

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR YACHT CHARTER -LIVEABOARD (HIRE CRAFT)

'Hire craft' means a boat let out for hire for fishing as a sport or pleasure purposes only and includes the hiring of any craft or part that boat or craft.

1.0 PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF HULL:

1.1 All hire crafts shall have a canopy which shall be in good condition (canvas, Bimini, dodger, hardware)

1.2 The hull shall be in good condition (no cracks) and physically attractive.

1.3 The name of the boat and its hire craft number shall be inscribed on each side of its hull.

2.0 DECK:

2.1 The deck shall be maintained in a clean and sound condition, non- slippery, with no cracks or scratches which may affect the aesthetics and safety of the vessel.

2.2 All deck equipment shall be in good working condition (cleats, winches, rub line etc.).

2.3 All deck furniture shall be maintained in a clean and sound condition.

2.4 All upholstery shall be in a clean and good condition with no damage.

2.5 Cushions shall be placed on all seats and should be in good condition (not obligatory for dive boats).

3.0 MAIN SALOON:

3.1 Main saloon shall be maintained in a clean and good condition and fit for the purpose intended.

3.2 There shall be reasonable space for movement with reasonable access to doors and drawers.

3.3 Adequate lighting shall be available.

3.4 There shall be adequate seating and dining space for the maximum number of occupants.

4.0 GALLEY:

4.1 Galley shall be maintained in a clean and good condition and fit for the purpose intended.

4.2 There shall be adequate space for access to and safe operation of all kitchen equipment.

4.3 Adequate lighting and ventilation shall be available.

4.4 Galley shall be equipped with the following—

4.4.1. A refrigerator shall be provided which shall be adequate for the maximum number of occupants and shall be clean and in working order.

4.4.2. A sink and draining board shall be available and in working order. Hot and cold water supply shall be available.

4.4.3. An electric or gas cooker (consisting of at least two hot plates and an oven).

4.4.4. There shall be at least one hygienic working surface and suitable storage space for food. Worktops and preparation tables shall be of hard durable material so that it can be easily cleaned and disinfected.

4.4.5. If available, other equipment such as microwave oven and kettle shall be in good working condition and clean.

4.4.6. All crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils and glassware shall be matching and of good quality and adequate for clients use.

4.4.7. There shall be adequate storage space for all kitchen equipment and guests' own supplies.

4.4.8. A covered waste disposal bin and liner shall be provided.

5.0 CABIN: Cabins shall be available on live-aboard (and or where available) to accommodate all passengers and crew (Sleeping facilities should not be calculated in common areas)

5.1 Cabin shall be maintained in a clean and good condition.

5.2 All light switches and lights shall be in good working order.

5.3 Cabin shall be adequately ventilated. Where available, air conditioners or fans shall be in good working condition.

5.4 Bedding shall be provided, in good order and not stained.

5.5 Adequate clothes storage space shall be available.

5.6 All cabins, passageways and steps shall have a suitable floor finish or covering.

6.0 TOILET OR HEAD FACILITY:

6.1 Hire crafts operating up to 60 miles and over from inhabited shores shall have toilet facilities.

6.2 Toilet shall be maintained in a clean and good condition and fit for the purpose intended.

6.3 Adequate lighting shall be available.

6.4 A shower and basin shall be available and in good condition.

6.5 There shall be at least one flushable toilet equipped with toilet paper, holder and toilet brush.

6.6 Hot and cold-water supply shall be provided.

6.7 Curtain or blind for bathroom window shall be provided which shall be in a clean and in good condition.

6.8 Covered sanitary bins shall be provided.

6.9 For live a board offering crewed service, toilet or head facilities for crew members shall be separated from that of the client or guests if the entrance to the toilet or head goes through the client's cabin.

7.0 SAFETY:

7.1 Life jackets shall be available for all passengers and crew as per carrying capacity on-board with an extra 10%. Life jackets shall be clean and in good condition and shall be stored and placed to allow quick and easy access.

Lif jackets shall be either visible to passengers or their location shall be clearly marked, unobstructed and clearly visible with a sign indicating "LIFE JACKETS".

7.2 The following shall be written on a conspicuous place on-board the vessel
“Licensed to carry person within limits of..... miles from inhabited
shores”.

7.3 A well-stocked First Aid kit shall be available on board, which shall be
sufficient for the voyage and persons on board.

7.4 A Flare Kit shall be available as per the Hire Craft Act - expiration date on
flares shall be valid and the same shall be placed in an appropriate and safe
area

7.5 Flashlight and batteries shall be available. Binoculars, signal horn, bucket
with lanyard shall be in good condition, if available.

7.6 Fire extinguishers and fire blanket shall be stored in an appropriate location
with instructions for its operation, and shall be regularly serviced with a valid
expiry date.

7.7 There shall be at least 1 litre of drinking water for each person on-board.

7.8 A basic tool kit shall be available

7.9 Information kit shall be provided containing a directory of emergency
procedures and contact numbers.

7.10 Adequate staff shall be trained in line with the services offered.

8.0 General requirement:

8.1 Shall have a valid insurance policy to include third party liabilities.

8.2 A hire craft operator shall have an active email address and telephone
number