast of Corfu) or the “outside route” (the west coast of Corfu). The lead crew will see what the weather gods have planned before deciding which route you will take. This flotilla is a great way to “get away from it all”, although you are still likely to visit Paxos and a few other more populated places. Paxos never fails to provide wonderful memories, with the beautiful bay of Lakka and the Greek dancing nights of Mongonisi to name just a couple.

Set sail to the emerald waters of the Faraway Islands of Ericousa, Mathraki and Othoni
Our two week North Ionian flotilla
The ideal holiday for:
- Crystal clear waters
- Lunchtime bay stops
- Charming villages
- Historic towns

SUNDAY DEPARTURES

The return of our traditional two week North Ionian flotilla for the entire season offers those who have overdone the South Ionian a wonderful opportunity to discover why we fell in love with the Ionian island area. This is the home of the emerald waters that feature so heavily in brochures generally!

The mixture of historic Venetian towns, coastal villages and idyllic anchorages is quite unique. Other little perks of this are a very short transfer from the airport to your yacht in Gouvia marina (15 minutes), where you can drop your bags on the yacht and jump in the fabulous pool (depending on your arrival time!).

Sailing in the lee of Corfu Island, means that it is little affected by swell. The flotilla will essentially go where the wind blows.

Modern hourly weather forecasting means that we are seldom caught out by Mother Nature (although that used to be what it was all about!) Kassiopi harbour has not changed in forty years except that the tavernas have become much more efficient and one has even morphed into a fabulous restaurant. They have also realised that their Venetian castle is a fascination to visitors, so it is possible to wander around within the ruins.

Beautiful Bays like Agni, Kalami, Kaloura (of ‘My Family and Other Animals’ fame) and St Stephanos are all possible stops. A night may be spent exploring the Venetian streets (and shops) of Corfu Town, or in the small harbour of Sayiadha on the mainland. Keen walkers might wish to visit the abandoned old town up on the hillside.

Moving South, the villages of Petreti on Corfu Island, or Plataria and Sivota Mourtos on the mainland are also possible overnight stops. You will be sailing through the same waters as the Corinthian galleys when they rowed/sailed up to the Battle of Sivota in 433BC.

The South of the North and the idyllic Island of Paxos with all its attractions. Of course we cannot forget one of our favourite towns, picturesque Parga with its buildings and historic castle.

Just down the coast are several anchorages including Ammouthia, Two Rock Bay, and the small coastal fishing harbour of Ligia. As we write this, we really want to be there and it feels that words alone cannot really do justice to sailing around this wonderful area. Enjoy!

Sail the North Ionian and discover turquoise bays along with a little more wind in the sails!

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This one way flotilla spends two weeks meandering through the Ionian Islands from the North Ionian, to the South 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 with one or two longer days for sailing enthusiasts!

JOINING THE FLOTILLA
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 Town, 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 Palikata is a charming 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 ON LEFKAS ISLAND
Your final night will be spent on Lefkas Island enjoying a last night of Greek cuisine!

Visit the highlights of the Ionian Islands and enjoy sailing a few more miles
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. From here you can also take a stroll around to the ancient sunken city.

AGISTRI ISLAND, AEGINA ISLAND AND VATHI
The first few days will be spent sailing to the islands of Agistri and Aegina as well as 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 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 with its spectacular sunsets. The flotilla may build a raft close to the beach, before a glorious evening spent watching the sunset with your fellow sailors.

THE PELOPONNESE AND THE ARGOLIC GULF
During this flotilla you may also 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 Tiro, 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 scale the steps to the Palamidi fortress set high up on the hill above the town and enjoy exploring the backstreets in the evening.
Our more adventurous Saronic islands flotilla aims to sail to the town of Monemvasia and is excellent if you fancy covering a few more miles. It is a good idea to have a couple of flotillas under your belt (or previous sailing experience) before tackling this route.

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 begin by sailing south along the eastern coast of the Peloponnese. You will visit some of the most picturesque ports the coastline has to offer including Astrous, Tiros, Plaka and Kiparissi.

