

Tradewinds of Emsworth III Guest Information

Welcome to the Guest Information page of this website. The information provided on this page is intended to help you as you prepare to join Tradewinds for your period on board as a guest. "Tradewinds" is my home and I am sure that gusts will treat it with respect and enjoy the hospitality that I offer, just as if it were their own home.

Please note that before being a guest aboard Tradewinds of Emsworth you must read and sign a printout of the attached "Guest Waiver of Liability". Please click the link on the Home page to obtain this document.

The Information that we will agree in advance of your joining date:

- ✓ Where to join and what would be the most appropriate airport to use. Whether or not I shall be meeting you at the airport.
- ✓ If you have not been a guest aboard Tradewinds before and are not known to the Captain, it would be appreciated if you would enter into some communications to establish who you are, where you are coming from and what type of person you are! You will be spending your period as a guest aboard a boat with someone you do not know and who does not know you - it really would be sensible if some of the ice could be broken before you join!

General Information for you:

- ✓ Tradewinds is a 40ft Beneteau sloop rigged sailing yacht and was built in 2001. I have been the owner since new and have been cruising Caribbean ever since.
- ✓ The accommodation aboard Tradewinds comprises three cabins, one aft, which is the Captain's, one midships, which is not normally used for sleeping, and one fwd, which is the guest accommodation. The guest accommodation is a full double cabin plenty large enough for two people, although cosy if those two people do not normally sleep together. There is ample storage space for personal effects. It has a door for privacy. See below for the boat's layout.
- ✓ There are two bathroom / heads facilities on board – one for each sleeping cabin.
- ✓ Tradewinds does not have a life-raft, but does have a rigid inflatable dinghy available for deployment from davits at short notice. The life preservers aboard are of a simple and basic design (see picture at bottom of this document). It is strongly recommended that guests bring their own life jacket / life preserver, together with a safety line.
- ✓ We share the cost of all day to day expenses such as food, drinks, mooring and berthing fees, fuel, water, cruising taxes, etc. Costs associated with boat maintenance are of course the Captain's responsibility and are not shared.
- ✓ You do not need to be a qualified RYA or US Certificated sailor to be a guest aboard Tradewinds. If you want to learn sailing theory or practical seamanship whilst on board I shall be happy to provide sailing, navigation or any other such help. If anyone is good at knots, I shall be happy to learn from them! If anyone can create an eye-splice on the end of a rope, you will be my hero!
- ✓ If you want to know more about your Captain, go to www.findacrew.com and search using my name or my profile number, which is: 29622. Also take a look at the Galleries on this website and you will see me in the pictures (I'm the ugly one!). You can also look at my other websites, taking the link from the menu bar of this website. Finally, you could take a look at YouTube where there are some video clips of Tradewinds at sea (Search for "Tradewinds of Emsworth") - there are several videos to view.
- ✓ The Immigration Form that you may have to complete for entry into the country that you are joining Tradewinds will require an address. In St Vincent and the Grenadines you should enter that you are joining the Sailing Yacht "Tradewinds of Emsworth" anchored at Blue Lagoon, or Admiralty Bay, Bequia depending on where we agree for you to embark. In Grenada you should state that you are joining "Tradewinds of Emsworth" as a guest and that the sailing yacht is anchored at Prickly Bay, True Blue, Grenada.
- ✓ I recommend that you advise your credit card company and mobile / cell phone company that you are expecting to be in the Caribbean. If you don't, they may put a block on their services.
- ✓ If you need a local hotel in St Vincent before or after your period aboard Tradewinds, try the Beachcombers (www.beachcombershotel.com) or Mariners Inn (www.marinershotel.com).

Both are relatively close to Blue Lagoon and offer discounts for my former guests (say that you have been referred by TMM)! Their prices are not particularly low - it may cost up to 100 US\$ for a room for one night. Alternatively, if you wish to stay overnight in Kingstown you could try the Highfield Guesthouse, at Lowmans Hill (owned by the Woods family). This is a budget place to stay but nevertheless of a reasonable standard and clean - in 2010 the rates were a maximum of 80 EC\$, but some rooms were less. Call Mr or Mrs Woods on +1 784 457 7563.

