

General Yacht rules, tips and safety procedures

Clothing

Come prepared for variations in the daily temperature. Bring windbreaker and thin layers like t-shirts, sweatshirts, swimming shorts and tracksuit bottoms as these can be used in various combinations. Remember sunglasses, sun-block, lip-balm, toiletries, beach towel, deck shoes (trainers if non-marking soles) and only use collapsible bags, as there is no room for rigid suitcases.

Food

The charter includes breakfast and lunch and we generally cater with local sources such as yogurt, local bread, salads, and lots of fruit and vegetables. If you have any special requests, dietary problems or are vegetarian, please contact us as early as possible and we will do our best to cater for you.

Travel Documents

Don't forget your passport. It is strongly recommended that full travel and cancellation insurance is obtained before traveling, as well as bringing your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Currency

The currency in Turkey is the Turkish Lira, the currency in Greece is the Euro. A selection of notes and change will be needed and it is recommended that this be obtained before traveling. ATM machines are available in most marinas and towns along the coast and islands.

Children

Children are much welcome on board; however, parents or guardians must take all responsibility for their supervision, and the crew cannot take any responsibility to watch over them.

Smoking Policy

Our Yacht is strictly non-smoking inside but smoking is tolerated outside in the aft cockpit for reasons of fire safety and general comfort.

General yacht rules

You will be given a briefing on general yacht rules upon boarding the yacht but you can familiarize yourself with them by reading the following:

Regardless of how big a yacht is space is always a premium so we have to ask you to keep all private items in order and properly stored to make sure things will not fly around and damage the interior in rough weather.

For the enjoyment of all charter guests, Sybaris is kept in a fine condition, and although you are not expected to do any cleaning or laundry we do ask you to take extra care of valuable and vulnerable spaces such as the teak deck and the wooden interior floor and furnishing as best as you can. Shoes are not allowed inside, and care should be taken on the teak deck. If you do want to help out with some cleaning please check with the skipper/hostess as to which cleaning liquids/detergents and abrasives to use.

The head is fully automatic using fresh water and a vacuum system. It is however not allowed to throw anything in the toilet, not even toilet paper. All paper and napkins must go in the bin, which is emptied on a regular basis. As the head is generally smaller on a boat we also kindly ask you to sit down whenever possible in order to keep the space tidy.

Safety briefing

Please note that all persons, whether customers, invited guests, surveyors, engineers or members of the general public are conveyed on this vessel entirely at their own risk. For your own safety, read these instructions and follow the directions of the skipper of the vessel at all times. Smoking is only permitted outside in the aft cockpit. This vessel carries safety equipment; before departure the skipper will explain where it is and how it would be used. Non-swimmers are advised to wear a lifejacket at all times on deck, whilst swimmers wear a lifejacket at their own discretion. Make sure it is correctly fastened. All others should ensure they are familiar with the lifejackets carried and must wear them in rough weather and at night. The skipper is there to help, so if in doubt, ask.

Means of Escape

Main hatch (door by companionway)

Forward cabin hatch (secure at sea)

Aft cabin hatch (door)

Fire Fighting

2 large extinguishers in the main saloon (powder)

1 large extinguisher in the forward hallway (powder)

1 large extinguisher in the aft cabin (powder)

1 automatic extinguisher in the engine compartment (don't open door)

Fire blanket in galley

No smoking inside

All extinguishers approved and tested

Gas / Cooker

There is no gas installation on board

Cooker is electric

Portable BBQ uses small camping gaz gas canisters

First Aid

In main saloon behind TV (orange container)