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

WINES AND DINE IN MONEMVASIA

If the weather is suitable, the flotilla will sail a couple of longer days heading further South to visit Ieraka and Monemvasia.

This quiet fishing village of Ieraka 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

Enjoy exploring the islands of Spetses, Hydra and the surrounding coast. The flotilla might stop at Dhokos Island to experience the spectacular sunset and sleeping 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.

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

Steady winds for keener sailors with beautiful village harbours!
The Greek Islands at their most idyllic with amazing wind to get you around

We run two very popular flotillas in the Sporades. The timeless recipe of gin clear water and dependable 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.

ORI, TRIKERI CHANNEL & THE GULF OF VOLOS

Your introduction to the Sporades Islands will begin in Ori 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. Children love it!

SKIATHOS ISLAND

The flotilla will sail 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 featured in the Mamma Mia movie) is great to visit - the view from the top is worth the climb, although health and safety executives may wish to avoid it!

ALONISSOS NATIONAL MARINE PARK

Steni Vala on Alonissos island is another very popular small village. The once abandoned old town of Alonissos, high up in the hills above Patitiri, is great for inshore exploring. 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 ORI

After two weeks of exhilarating sailing, you will enjoy one final day’s sail back to Ori to spend your last night with your fellow sailors.

Visit the spectacular islands of Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonissos and Kyra Panayia
Our yachts are wintered in Gouvia Marina, on Corfu Island, where they receive comprehensive maintenance and cosmetic attention. At the end of April/beginning of May all yachts are sailed to their summer bases in the Ionian or the Saronic and at the end of October they are sailed back to Corfu. 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.

Please note: on all Corinth Canal Deliveries you will be required to pay the Corinth Canal fee (£100 - £150 per yacht depending on size)

- 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 or Kefalonia in April/May and do the return trip in October. This is ideally suited to those wishing to make a gentle first step from the summer flotillas to doing a bit more sailing.

- Two Week Ionian Island deliveries

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 April/May and South to North in October. Empty quaysides in the Ionian Islands 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 April/May (vice versa in October) you will sail south through the Ionian Islands and into the Gulf of Patras. You will visit lovely places like Trizonia and Galaxidhi 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
For those with a little more time on their hands...

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 lovely island of Trizonia. After cruising through the fascinating Corinth Canal, your cruise will also conclude at Epidavros.

These remain some of the most affordable holidays of the year, and are ideally suited to our more experienced sailors.
This flotilla spends a week meandering around the South Ionian Islands. This route explores the mythical island of Ithaka, as well as the smaller islands of Kastos and Kalamos.

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

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. It is quite traditional and the walk up to ancient Stavros is worth the effort (good exercise!)

Just a short sail away is traditional Kioni. Its brightly coloured buildings and gorgeously Greek atmosphere make this a true favourite. Enjoy a delicious dinner on the quayside (onion pie is a local favourite).

Vathi is the largest port on Ithaka Island. A wander around the backstreets and village square will envelope you into a leisurely world where you can simply relax and unwind!

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. Swim in the emerald water and feel a million miles away from the stresses and strains of everyday life. It is deserted and beautiful!

The flotilla may sail across to the picturesque islands of Kastos and Kalamos. You can stop for a swim 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!

On the last 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.

As with all sailing holidays, we remain governed by the wind direction so occasionally we might pop in to Fiskardo or Ay Euphemia on the island of Kefalonia. Each days route is chosen bearing all factors in mind.

Explore the picturesque harbours and anchorages of the central South Ionian

This route is a generalisation and may vary depending on prevailing winds and other conditions.
You will pick up your yacht in the comfort of Gouvia Marina on Corfu, a short hop from the airport. There you will be met by your lead crew and they will show you to your yacht, then it is time to relax and retire to one of the nearby tavernas for refreshments! Briefings will take place there and there may even be time to relax around the pool.

Your first day out will usually be the 17 mile run down to the small village of Petriti at the southern end of Corfu Island. The next morning you will set off southwards again to Paxos.