- ✓ If you need a low cost hotel in Barbados, try the "Shonlan Airport Hotel", which is very close to the airport. Call: +1 246 428 0039. The hotel can be booked through: www.hotelrentalgroup.com. A single room overnight in March 2009 cost: US\$ 58.74. Alternatively you may call Trevor on +1 246 265 5675 and he will arrange for you to have overnight accommodation in the bungalow behind his aunt's house close to the airport. She charges less than 100 BB\$ per night. Trevor is a taxi driver and will take you to her place. I have used this accommodation and for a last-minute place to stay it is ideal.
- ✓ If you need a reasonably priced small hotel in Grenada, try the Relax Inn, which is close to both the airport and Prickly Bay. Their website is: <http://www.relaxinngrenada.com/contact.html>.
- ✓ I shall probably meet you at the airport at Grenada, or at St Vincent (or off the ferry at Port Elizabeth on the island of Bequia). The ferry port in Kingstown on St Vincent is only a 10 minute taxi drive from the airport and has regular ferries leaving for Bequia (4 a day during the week, dropping to 3 on Saturdays and 2 on Sundays). They all go to Port Elizabeth. Please advise me by text message when you are aboard a ferry.

Things to bring:

- ✓ Shorts and tee-shirts (make sure that one or more of the tee-shirts gives you full protection from the sun). Deck shoes for walking ashore if you have them - we do not wear shoes on board at all.
- ✓ Obviously bring your own washing gear etc, but I can supply towels and bedding. Pack everything into a floppy bag of not over 20kg or the airlines may charge you for the excess baggage.
- ✓ Swim wear. We will definitely swim from Tradewinds whilst at anchor.
- ✓ You may decide to bring your own snorkel and mask - please make sure that they fit and that you can use them. Several guests have joined and had the opportunity on board to do some great snorkelling, only to find that the mask they have brought with them does not fit properly!
- ✓ Bring your own life jacket / life preserver / harness and safety line. If your life jacket does not include a means of attaching a safety line, please bring a harness so that you may be able to connect yourself safely to the boat in heavy seas. See also note above in General Information.
- ✓ Shoes suitable for walking. During our island visits we will probably venture beyond the immediate vicinity of where we land. Walks will sometimes take 2-3 hours and invariably involve steep hills.
- ✓ Sun cream and sun block. The Caribbean is very warm all year round.
- ✓ If you want to keep in touch with your friends and family, it might be a good idea to bring your own laptop. There are occasional WiFi opportunities, particularly in Bequia and Union Island. Otherwise you will be restricted to using Internet Cafes or the like, which are usually neither comfortable or numerous.
- ✓ Foreign currency - EC\$ are used in the Grenadines. There are plenty of ATMs, including one at your arrival airport. It is best and will cause you less inconvenience if you bring EC\$ with you from your home destination.
- ✓ Your iPod or MP3 player if you have one, with your music! It makes a refreshing change to hear someone else's tracks!
- ✓ Ladies - I have only limited 110v or 230V electrical supplies when at anchor. Sorry, you will normally not be able to use a hair dryer on board except when connected to shore power in a marina. Hair washing tends to use lots of water!
- ✓ Bring your camera, camcorder and mobile phones. You will be able to use the chargers (110v or 230v or 12v) on board. Please note that the electrical sockets on board are US and UK types. If you come from another country, please bring an adaptor to fit the UK style 3-pin or USA style sockets. To charge using the 12v system, please bring your charging cable with a USB at one end. This is the preferred method for charging phones, Smartphones or tablets.

- ✓ Mosquito bite ointment - I strongly recommend HC45. Other guests have used Antihisan. There is not a great problem with mosquitoes in the Grenadines, but it is worth being prepared if one happens to find you.
- ✓ Travel sickness tablets if you think you will need them.
- ✓ Electrolyte drink tablets if you perspire a lot.
- ✓ Your RYA or other sailing Logbook if you have one. I will sign for the miles you do with me.
- ✓ Books to read. I usually have some on board but they might not be to your taste.
- ✓ You may decide that you want to check your Travel Insurance to see if it covers sailing offshore in non-coastal / non-territorial waters. I cannot specifically recommend any company but one of my guests has used a broking company called GH Insurance and the policy she got was an "AXA Yachtsman Travel Insurance". The charge was approximately £20 for a 10 day period. It maybe a good starting point for your Internet search. Another guest arranged her insurance through the company "Bishop Skinner Insurance" - they provide special rates for RYA Members and presumably cater for the special needs of coastal and ocean sailors. I understand that their policy covers sailing, world travel in general, luggage and all medical expenses.
- ✓ The Captain is not a great tea or coffee drinker. If you like traditional English tea or some special blend of coffee, it would be best for you to bring some with you.

