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## Yacht charter costs explained

### Vacation Courses

A yacht will have the basic charter rate fee but like hiring a car, there are additional mandatory costs.

#### **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 them while on charter. A refundable security deposit is authorized by credit card or left in cash upon arrival at the base. The amount (\$600 USD) 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 piece 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Water**

Yacht water tanks 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.

#### **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

### Provisioning & Boat Kitty

You will be provided a budget (per person) for split provisions, which will include 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners, drinking water and miscellaneous items such as cleaning supplies, food condiments such as salt and pepper. 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 ~\$50 USD and covers items such as:

- Ice
- Boat fuel
- Fresh water tank refills
- Mooring fees
- Additional groceries
- Customs/immigration fees

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

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.

## Not included in the cost of your course

- Provisioning costs above your split provisioning budget
- Flights and transfers
- Any land excursions, hotels, transport, car hire and meals ashore
- Cancellation and medical insurance
- Boat Kitty

## 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 equipment and cockpit cushions.

## Pricing and invoicing

Our course prices are shown in USD. Pricing is subject to change without prior notice. A booking is not confirmed until a 50% deposit payment is received. Payment (deposit and balance) can be made by cash (US or CND equivalent), US bank draft, Visa (CND equivalent) or Mastercard (CND equivalent). All website exchange rates are advisory and are intended to provide general currency rate. At time of payment, the most current exchange rate will be used if payment is made in CND funds.