Paxos is of course, the highlight of this flotilla cruise with its four beautiful harbours - Lakka, Longos, Gaios and Mongonisi. Gaios is a traditional Greek town, with tavernas and shops to explore. 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. As with all the flotillas and with modern weather forecasting, we are usually able to avoid head winds on our daily destinations may vary. You can’t miss the turquoise water of Lakka Bay for a lunchtime swim within a stone’s throw of Lakka village quay. 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 an afternoon spent 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.

The flotilla may also visit 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.

As you head north Plataria harbour is another possible stop, as is Sayaidha, a small village near the Albanian border. The other possible option could be one of the harbours of Venetian Corfu Town. Finally we return to our base where you can spend your final night relaxing and sharing tales of the week’s events with your fellow sailors.

Simply sail for a week or combine with one of our shore based holiday options for a second week.

Enjoy island hopping between the bays of Paxos, Antipaxos and Corfu islands.
Our One Week Lefkas Flotilla

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

Joining the Flotilla on Lefkas Island
The flotilla begins on Lefkas Island. A likely first day sail could take you to the villages of Sivota or Nidri.

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 is nestled at the end of the bay, with a beach on either side. This is a great spot for swimming off the back of the yacht!

You may also spend a night moored at Port Atheni, where you can put on your dancing shoes and join in with the traditional Greek dancing evening. They are always looking for volunteers!

Exploring the Greek Mainland
The waters to the north of Meganisi provide the perfect playground for learning to sail, due to the shelter Lefkas Island provides. From here you can drop your anchor for a lunchtime swim in the crystal clear waters of Goat Bay.

Follow this up with a night in Palairos where you can enjoy the best sunset in the southern Ionian from the beach bar.

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 legendary home of Odysseus. Kioni and Frikes, on the east coast of the island, are pleasant villages.

Returning to Lefkas Island
Your final night will be spent relaxing at a waterside pontoon with your fellow flotilla sailors. A perfect time to share stories from the week.

Island hopping at its best...visit a different Greek village every day!
During this week you will join your yacht in Ay. Euphemia and visit the beautiful village harbours of Fiskardo, Sami and Poros on Kefalonia Island, as well as our favourite spots on Ithaka. There is plenty of time for swimming and exploring on this cruise.

JOIN THE FLOTILLA ON KEFALONIA ISLAND
Once you have arrived and met your lead crew it is time to sit back, relax and soak up the sun before retiring to one of the quayside tavernas.

EXPLORING THE EAST COAST OF KEFALONIA
Scenic Fiskardo, with its colourful character and eclectic evening promenade, is a highlight of the week. It continues to be a firm flotilla favourite! From here you can walk or take the dinghy to the caves (disused salt mines) in Foci Bay which are well worth a visit.

The flotilla will sometimes stop for a night in nearby Sami which was made famous as the setting for the film ‘Captain Corelli’s Mandolin’. Sailing south to Poros means some excellent sailing in the Ithaka channel - making this route ideal for new, as well as confident, flotilla sailors and their families. Poros has more of a traditional Greek feel than other places you may visit on Kefalonia Island. Make sure you visit the cave bar for a sundowner!

For keener sailors, there may also be time to visit the smaller islands of Kastos or Kalamos which both offer a real chance to get away from it all.

ITHAKA ISLAND
The flotilla may call in to Ithaka for one or two nights, visiting the villages of Frikes, Kioni or Vathi. A favourite lunch stop anchorage is Pere Pigadhi, where the crystal clear water will make you impatient to jump off the boat for a swim!

LEFKAS ISLAND AND SIVOTA BAY
Another great spot you may visit is Sivota on Lefkas Island. Wander along the waterfront and settle in a taverna for dinner whilst enjoying the view out over the bay.

RETURNING TO BASE
Your final night will be spent in the gorgeous town of Ay Euphemia. The harbour hosts a number of waterside Greek tavernas for your final evening.

