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Bahamas Abacos

March 21-28, 2026



8-Day Sailing Flotilla

The Bahamas are a sailor's dream – steady trade winds, clear turquoise waters and endless chances to snorkel, swim, and experience these laid back islands and Authentic Bahamian Culture. With 3-5 hours of sailing each day and plenty of time for beach stops and onshore adventures, our Abacos Flotilla is the perfect blend of relaxation, socialization and exploration. ***Space is limited!***

TRIP COST

Catamaran \$1650 USD*

Monohull \$2795 USD*

*Per person based on double occupancy / cabin

*Detailed terms and conditions on pages 4-8

Sailing Package Highlights:

- 8 days & 7 nights on board
- Join as a single, couple or boat load of friends!
- Don't worry about chartering the boat, assembling the crew or planning the route.
- Let us take care of the details; you enjoy the sailing.
- Our experienced flotilla leaders will be there to support and lead you to the next beautiful 'hot spot' and breathtaking destination of the day.
- An excellent opportunity for new basic cruising graduates to experience a unique sailing vacation.
- A reassuring opportunity for those who would like to skipper the boat while having the security of experienced flotilla leaders on hand.

This year don't miss the boat!

Email your application to info@advantageboating.com

TICO # 50024581 *Note: All prices in US funds, per person based on double occupancy in a cabin on a monohull or catamaran and subject to boat availability. Flight travel & health/cancellation insurance, land transfer costs & fuel are not included. Provisioning is the responsibility of each boat.

2026 Abacos Flotilla Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONTACT:

Name: _____

Please print your first and last name as they appear on your passport. Also list the name you regularly use if different from your passport.

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I am travelling with a CDN Passport? YES NO (Country): _____

TRIP COST (per person based on double occupancy/cabin)

Catamaran \$1650 USD*

Monohull \$2795 USD*

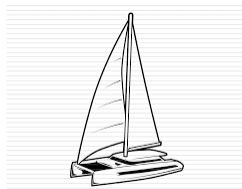
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VESSEL PREFERENCE :

Vessel preference:

Catamaran

Monohull





I AM TRAVELLING:

- ☐ Single (Options include to purchase a whole cabin or be assigned to share a cabin)
- ☐ I am OK to share a double bed & cabin
- ~~If available, I am OK to sleep in a a shared smaller cabin with single bunk beds~~
- ~~If available, I am OK to sleep in a shared cabin with two single beds~~
- ☐ I will pay additional (double) fare to ensure my own cabin
- ☐ Couple (Cabin mate name): _____
- ☐ Boat load (Crew mate names): _____

PERSONAL INFO (your applications are kept confidential)

- Do you suffer from motion sickness? Yes No
- Do you have allergies and/or dietary restrictions? Yes No
- Please describe: _____
- Do you have any mobility issues? Yes No
- Please describe: _____
- Can you Swim? Yes No
- Strong Swimmer OK Swimmer Weak Swimmer
- Are you claustrophobic? Yes No
- Do you have any medical concerns we should know about Yes No
- Please describe: _____
- Do you smoke? Yes No
- Are you a light sleeper (we recommend ear plugs if you are)? Yes No

SAILING EXPERIENCE



Have you sailed before? Yes No

Your role on the boat: Skipper Crew Both

Number of years (as skipper): _____ (as crew): _____

Your confidence on the boat as skipper: Strong Medium Weak

How much sailing have you done in the last 2 years: _____

Do you currently own a boat? Yes No

How many years?: _____ Type of boat : _____

Marina/Club: _____

Have you previously owned a boat? Yes No

How many years?: _____ Type of boat : _____

Marina/Club: _____

Do you hold any certifications (check all which apply)?

Basic Cruising Year obtained

Intermediate Cruising Year obtained

Advanced Cruising Year obtained

VHF-ROC(M) Year obtained

Basic Coastal Navigation Year obtained

Intermediate Coastal Nav. Year obtained

ICC Year obtained

Other sailing experience or certifications? _____

Are you interested in being a skipper for one of the catamaran's? Yes No

UNDERSTANDING FLOTILLA AND YACHT CHARTER COSTS

1. Flotilla costs and what's included

Your flotilla fee includes various costs including the charter fee of your yacht. Here is a breakdown of the costs to help you understand what is included in your flotilla package:

End cleaning, starter pack and charter company handling fees

These are one-time mandatory fees from the charter company.. The mandatory starter pack includes some basic supplies to get you started on your charter. These fees are included in your flotilla fee.

