



## Vacation Courses - Yacht Charter Costs Explained

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR COURSE:

- Course instruction by a Sail Canada professionally trained and certified instructor
- Course materials
- Exams and certification fees
- Yacht charter from 1700 on the first day of your program until 0900 on the last day of your program; 7 days Saturday to Saturday
- Mandatory yacht charter costs listed below
- A budget (per person) for split provisions for meals on board the boat (6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 3 dinners, drinking water and miscellaneous staple items such as cleaning supplies, food condiments and some spices)
- Dockage fees for the first and last night of your course

### YACHT INVENTORY:

What is included will vary per yacht but as a guide a charter yacht will include: dinghy, full cruising area charts and cruising guide or pilot book, navigational equipment (binoculars, hand bearing compass and course plotting equipment), initial full tank of water, fuel and cooking gas, VHF radio, autopilot, electric anchor windlass, wind instruments, furling or battened mainsail, furling genoa sail, galley equipment (cooking and eating utensils), standard safety equipment (navigational and first aid), hot water, bed linen, FM radio, CD player, dodger and bimini for shade, berthing fees at home port.

You can also expect your charter yacht to include GPS (plotter), cabin fans, cabin reading lights, BBQ, outboard engine, snorkelling flippers (not snorkel and goggles) and cockpit cushions.

### MANDATORY YACHT CHARTER COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR COURSE:

#### 1. Refundable security deposit or damage waiver

All yachts require a security deposit (paid by Advantage Boating) and a damage waiver payment (paid by Advantage Boating) to insure your yacht while on charter. A refundable security deposit is authorized by credit card or left in cash upon arrival at the base. This amount represents the maximum deductible and any damage to the yacht will be deducted up to the total amount authorized. A damage waiver is a non-refundable charge based on a daily amount. It is charged even if no damages occur to the yacht, however it offers peace of mind that even if the yacht incurs significant damage, you will only incur the cost up to the maximum of the security deposit. In the event there is a damage claim made against the boat (by the charter company), the security deposit will not be refunded, and the amount owing will be divided equally between the students onboard and made payable to Advantage Boating within 2 weeks of the completion of the course.

## 2. End cleaning, starter pack and handling fees

These are one-time mandatory fees. The mandatory starter pack includes some basic supplies to get you started on your charter. These fees are included in your course pricing.

## 3. Fuel

Your boat will have a full tank of fuel. Upon arrival back at the base at the end of your course the boat will need to be refilled with fuel. This cost is covered in your course pricing.

## 4. Water

Water tanks on your yacht will be full upon arrival but you will have the opportunity to fill your tanks along the way should you require more. Any costs incurred during your course to refill the water tanks will be divided evenly between each student on board. You can return the yacht with empty tanks.

## 5. Tourist tax or cruising tax

This is a tax per person normally added in Croatia and Caribbean destinations. It is normally paid upon arrival at the base or in some instances paid in advance. These fees are covered in your course pricing.

## EXTRA COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR COURSE:

### Meals Ashore & Boat Kitty

Meals ashore, alcohol and costs of provisions above the budget are not included. In general, most marinas offer mini markets or larger supermarkets nearby. In some cases it is possible to pre-order some or all of your provisions. We will provide full provisioning details at the pre-departure meeting for your course.

Boat Kitty starts with each person on board contributing ~\$55 US dollars which covers items such as ice, garbage removal from boat, freshwater tank refills, mooring or docking fees, and additional groceries. If the boat kitty runs low then each person is asked to add more money. At the end of the trip any money left over in the boat kitty is divided equally among each person on board.

### Mooring and anchoring fees

In the Caribbean, mooring is generally by mooring ball, anchor or at a marina facility. Mooring ball & docking fees will be divided evenly between each student on board or paid from the kitty.

### Other items not included in the cost of your course:

- Provisioning costs above your split provisioning budget
- Flights and transfers
- Any land excursions, hotels, transport or car hire
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance

## PRICING & INVOICING:

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