Explore picturesque Fiskardo, Ay. Euphemia and Poros on the Island of Kefalonia
ONE WEEK 'END OF SEASON' PAXOS & CORFU FLOTILLA

As all the yachts 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 great fun for all the family. At the end of summer the sea is nice and warm, so children tend to spend more time in it than on it!

ONE WEEK ITHAKA, PAXOS, LEFKAS & KEFALONIA FLOTILLAS

(Please see specific flotilla pages 25-33 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 the May half term break.

A WEEK OF SAILING WITH A WEEK ASHORE...

Combine a one week 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 windsurfing or catamaran sailing to explore all around Lefkas Island and the Greek mainland. Holidays are absolutely 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.

THINGS TO DO

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

Holidays for sailors whose partners have different priorities!

A week of sailing with a week of relaxation in the Ionian Islands

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 a selection of our Ionian flotilla sailing holidays. At our second option, the Salvator Spa Hotel & Villas in Parga, you can really pamper yourself in one of the rooms, suites or two-bedroom villas. You will definitely win over the non-sailors among you by spending a week here!
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.

LOCATION
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 loll 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 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 tavernas 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!

An extra week in the Iris can be enjoyed before or after the following Ionian flotillas:
- One Week Ithaka Flotilla (pages 26 - 27)
- One Week Lefkas Flotilla (pages 30 - 31)
- Two Week Whole Ionian Flotilla (pages 16 - 17).

It is certainly a great place to wind down!
We have no doubt at all that our flotilla sailing gang will 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 quite exceptional.

RELAX IN THE SALVATOR SPA
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
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 groups 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 GROUPS. ALL VILLAGES HAVE TWO BEDROOMS, LARGE LIVING ROOM AREAS, FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN FACILITIES AND WOLODLY ATTENTION TO DETAIL. THE VILLAGES HAVE THEIR OWN PRIVATE POOLS AND THE "SUPERIOR" VILLAGES HAVE INFINITY POOLS.

ACCOMMODATION FEATURES
Excellent Trip Advisor Rating
4 Star
Swimming Pool
Spa
Jacuzzi
WiFi
Complimentary shuttle-bus to Parga
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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.
Take your pick from a selection of amazing villas

The villa pictured above is one of the few with “bungalow style design”, meaning that the master bedroom, the huge open plan living/kitchen/dining area along with the pool and BBQ are on the same level. It is single level living at its most relaxed. With the master bedroom located on the main floor and the two other ensuite bedrooms on the lower floor, this accommodation is ideal for up to six people. It features large ensuite bathrooms, with “vast wet room” style showers and double sinks. Being surrounded by olive trees and forest means you have complete privacy. There is a fantastic indoor/outdoor barbeque area, and as the photos show, a swimming pool with an amazing view out to the islands of Atoko, Oxia and the Dragoneras.

The view down the valley to Sivota Village is outstanding at any time of day. The walk down to Sivota Village is ten minutes. Here you will find a myriad of tavernas and shops. Making your way back might require a couple of “get your breath back” stops but good exercise.

Villa “Meandros” is a brand new villa completed in 2018, fitted out with new and antique furniture. It is only bookable directly with Sailing Holidays.

New! Exclusive to Sailing Holidays

Other Villas around the Ionian Islands

We work mainly with villa company Ionian Island Holidays who have an excellent selection of villas based on various islands around the Ionian. We also work alongside other local providers to be able to offer a selection of villas on Lefkas, Kefalonia, Corfu, Meganisi and the mainland. This can be booked for either before or after your flotilla. You can choose to combine your time on shore with any of our one or two week Ionian flotillas.

Whether you’re a small or large group we aim to be able to find accommodation to suit all.

We can arrange everything, from the flights, the transfers, the accommodation and the car hire. Our extensive local knowledge means that we will be able to guide you in the right direction and find the perfect “Villa Flotilla” combination for you and your fellow sailors.

From villas with pools for all the family to smaller studio apartments for two, we will hopefully be able to find exactly what you are looking for.

This really is holidaying in style!

They say space is luxury, and this has acres of space...

Savour privacy and peace in your own space!