Fuel

Your flotilla fees include your yacht starting the flotilla with a full tank of fuel. You will be expected to refuel upon arrival back at the base at the end of the charter. The cost for topping off the fuel tank at the end of the flotilla is not included in your flotilla fee and should be paid out of the 'boat kitty'.

Water

Your flotilla fees include your yacht starting the flotilla with full tanks of water. You should double check that your water tanks are full before you leave the dock. You may have the opportunity to fill your tanks along the way should you require more. Refilling your tanks with water during your trip is not included in your flotilla fee; these costs should be paid out of the 'boat kitty'. You can return the yacht with empty tanks.

Tourist Cruising tax

Some countries have a tourist cruising tax calculated per person based on the length of visit. For countries which do, this is a tax usually collected by the charter base and then remitted to the country. It is either paid upon arrival at the base or in some instances paid in advance when you reserve your yacht. If there is a tourist or cruising tax, these fees will be included in your flotilla fee. Bahamas charges a foreign charter tax which is included in your Flotilla fee.

Carefree Package

Your flotilla fees include the "Carefree Package". This package includes welcome package, final cleaning, bed sheets and towels, dinghy with an outboard engine and fuel, propane gas for cooking, full water and fuel tanks at the start of the charter, and snorkelling equipment. It also includes a damage waiver (covering damages) with reduced security deposit addressed specifically to blocked toilets, unpaid fuel, lost equipment, unpaid fees & fines, and returning the boat in an extremely dirty state.

Refundable Security Deposit or Damage Waiver:

To insure your yacht while on charter, all yachts require a non refundable damage waiver (paid by Advantage Boating) and a refundable security deposit (paid by the skipper of the boat). The refundable security deposit is authorized by credit card or left in cash by the skipper of record upon arrival at the base. This amount represents the maximum deductible should any damage to the yacht or items listed under Navigare's Carefree package occur. In the event there is a claim made against the boat (by the charter company) the security deposit will be used to cover costs up to a maximum of \$1250 USD, and the amount owing will be divided equally by all people on board that boat.

Equipped Galley

Your yacht will be fully equipped with all the kitchen essentials, like pots, pans, utensils, plates etc. to accommodate the maximum guest capacity on your boat. Blenders, toasters, microwaves and coffee makers are found on board the majority of boats equipped with generators. For boats without a generator, a percolator or french press is provided.

Safety Equipment

Life jackets are provided for all guests and are located in lockers aboard your yacht. Be sure to check the sizes before leaving the docks. Every yacht is fitted with standard safety equipment including a VHF radio, first-aid kit, emergency tiller, horseshoe lifebuoy with light and line, fog horn, two safety harnesses, fire extinguishers, life raft, tool box with wooden plugs, distress signal kit, and secondary anchor. Additional safety equipment may be supplied to meet the requirements of the country where the vessel was registered.

Navigation & Other Equipment

Yachts are equipped with marine electronics including a depth sounder and chart plotter. The navigation equipment on board also includes a chart, a cruising guide and binoculars. You can also expect your yacht to be equipped with a dodger and bimini for shade, wind instruments, furling genoa, reefable furling or battened mainsail with stackpack or lazy jacks, and an electric windlass.

Dinghy with Outboard

A dinghy with an outboard engine is included in your flotilla fee.

Flotilla Leader(s)

Ron Schute and Doris Parolin are your lead skippers and flotilla leaders. We pride ourselves on our well organized and high quality flotilla sailing vacations. We strive to ensure your sailing vacation is fun, interesting and trouble free from the moment you book until you pull back into the harbour at the end of your trip. We offer detailed trip planning guidance, route planning, information about the destinations, technical support during the trip as well as help with docking procedures in harbours and anchorages.

Also included in your flotilla vacation:

- Pre-departure preparation & guidance for provisioning and packing for your trip
- An expertly guided sailing tour led by Ron Schute and Doris Parolin
- Chart briefing and assistance with boat technical briefing
- Daily informative skipper meetings
- Daily briefings on weather, course, swim stops and ports of call
- VHF radio and/or cell phone contact & on water support
- Onshore recommendations for interesting sights & activities & social activities
- A well-researched, gastronomic selection of local restaurants

2. The following costs are not included in your flotilla fee:

Boat Kitty

A Boat Kitty will be set up on each boat. To start, each person on board will contribute ~\$100 USD to "the boat kitty". This cash (in small denominations) covers items such as ice for the cooler, boat fuel, fresh water tank refills, mooring fees, additional required groceries, customs and immigration fees (if required). If

“the kitty” runs low then each person will be asked to add a bit more money. At the end of the trip any money left over in the boat kitty is divided equally among each person on board.

