*HORIZON YACHT CHARTERS*

SKIPPER’S INFORMATION

The following information is designed to make your sailing vacation a more pleasant experience and to help you, in case of difficulties, so please take a few minutes to read it.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

1. We expect you to return the yacht in a good seaman-like condition. If this is not the case you will be charged a cleaning fee for any extra clean up required.
2. At the end of your charter please:
3. Bag up your linens into trash bags or the pillowcases
4. Remove your garbage and place it in the bins behind the hotel
5. Complete the Charter Evaluation sheet and be ready for debriefing with our staff
6. Return any snorkel or dive equipment rented back to the office
7. Ensure that the mainsail cover and washboards are left in the cockpit
8. Please stow the inventory in its correct place as this makes the final check much easier.
9. All charters end at NOON (unless by prior arrangement). Please allow enough time to pack your bags and clean up so that you can disembark by noon. Late returns will be charged an extra half-day of charter fee. Remember that check-in at Maurice Bishop International Airport or at the E. T. Joshua Airport in St. Vincent for return flights are no later than 2 hours prior to scheduled departure.
10. After visiting a beach, please prevent sand from getting on board the boat and in the dinghy by rinsing your feet before boarding the yacht/dinghy.

DRUGS

Horizon Yacht Charters has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regard to drugs. Possession of drugs, including marijuana, is strongly condemned by all authorities in our cruising areas. Penalties, including jail sentences, are severe.

DINGHY

Appoint a “dinghy captain”. Make sure that he/she shortens the line before anchoring or docking and tends to it while you are maneuvering. A dinghy painter around the prop shaft can cause serious damage, expense and embarrassment. Make sure that the dinghy is well cleated or tied off at all times. Yachts and dinghies have been known to part company. When securing the dinghy to a dock, please ensure by using a stern anchor that it will not go under the dock. Always use a flashlight when underway after sunset. Non-swimmers should wear a life jacket. The dinghy should not be operated by anyone under the age of 18.

When anchoring a rigid inflatable dinghy, please anchor by the stern or by attaching the anchor line to the dinghy painter thereby avoiding chafe on the rubber tubes.

LINENS/TOWELS

Each charter is supplied with adequate linens and towels. Please do not use them to mop up oil, fuel or food spills. A floor cloth is provided. Please advise us if any are lost overboard. This can be avoided by bringing towels in at night (when it is too damp to dry them anyway) and while sailing (which is wet anyway)!

BLOCKED HEADS

Please do not flush anything down the heads unless it has been eaten first and only use small amounts of paper at a time to avoid blocked heads. There is an $180.00 fee to unblock a head plus any other charges incurred in reaching you while out on charter (unless the problem is due to a malfunctioning part in the head).

SECURITY

It is necessary to lock your vessel while you visit ashore as there are the occasional isolated incidents. Do not leave cash or valuables lying around, whether on board your yacht, in the dinghy or while on the beach. Please use the cable and lock provided for your dinghy.

SECURITY INSURANCE

Please refer to the HDW (Hull Damage Waiver) Insurance Explanation sheet given to you with your paperwork. When HDW insurance is taken, there is a maximum of $2000 deductible for items broken, lost or damaged except where negligence is sighted.

NEGLIGENCE

Is defined as follows: any action that may result in serious damage or loss caused by a flagrant break of regulations/procedures or by a dangerous act which a charterer should have reasonably been expected to know was incorrect.

PROP WRAP

Please note, there is an automatic charge against Charterer’s security deposit of US$500 for a wrapped prop, or wrapped bow thruster, by any line, or flotsam/jetsam in the water (this could be but is not limited to any of the following - dinghy painter, mooring pennant, lines that fall off the yacht while underway, any line, bag, fishing line or other item in the water, or any other line/item that causes a wrapped prop) any repairs needed over and above the US$500 automatic charge will be dealt with according to our HDW policy and Client Responsibility Agreement.

GROUNDING

There is an automatic charge of US$500 against Charterer’s security deposit for any grounding of the vessel. Any repairs needed over and above the US$500 automatic charge will be dealt with according to our HDW policy and Client Responsibility Agreement.

FISH TRAPS

Keep a good look-out at all times. Beware of small floating markers, usually white. Do not go between two close markers together – they are connected. Frequently, the second marker is half-submerged or invisible, so keep well clear. If you do catch a fish-trap, try to re-mark it before you cut it loose - this is someone’s living. If you wrap one in the prop and require us to free you, there will be a charge of US$500.00.

GRATUITIES

For those of you who have a bareboat captain or cook, it is customary to leave him/her a tip at the end of the charter. This is purely discretionary, but as a rule of thumb 10% - 15% of the charter cost is normal.

BUOYAGE

Red Right Returning – however there are very few navigation markers.

CARDINAL RULES

1. Windward boat keeps clear
2. Boat on port tack keeps clear
3. Overtaking boat keeps clear
4. Boat running free keeps clear
5. Power vessel keeps clear of sail (unless sailing vessel is overtaking)

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT VACATION AND GREAT SAILING!!