

HORIZON YACHT CHARTERS

WINCH INSURANCE ADDENDUM

All our yachts are privately owned, and we do our utmost to ensure the yachts are kept in pristine condition for both the yacht owner and the charter clients. Your yacht has powerful winches (**if the yacht you have chartered has electric winches, then this document is especially relevant**) making raising, setting, and trimming the sails a breeze! However, it is very tempting to grind away or just press the button and enjoy the effortless feeling **BUT** it is also very important for **you** to monitor the halyards, furling lines, sheets and sails.

If you continue to grind on a winch or press the electric winch button longer than necessary and over-tension the halyards, sheets, or other control lines, you can cause severe damage to the sails, or even the mast. When using a winch, it is imperative that you watch the sails being hoisted or unfurled/furled and **DO NOT OVER-TENSION** on the winch. Ensure the halyard is correctly attached, and not caught around anything like a spreader! On roller mainsails, do not take the clew beyond the black band on the boom. Ease the inhaul line as you pull on the outhaul and vice versa when putting the sail away. Set the jib by easing the furling line and pulling on the sheet and furl it by pulling on the furling line with two turns around the winch, pulling by hand on a broad reach – you should only need a winch handle (and two more turns on the winch) if it is very windy. Look at your sails when they are set – do they look good? Remember, a flappy sail is an unhappy sail! Check all the reefing lines, check the lazy jacks, the topping lift tension – none when you are sailing. Remember to re-tension it before you drop the sail though. Do not open clutches under load, always take the load onto a winch first. Ask us for any tips to get the most out of sailing your yacht. Any damage caused by the misuse of winches is negligence and is **NOT** covered on your HDW Insurance and repairs must be paid for in full by yourselves. The resultant damage may also result in immediate cancellation of your charter.

Please take extra care when using electric winches to avoid unnecessary damage and expense and potential termination of your charter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Signed in agreement with the above Addendum:

Name: _____ Yacht: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____