Fuel & water top up

The cost for topping off the vessel's fuel tank at the end of the flotilla is not included in your flotilla fee. These costs should be paid out of the 'boat kitty'.

Mooring and anchoring

Anchoring in the Abacos is free; however, mooring ball and marina fees (beyond fees at the charter base on the first and last evening) are paid locally and are not included in the flotilla. In the Mediterranean ports, yachts generally reverse and dock stern to the seawall or dock. This is known as Med mooring. In the Caribbean, mooring is generally by mooring ball, anchor or at a marina facility. Any docking or mooring ball fees should be paid out of the 'boat kitty'.

Marine toilets

Vessels are equipped with either a manual or electric toilet. Proper use of marine toilets (heads) is critical to a successful charter experience **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THE HEAD THAT YOU DID NOT EAT FIRST**. This includes toilet paper - with NO exceptions. To fix a blocked head will cost you and take away valuable time from your flotilla experience.

Provisioning

Provisioning fees are not included. Don't forget to include spices, condiments, salt & pepper and non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper and paper towels in your provisioning. In some cases it is possible to pre-order some or all of your provisions. We encourage each boat in the flotilla to plan their provisions as a group. We will provide full provisioning details of how to plan for group provisioning during the flotilla 'all-hands' pre-departure meeting.

On average, we anticipate that each person will spend ~ \$45 - \$65 USD per day to cover the costs of the Boat Kitty & provisioning in Bahamas.

Other extra costs in your flotilla vacation:

- Flights and transfers
- All land excursions, hotels, transport, car hire and meals
- Trip cancellation, trip interruption and medical insurance

3. Required Sailing Certification

As Crew: To join our flotilla sailing vacation as crew, we recommend that you have a minimum of your Sail Canada Basic Cruising (or equivalent) certification.

As Skipper: To join our flotilla sailing vacation as a skipper we require a minimum of Transport Canada's PCOC, Sail Canada's Intermediate Cruising certification (or equivalent), VHF-ROC(M), Basic Coastal Navigation, ICC (in the Mediterranean) and a completed sailing resume indicating your sailing experiences as skipper. Original certificates must be brought with you,

PRICING AND INVOICING:

Our flotilla prices are shown in US dollars. Pricing is subject to change without prior notice until a booking is confirmed. A booking is not confirmed until a 50% deposit payment is received along with the filled out and signed Advantage Boating Abaco Flotilla application and Advantage Boating acknowledges and reviews your application. Payment (deposit and balance) can be made by cash (USD or CAD equivalent), VISA (CAD equivalent) or Mastercard (CAD equivalent). At time of payment, the most current exchange rate will be used if paying in CAD funds.