Plasters in each head

Sea-cocks

All are found in the engine room around the central bilge

All are Marelon quality ball valve sea-cocks

Wooden plugs are found by the stairs leading down to the engine room

Bilge Pumps / Bailers

Main automatic electric bilge pump found in the central bilge compartment

Bilge pump lamp and switch found on electric panel and the cockpit console

Manual bilge pump and handle found between the galley and the companionway

The saltwater intake on starboard engine can be bypassed to act as a bilge pump

Buckets are found in the aft cockpit locker

Flares / Distress

Main flares found in watertight bucket under the navigation table

Flare guns found in main forward cabin cupboard locker

Emergency torches are found in various places

Manual sound horn in port main cockpit locker

Distress flag found in port main cockpit locker

Loud Hailer above the chart table

Safety Equipment

Life jackets and harness in main cockpit locker (must be used in rough weather and at all times at night)

Life lines / jack stays (mounted when needed)

Life slings on each side of the boat

Heaving lines in main cockpit locker and just behind the main cockpit in containers

Givenchy 8 person liferaft (fully tested and equipped) on forward deck just behind the mast

Boat hooks found just behind the main cockpit and along the forward port side of the deck

Cutting tool in stairway to engine room

Boarding ladder next to liferaft

Mizzen mast can be used to lift person out of the water

Safety booklets by chart table, other books on shelf above chart table

Grab bag

Watertight bucket under chart table

Bring handheld VHF, handheld GPS, handheld compass, any food found nearby, warm clothes

VHF DSC Radio

Card at the back of the logging notepad

Vessel name: Sybaris of London

VHF connected to GPS and gives position automatically

Hand mike above chart table, and main mike on the cockpit

Open latch to access distress button

Separate handheld VHF radio

EPIRB found next to companionway (registered and tested)

SSB Radio found to the right of the chart table

Navigation

Depth/log (depth shown 0.5m above the bottom of the keel)

Compass and handheld compass

Furuno Chart plotter GPS and Radar on cockpit console

Wind meter on the cockpit console

Autopilot on the cockpit console and to the right of the chart table

Navtex weather station to the right of the chart table

Second backup GPS to the right of the chart table

Furuno repeater display to the right of the chart table

Tools / Spares

Fully stocked cupboard with spares and an assortment of tools next to engine room

Cut rigging by engine stairway

Engines

2 Yanmar 66hp turbo diesel engines

House batteries – starboard side engine room 980Ah

Starter battery – starboard side engine room 360Ah

Battery switches under step leading to forward hallway

Start engine: throttle in neutral and slight gas, turn key

Stop engine: turn key, or pull manual stop levers on the side of the console, or switch off the FireBoy on the console

RIB

Stored under the bath platform/davit

Must be moved to highest position and secured when sailing

15hp Mariner outboard, petrol in aft cockpit main locker

Man Over Board (MOB)

Call out "man over board" loud and clear
Press the MOB button on the Furuno for 5 seconds
Stop the boat – head to wind
Use VHF radio to send out distress call
Sheet in main and mizzen , furl headsail, motor back
Throw life sling and circle around victim
Lift using the mizzen
Remember to "stand-down Mayday" after recovery

Anchor / Warps / Fenders

Main anchor forward – 90m of 10mm chain
Windlass control buttons next to windlass, using wireless remote control, or from the main cockpit console
Kedge anchors on the pulpit (use Fortress), with 60m of rode
Warps on hangers in aft cockpit
Fenders around boat (big round aft) – stored by lower shrouds on each side of the boat

In an emergency

Put on your lifejacket. Make sure everybody else has put on their lifejacket. Check it is correctly secured. If in doubt the skipper will help.
The skipper will instruct you where to muster, wait for his instructions.
If you fall into the water, stay calm and just float, make sure your lifejacket is inflated and if not pull the cord or blow into the manual valve. Do not try to swim towards the boat. Raise your arm in the air and blow the whistle.
If you see somebody else fall into the water shout man-overboard, and point directly at the casualty. Make sure the skipper has heard you. Keep pointing at the casualty.
In the event of a fire, tell the skipper immediately. Do not try to extinguish it yourself unless requested to do so by the skipper. Put on your lifejacket and muster as instructed by the skipper.