



Ocean Adventures Sailing - Solent Sailing Weekend

Welcome to Ocean Adventures, I am pleased to confirm your booking for your Solent Sailing Weekend, or if open dated. Please check dates available on our website, choose a day and send an email and we will confirm. Sailing is really exciting and we want you to enjoy your time with us as much as possible. You will soon be experiencing the thrill of cutting through the waves feeling the spray on your face....however first some essential details! If at any time you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact one of our team either by phone or e-mail.

The Yacht

The yacht we will use is '*Quintessence*'. She is a beautiful Bavaria 42 ft cruising/racing yacht and is equipped with all the latest safety equipment. She is coded by the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency for up to ten people although we never take more than six people sailing. Quintessence is an extremely comfortable yacht, and it is usually possible for you to enjoy the privacy of your own cabin, with wash hand basin and adjacent heads compartment (toilet). Quintessence benefits from central heating and pressurised hot and cold running water; in addition, full marina facilities including showers, toilets etc will be available wherever we stay overnight.

Schedule for the weekend .

You are welcome to join your yacht at Universal Marina, near Southampton on either the Friday evening 7.30 or after or the Saturday morning around 9.00. Your skipper will welcome you aboard and help you settle into the yacht and find your berth. There is usually chance to go for a drink/meal at the bar and get to know the rest of the weekend's crew.

Breakfast is provided on board the yacht. Following a comprehensive safety briefing on Saturday morning, we then down the Hamble river on to the Solent and raise our sails. Once all on board are familiar with the yacht's controls we set sail, spending the day sailing the Solent. There is ample time for everyone to practise a range of crewing responsibilities, including helming. Our specific itinerary is dependent on prevailing weather conditions and tides however we regularly stay overnight at places such as Chichester, Lyminster or Cowes, widely regarded as one of the world's leading yachting centres. Lunch is provided on board, whilst Saturday's evening meal is taken ashore at a venue of your choice. Your skipper will be happy to recommend the best local restaurants/pubs.

On Sunday, there is a further full day's cruising on the Solent before making our return back to Universal Marina by approximately 4.30pm.

Breakfast, lunch, snacks and hot and cold drinks whilst on board are all included in the cost of the trip. Your evening meal on Saturday night is not included.

What to bring

All specialist safety equipment is provided, so there is no need to bring any lifejackets, oilskins etc. unless you would prefer to use your own. It is advisable to be prepared for the unpredictable nature of the British climate by dressing casually with lots of thin layers, packing any other belongings into a soft, smallish bag that can be easily stowed on board the yacht. Don't forget the following:

- Thin layers of clothing e.g. t-shirts, sweatshirts, tracksuit bottoms, long johns
- A change of clothes
- Sun cream and hat (something like a baseball cap, that can withstand wind is useful)
- Gloves (for rope work)
- Waterproof/windproof jacket if available although oilskins are available on the yacht
- Non slip shoes - most trainers are fine
- Towel and wash kit
- Sleeping bag and pillow - alternatively they can be booked in advance (please advise at time of booking)

Getting there

Universal Marina,
Crableck Lane,
Sarisbury Green,
Southampton,
SO31 7ZN

By Road

Leave the M27 at Junction 8.

Then at the roundabout take the third exit onto the A3024.

At Windhover Roundabout take the first exit onto the A27.

After approximately two miles you will pass a cricket pitch on your right hand side, immediately after this turn right onto Barnes Lane.

Take the first right onto Holly Hill Lane.

Turn right onto Crableck Lane, this will lead you down to the marina.

Please have a look at our website for more information and map.

Quintessence is moored in marina. However, we usually find the easiest way to meet with your skipper is to call him on 07740644466 and he will be happy to come and find you then take you down to the yacht.

That's just about everything. Don't forget, you'll be shown how to play a full part in the running of the boat and even take the wheel if you like but none of this is compulsory, if you prefer to sit back and admire the view that's fine. Please also note that, unfortunately, sailing trips can be subject to cancellation at short notice due to inclement weather. Should this be the case you are free to choose an alternative date or have a full refund.

We look forward to sailing with you in the near future, in the event of any comment or query regarding the enclosed please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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