Villa “Meandros” - Sivota, Lefkas Island

• Main floor comprises of - open plan lounge kitchen and dining area, guest toilet, utility room with washing machine and master bedroom with ensuite and bath, pool and outside toilet, outdoor covered BBQ area.
• Lower floor - two double or twin bedrooms with ensuite, both with own balcony space.
• Ceiling Fans and Air Conditioning
• Mosquito nets on all sliding doors and windows.
• Pool - 1.6 metres at its deepest. - (13 metres wide, 8 metres on the sides and 3 metres at the steps end)
• Fully equipped kitchen including: - Dishwasher - American-style fridge/freezer - Microwave
• Modern plumbing
• Outdoor grill/BBQ area
• Car hire recommended in order to explore Lefkas Island
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You will be sharing the yacht with other students.

Unlike our flotilla holidays, you are buying berths 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.

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 to take the next step.

WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

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.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- Sunshine and swim stops
- Waterproof jackets
- Towels and bed linen
- All fuel, water and marina fees
- 2 on-board evening meals per week
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- The RYA Sail Cruising Syllabus and Logbook
- Tuition from one of our RYA instructors
- 7 or 14 days aboard the yacht

PRE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

From our experience booking and running the Day Skipper course we would say that, it is assumed that you are already proficient in the topics covered in the Competent Crew course syllabus, understand the basics of navigation, sailing, rope work, seamanship and have experienced at least 100 miles on a cruising yacht as active crew.

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).

£150 PER PERSON

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
- Online theory course (approx. 4.5 hours)
- 1 hour test with an RYA Instructor in Greece (This can be done on board).

£495 PER PERSON

Excluding flights and transfers

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
- 7 days aboard the yacht, with full instruction
- Full online theory tuition (including VHF/ GMDSS and Diesel Engine)
- The Essential Navigation & Seamanship course material
- The RYA Sail Cruising Syllabus and Logbook
- All on-board breakfasts and lunches
- 2 on-board evening meals
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This ‘fast-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.

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 quickly get qualified to Day Skipper level. The minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years.

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.

GET QUALIFIED!

This ‘fast-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.

OUT IN THE SUNNY GREEK ISLANDS

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RYA COMPETENT CREW THEORY & PRACTICAL - 1 WEEK

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Learning the ropes

You’ll live on a yacht, spending a week cruising around the sunny Ionian Islands. Along the way you’ll learn sail trimming, nautical terms, useful knots, and how to steer on a compass course.

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**TIDAL MILE BUILDER - CANARY ISLANDS**

**NEW FOR 2019!**

Tidal sailing in the sun!

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP!**

For January 2019 we are launching our Tidal Mile Builder Sailing Trip in the Canary Islands! This is a fantastic opportunity to take your sailing to the next level in tidal waters and to gain invaluable experience on board a Dufour 41.1 (2017) with guidance from our most experienced RYA Instructors, Pete and Will.

Whether you’re looking to get more miles under your belt towards a RYA Yachtmaster qualification or if you’re just keen to get as much wind in your sails as possible while exploring new waters, this is the trip for you!

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**LIFE ON BOARD**

A chance to grab some winter warmth, sunshine, and sailing!

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- Crew space on board a 2017 Dufour 41.1.
- Instruction and Guidance from our Sailing Holidays Yachtmaster instructors.
- All food and (non-alcoholic) drinks whilst on board yacht.
- Marina fees and Diesel board yacht.
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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. The luxury skippered version of our traditional ‘Share-a-Yacht’ programme allows you to book your own cabin. For this option, an onboard skipper is provided.

**HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?**

Sailors with a range of experience levels take part. 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.

We assemble crews based on people’s age and sailing experience and mix the sexes as best we can. 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 yacht or flotilla is being affected. All 36ft Beneteaus have three double cabins plus two berths in the saloon, so they are comfortable. 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. These are predominantly on one week holidays.

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) gives all participants a great opportunity to learn all about sailing in a relaxed environment. 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.

