



BOAT RULES



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*Remember that the yacht is a means of transportation! To make sure you have fun with your somewhat extreme stunts, sunbathing, swimming, fishing and other activities, we must have some rules to follow for our own safety and wellbeing. **The skipper's word is the law!** His instructions are not to be disputed. The skipper has the right to disembark any person and not allow that person back on board for gross violations of boat safety rules and common sense behavior, normal to 'life' aboard.*

Basic Boat Rules:

- Do not switch on or operate any yacht equipment without clarifying with your skipper what the equipment does and whether the action is allowed.
- Be cautious when casting off or docking of the yacht! Never try to hold or push off from any objects outside the lifelines except for strategically placed fenders. Use 3 points contact while moving on the boat.
- When using sails to propel the yacht, and with the yacht heeled over, do not leave the cockpit without the skipper's permission.
- Do not stand under wind-loaded rigging (Stays, booms, sails, lines, etc). While controlling sails, do not hold lines barehanded. Use gloves. Remember: any line handling requires having 3 or 4 turns around winches or ensuring cleats or clutches are not under load!
- Be aware at all times that the yacht may make a turn or otherwise change course suddenly.
- All technical devices assisting in operation and navigation of the yacht, entrusted to you, should be returned to their assigned places. This may be for example the following devices: winch handles, handheld compass, binoculars, etc.
- On the approach to a harbor, to an anchorage, or in complicated navigational areas, never stand in the skipper's field of view necessary to navigate the boat.
- Climb down to a cabin or to a dinghy facing stairs or ladder rungs only and holding secure handholds.
- When leaving the cockpit and moving forward, do so on the windward side of the boat, so that should you fall it will be onto the boat deck versus in the water.
- Please do not urinate over the side of the boat! This is one of the leading causes of overboard situations. Use life lines on the boat. Use common sense and safe boating practices in adverse conditions.
- Do not wear street shoes on board! Do not enter the yacht wearing dirty shoes, black stained soles, high heels or stilettos. Acceptable footwear is: light-colored non marking soles ensuring good traction on the deck. The best way is to purchase footwear specifically designed for yachts at chandleries.
- While the boat is underway deck shoes are required when leaving the cockpit.
- Conserve water! The boat carries a limited water supply. Replenishment is not always possible with infrequent access to marinas.



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- Head use is quite strict: be neat and clean. Follow rules of hygiene. Minimize use while the boat is anchored, in ports and marinas. If it is necessary to use the head then check with the skipper to ensure that the configuration is correct for use.
- Whistling and yelling while at an anchorage, while docking, or while sailing is unacceptable and is considered very bad manners showing no respect for nautical etiquette.
- Never dispose of garbage overboard either in harbors or in the open sea.
- Try not to leave your belongings on the yacht when unattended. The worst luck may be that they can fall overboard.
- Be especially cautious working in the galley particularly when the yacht is in motion under sail. Many injuries happen in the galley, especially scalding and burn. Particularly be aware of the risk of fire in the galley with loose clothing, grease and wrapping material from packaging.
- Avoid touching or coming in contact with plants and animals unfamiliar to you. It is a serious warning for your safety!
- Swimming and snorkeling are possible only in areas permitted by the skipper. Follow all precautions: you are on your own in the water! Always have a spotter!
 - **Please respect everyone staying on a board and in a marine.** Do not be aggressive or rude, using of foul language. Do not provoke the conversations regarding political topics or negative comments about Canada or any other country. Please respect the religious customs and traditions of the guests.
 - Please minimize usage of cell phones aboard to ensure a smooth regime of a vacation. We recommend use the cell phone in a cabin or remote areas on board.
 - Smoking on board is permitted only in designated areas.
 - If you are member of sailing crew do not consume alcohol until a full stop by means of an anchor, mooring, or dock.
 - For everyone do not permit excessive consumption of alcohol for the duration of the tour.
 - Keep the vessel ordered and tidy; stick to the schedule for the day.

Follow the Rules, respect each other and take care of the boat to make sure that every minute on the boat brings you an unforgettable and fun filled experience for every hour spent aboard.

Full Name (please print):

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