

Notes for booking Cruising Trips in 2024



This year's cruising plan will continue to aim for five people per yacht, so no cabins are shared, e.g. five people in an eight-berth three-cabin yacht. If couples sign up we could adjust this. So sleeping arrangements might typically be one person per cabin and two on opposite sides of the saloon. So slightly more expensive, but more comfortable.

We do grade our trips from difficulty level 1 to 3 (low to high). Full definitions are on the website; see *About Us/Cruising/Cruising Eligibility and Difficulty Policy*. Please ask if you are at all uncertain. The same section of the website has other policies and information related to our cruising activities.

We will book yachts when we have had deposits from members but note we may have to change plans if constrained by yacht availability. So please choose what you want to do and book early to help us book the yachts you want in what will be another very busy UK charter season. If there is more club demand than yacht availability we do run waiting lists. If there is insufficient demand then trips may be cancelled.

The programme will go up on the website as "Deposit events" with a £50 deposit for UK weekend trips as usual.

Balance payments are often requested several months in advance by charterers but we usually put a "Balance payment event" up on our website around one month before the trip. Members who have already paid their deposit will be sent a code by email to use for registering on their "Balance" event to pay their balance. At this stage crews and skippers are finalised and a pre-trip crew briefing meeting arranged. Joining instructions will also be made available.

The prices estimated and deposit-plus-balance payments cover the basic yacht charter. Other costs of the trip including marina fees and provisioning are additional and usually covered by a per boat "kitty" system.

Do contact me if you have any questions.

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