**Share-a-Yacht is a perfect way for individuals to sail with others for a week.**

For those who prefer the luxury of larger yacht sailing along with the fun of the flotillas...
Sizes to suit all groups and budgets

Our Yachts

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The BENETEAU 311s
These, the smallest of our flotilla yachts, are the ideal choice for couples or young families who are trying sailing for the first time, or making the step from dinghies to yachts. They are popular because of their easy handling and manoeuvrability. They are also a cost effective way to go sailing in the Greek Islands. These yachts feature in-mast mainsail and headsail furling making them remarkably easy to sail. They are a favourite for both beginners and well seasoned sailors. Generally, outside the school holidays, the 311’s (and the 323’s) are almost entirely couples sailing on their own. This is a popular option because you can have the privacy of your own space on board with the added benefit of socialising with others in the evenings, if you so choose.

Fittings and Equipment

Sleeps 6, ideal for 2-4
2 cabins plus saloon
Saloons fitted with a wider berth
Furling mainsail
Furling genoa
Electric anchor windlass
18HP Volvo engine
Hot & cold pressurised water
Inside shower
Bathing platform with shower
Electric fans in cabins
Electric fridge
Electric toilet
Gravity toilet holding tank
Cockpit table (fold away)
Fitted passerelle
Bimini sunshade
Battery Tender
Step-through pulpit
iPod connection for music
GPS

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

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 ventilation as well as a fan, so it cools even on a hot day.

Our Beneteau 331s (and 343s) 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 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.
**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 genoa
- Electric anchor windlass
- 28HP 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
- GPS

**Yacht Layout**
- Beneteau 35 Yacht Layout
- 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

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).

Salors 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 36 is the large bathroom area designed with a separate curtained off shower.

**Beneteau 36**

**Fittings and Equipment**
- Bathing platform with shower
- Electric fans in cabins
- Electric fridge (front opening)
- Gravity toilet holding tank
- Cockpit table
- Fitted passerelle
- Bimini sunshade
- Deep-through pulpit
- iPod connection for music

**Yacht Layout**
- Beneteau 36 Yacht Layout
- Electric fans in cabins
- Electric fridge (front opening)
- Gravity toilet holding tank
- Cockpit table
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- Bimini sunshade
- Step-through pulpit
- iPod connection for music

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Our Beneteau 38s 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 as we only have three of these boats.
Our Beneteau 40s are sleek and spacious with three double cabins and two heads. The Beneteau Oceanis range of yachts has certainly hit the spot over the years and these 40s 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.

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.

Launched: 2011
Length overall: 12.2m
Beam: 3.9m
Headroom: 3.1m
Waterline length: 11.15m
Draft: 1.8m

Our spacious new era Beneteau 45

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.
Our Yachts

**Beneteau Oceanis 'Family 50'**

- **Specifications**:
  - **Launch**: 2011/2013
  - **Length overall**: 15m
  - **Beam**: 4.49m
  - **Headroom**: 2.08m
  - **Waterline length**: 14.75m
  - **Draft**: 2.1m

- **Amenities**:
  - All ensuite cabins!
  - **Four Ensuite Cabin Beneteau Oceanis 50 Yacht Layout** (plus skippers cabin if required)

- **Key Features**:
  - Two electric fridges
  - Gas cooker with oven
  - Gravity toilet holding tanks
  - cockpit table
  - Swim area converts to double berth if required
  - Electric anchor windlass
  - Twin wheel steering
  - Electric fans in cabins

- **Fittings and Equipment**:
  - Sleeps 10, ideal for 8
  - 4 cabins with ensuite, plus a skipper’s cabin
  - Twin wheel steering
  - Immense fueling capacity
  - Furling genoas
  - Electric anchor windlass
  - 75hp Yanmar engine
  - Inboard steering with outboard engine included
  - Hot pressurised water
  - Inside washrooms (5)
  - Bathing platform with shower
  - Salon bar
  - Fitted passerelle
  - Bimini sunshade
  - iPod connection for music
  - Auto pilot
  - Chart plotter
  - Generator
  - TV & DVD player
  - Extensive galley including two full sized front opening fridges, cooker with oven
  - Gravity toilet holding tanks