2026 ABACOS FLOTILLA BOOKING & PAYMENT TERMS

- All prices are in US\$ funds (unless otherwise specified) per person based on double occupancy in a cabin.
- A deposit of 50% is due at the time of booking to secure your spot; price increases are not permitted.
- To be confirmed, a booking must include the completed and signed form along with your deposit payment and acknowledgement of receipt by Advantage Boating.
- Balance payment is due **NOV 1, 2025**.
- Prices include yacht charter from 5:00 PM on the first day of the flotilla until 9:00 AM on the last day of your flotilla and include costs as described below "Understanding Flotilla and Yacht Charter Costs".
- Each flotilla participant is expected to contribute to a 'Boat Kitty' (~ \$100 USD) which covers items such as ice, fresh water tank refills, mooring or docking fees and additional groceries needed on board. If the boat kitty runs low, then each person will be asked to add more money. At the end of the trip, any money left over in the boat kitty will be divided equally among each person on board.
- Participants confirm they are Canadian citizens travelling on a Canadian passport valid for 6 months beyond the date of travel.
- Living standards and practices at the destination and conditions there, with respect to the provisions of utilities, services and accommodations, may differ from those found in Canada.
- Participants are required to adhere to all government travel protocols for the Bahamas.
- When a Government issues a Travel Advisory, Advantage Boating will update the customer where possible. The final responsibility however lies with the Customer to be up to date with current Government Travel Advisories.
- The customer confirms they understand the details on all pages in this application.
- What is included onboard will vary per vessel as described below "Understanding Flotilla and Yacht Charter Costs"
- Flight transfers, any land excursions, hotels, transport, car hire, on board provisioning and meals ashore are not included.
- Advantage Boating recommends all participants to purchase travel cancellation and medical insurance to protect themselves from unforeseen events. It is the customer's responsibility to purchase sufficient travel cancellation insurance for their trip to protect them from cancellations and/or changes that result but are not limited to flight cancellations, trip interruption, lost luggage, sickness, accidents, deaths, emergencies and travel advisories.
- Advantage Boating reserves the right to substitute suitable comparable yachts as necessary for exigencies beyond its control.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2026 ABACOS FLOTILLA REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2026 Abaco Flotilla fee is non-refundable. We encourage you to take out trip cancellation.
- Advantage Boating is not responsible for any additional expenses or losses that the Customer may incur as a result of the cancelled booking such as, but not limited to, flights, hotels, non-refundable transportation costs, travel documentation, loss of salary, time or enjoyment and all other expenses pertaining to the Customer's trip.
- No refunds are issued for any government travel disruptions including, but not limited to border closures, travel restrictions and regulations preventing Advantage Boating from operating the 2026 Abacos Flotilla at the departure destination. In the instance of any government travel disruptions, the Flotilla will be deferred to a similar Flotilla within 12 months of your originally scheduled Flotilla.
- Advantage Boating recommends all participants purchase travel cancellation and medical insurance to protect themselves from unforeseen events. It is the customer's responsibility to purchase sufficient travel cancellation insurance for their trip to protect them from cancellation and/or changes that result but are not limited to, flight cancellation, trip interruption, lost luggage, sickness, accidents, deaths, emergencies and travel advisories.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ALL CLAIMS, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY & ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

- I understand and accept that the sailing holiday organized by Advantage Boating Inc. and taking place in Abacos, Bahamas March 21-28, 2026 inclusive ("2026 Abacos Flotilla") involves risks and I voluntarily undertake these risks. I am solely responsible for my actions both on board the sailing vessel and ashore. By this statement of waiver, I release Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers and any other persons officially related to the "2026 Abacos Flotilla" sailing holiday organized by Advantage Boating Inc. from all responsibility for any personal injuries, property damages or losses incurred by my participation during the course of the "2026 Abacos Flotilla". I understand that I am responsible for my own property, medical, travel interruption/cancellation insurance for this trip.
- I understand that Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers, and any other persons officially related to the "2026 Abacos Flotilla" organized by Advantage Boating Inc. are not responsible for mechanical breakdowns, group dynamic problems and physical and emotional ailments and stresses due to, including but not limited to, seasickness, heat, sun rashes, strokes, intoxication and/or lack of sleep.
- I understand that Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers and any other persons officially related to the "2026 Abacos Flotilla" organized by Advantage Boating Inc. are not responsible for any medical treatment onboard or otherwise.
- Advantage Boating Inc. will make every effort to maintain the complete itinerary but bad weather, heavy winds and unforeseen mechanical issues may alter the itinerary and yacht skippers and/or Advantage Boating Inc. "2026 Abacos Flotilla" leaders will make departure decisions based on these factors. Flotillas may sail in 6 Beaufort wind and sea conditions but any higher wind warnings may alter the itinerary. For safety reasons, I understand that the Skipper and/or flotilla leader's word is the law aboard the vessel and for the duration of the flotilla.

Your agreement

I hereby acknowledge and agree to the points above in the "2026 Abacos Flotilla Liability Waiver" by completing my name, date and signature below.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____



SAILOR PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Information: (Catamaran \$1650 USD / Monohull \$2750 USD):

(Cost per person, per week based on double occupancy in a cabin)

Total trip cost (for applicant): _____

I am also paying for (Name): _____

Total cost to be charged (combined): _____

Method of payment: Cash-CAD Cash-USD VISA MC

Name as it appears on your credit card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Deposit: Cash-CAD Cash-USD VISA MC

Deposit USD (50% minimum): _____

Exchange rate (on day of transaction): _____ Amount paid in CAD: _____

Date deposit charged / received: _____

Balance Owed (USD) (Due Nov 1, 2025): _____

Balance: Cash-CAD Cash-USD VISA MC

Balance USD: _____

Exchange rate (on day of transaction): _____ Amount paid in CAD: _____

Date balance charged / received: _____

Balance Owed (USD) (Due Nov 1, 2025): _____