

Cabin Allocation for Overnight Stays During Practical Courses at Elite Sailing

During current Covid 19 regulations and guidance all training courses are running non-residential in the sense that overnight stays are not required. This is because residential courses would have people from multiple households living together in a small yacht and taking communal meals. This would not comply with government guidance so we cannot do it. Where possible customers are asked to return home overnight or arrange to stay in local hotel or b&b. We appreciate that this isn't very convenient – as with many other aspects of life with this pandemic. In cases where daily travel is difficult we are willing to allocate a cabin to an individual or couple within covid safe guidelines and subject to the conditions below. The limitation is that no more than 2 households may share indoor accommodation. So we can make up to 2 cabins per boat available so customers are likely to be asked to share a boat with another person or couple (staying in another cabin). There is a small charge to cover sanitisation between customers and administration.

Cabin availability on standard courses (weekends and 5 days) is limited to Saturday evening during weekend courses and Mon to Thu evenings on 5 day courses. Cabins are not available on the night before a course starts or the night it ends.

Cabins are very limited so must be booked in advance – preferably at the time of booking the course. If someone comes on a course and asks to stay overnight but has not pre-booked a cabin we are unlikely to be able to help. The Chatham Marina toilet facilities are available 24 hours. Showers are available too but there could be a wait at times.

This cabin allocation service is only possible if everyone concerned is careful and considerate and pays due regard to all the following terms and conditions:

1. Cabins must be pre-booked through the Elite Sailing Office and paid for in advance. They are not available at no-notice.
2. You would need to use only the marina toilet facilities which are open 24H (not the toilet on the boat). The marina showers are available too although there could be a delay. They should be used in preference to the shower on the boat. If because of delay in the marina shower you want to use the one on the boat you must agree shared access if there is another household on the boat and you must pump out the shower drain and clean the whole compartment thoroughly and disinfectant it after every use.
3. If you are staying on the same yacht you are sailing on, you will be asked to clean, tidy and disinfect the whole of the communal areas on the boat and complete this before other crew arrive – normally before 0900 or whatever time is briefed by the instructor. This means removing all your belongings to your cabin and wiping all contact surfaces in the communal areas and the cockpit access with disinfectant wipes. You will be asked to confirm that you have done that. If it has not been done the instructor will not be able to resume the course.
4. If you are staying on a different yacht from the one you are sailing we will still need full access to the yacht you are staying on so we will have to ask you to leave all belongings inside your cabin and leave the galley, wc compartment and saloon area clean and tidy before leaving the boat each day.
5. You will have to bring your own bedding – a sleeping bag and a lower sheet, pillow etc.
6. No food or condiments will be provided.
7. Use of Galley Facilities. The galley facilities are not approved for use for meal preparation during a course. Customers are asked to bring packed lunches. If you are staying overnight you can use the galley facilities to assist in making your own meal. But you will be using the galley at your own risk and we advise wiping all surfaces with disinfectant before and after use. The facility has to be shared with another household staying aboard. We recommend restricting meals to pre-made dishes that just need heating up. Please remove all waste from the boat daily and certainly before you leave.

8. Occupants are responsible for attending to surface and hand hygiene and social distancing during their stay.
9. On the last morning of your stay please pack and clean your cabin, completing this before 0830. There will be no time to do that at the end of the day. If you are staying on another yacht please vacate the accommodation and remove your belongings by 0830, leaving all spaces you have occupied as you would wish to find them - clean, tidy and with all refuse removed – and take your belongings to the boat you are sailing. If a cabin or boat is left in poor condition we reserve the right to charge occupants for extra cleaning.
10. There is a charge of £25 per cabin per night (irrespective of 1 or 2 occupants) capped at £50 per continuous stay.

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