**Our 'Owners version' Beneteau Oceanis Clipper 52.3**

- **Specifications**:  
  - **Launch**: 2008
  - **Length overall**: 16.20m
  - **Beam**: 4.90m
  - **Headroom**: 1.89m
  - **Waterline length**: 15.89m
  - **Draft**: 2.4m

- **Amenities**:
  - **Four Cabin Beneteau Oceanis Clipper 52.3 Yacht Layout**
  - **Sleeps 8, ideal for 6**
  - 3 large cabins with ensuite, plus a skipper’s cabin
  - Twin wheel steering
  - Lazyjacks battened mainsail system with electric halyard winch
  - Furling genoa
  - Electric anchor windlass
  - 100hp Yanmar engine
  - Inflatable dinghy with outboard engine included
  - Hot pressurised water
  - Inside washrooms (4)
  - Bathing platform with shower

- **Fittings and Equipment**:
  - Electric fans in cabins
  - Gas cooker with oven
  - Gravity toilet holding tanks
  - Cockpit table
  - Electric anchor windlass
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**Our 'Luxury Share-a-Yacht'. This is for couples and individuals who want to spoil themselves!**

- **Kalokeri**
  - Sails as a skippered yacht in the Ionian.
  - 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 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 are 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!
Independent Yacht Charter (Bareboat sailing) is where you hire a yacht and sail it 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 "off piste" 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 Mediterranean countries and assures that the yachts and providers used are of a high standard.

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

To charter a yacht 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 42-45).

We are able to arrange competitively priced flights and transfers, in this age of more expensive flights. 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! Meandering independently from harbour to harbour or island to island under sail with your own personal itinerary.

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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IT’S EASIER THAN YOU THINK... Not a sailor? No qualifications? Then this may be the one for you! Skippered Yacht Charter is a great way to learn the ropes without the responsibility. Your skipper will encourage you to take an active part in the holiday or you can just relax and take in the scenery!

Booking a skipper allows for non-sailors or sailors who want an experienced pair of hands on board to charter a larger yacht and go off the beaten track. This is ideal for those who do not have formal sailing qualifications, or those who simply wish to gain more experience out on the water, and learn from someone who does it all the time.

A skipper will 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’s a great activity holiday for the whole family to ‘get away from it all’.

WHO ARE THE SKIPPERS? We have a team of professional, experienced and qualified skippers, one of whom will sail your yacht with you. We try to select a skipper who will suit your individual requirements.

HOW MUCH DOES A SKIPPER COST? 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 crew.

A skipper costs €1,050 per week plus food. The skipper will also require their own cabin, so please bear this in mind when arranging your sailing party or group.

Skippered charter provides an excellent first step to sailing a yacht. The majority of sailors who join us return year after year thereafter. This opens up the possibility of sailing all over the Mediterranean.

A FLOATING LUXURY CHALET

This is fully crewed ultra comfort...a week or two on 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. At fiesco dining in the spacious cocktail 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 toilets are electric! Your skipper and hostess cater for your 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 view it would be a shame not to step off and explore the local eateries but, with comfort like this, we could forgive you for enjoying a night on board!

SAILING INTO THE SUNSET! The beauty of having a skipper and hostess means that you can be as hands on as you like. Your crew will just be on hand as required.

If the wind gods aren’t behaving, these yachts have large engines to get you to your next destination! All yachts 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. Many people like the idea of a very special week or fortnight on a very special boat, wandering around very special Mediterranean Islands.

You can also have a week on a luxury yacht followed by a week in a luxury villa (see pages 40-41 for the Greek villa option). This is top of the range sailing before superyachts and a memorable way to spend your holiday time if it is simple luxuries that you would like.

This is a special option for those who seek absolute privacy on their holiday.

WHEN TO BOOK? We recommend booking as early as possible in the season for the dates you require. Dates are booked on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in reserving a date, please call or email us.

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