Things not to bring:

- ✓ Rigid Suitcases, as they cannot easily be stowed on board.
- ✓ Foul weather clothing as they are unlikely to be needed in the Caribbean.
- ✓ Cigarettes - Tradewinds is a non-smoking boat.
- ✓ Drugs.
- ✓ Stiletto heels!
- ✓ Too much!!! Space aboard Tradewinds is limited.

Information I would appreciate from you in advance of joining:

- ✓ Please provide me with your detailed travel itinerary including ETDs, ETAs and flight numbers. This helps if your flight is delayed and I have to find out where you are and what time you will be arriving.
- ✓ If I am not meeting you at the airport, please send a text to me when you arrive at the airport - then I'll know to expect you soon.
- ✓ Please send a text to me just before departing from the final airport before your arrival at the airport we have agreed to meet. If it looks like you are going to be delayed, also send a text.
- ✓ Please provide me with your mobile telephone number so that we can establish communications when you arrive.
- ✓ Please provide me with your passport information for the official guest list (number, date issued, expiry date, date of birth, where born, your nationality and passport issuing country). I also need you home address and "Next of Kin" details (for obvious reasons).
- ✓ It would help if you were to provide me with your food and drink likes and dislikes. I try to do some shopping for essential foodstuffs and drinks before you arrive.

The Captain likes:

- ✓ Good company, no hassle and no guest pressure.
- ✓ His mail from UK. If possible please would you bring it out for him. We can communicate on how this can be arranged.
- ✓ Movies. I prefer movies in electronic form (avi, wav, mp4, mpg, mpeg, etc) on a flash drive so that I can copy them to my PC, but DVDs are fine. I am not keen on Sci-Fi or any movies containing violence.

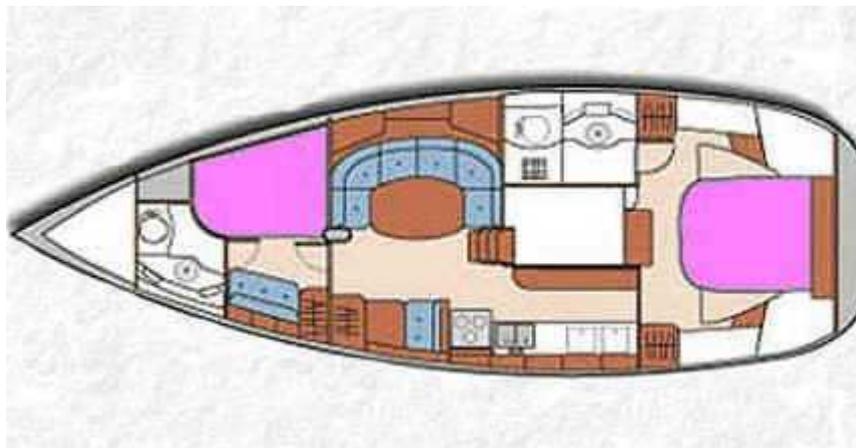
Further Information:

- ✓ I prefer to have female company on board - I spent many years at sea in the navy amongst all male crews but now I have a choice, so my choice is female! This is the way it has always been during the years I have been cruising and it has worked out well. I now have so many friends dotted around the world and frequently travel to spend time with them after leaving the

Mediterranean at the end of October and before returning to the Grenadines in mid January. I prefer the company of women and enjoy them being around - almost all my previous guests aboard have been seriously interesting people who have come from a wide variety of backgrounds, professions and countries.

- ✓ Whilst on board either boat we would share in all normal living expenses including food onboard and ashore, drinks (beer and wine), fuel and water in the tanks, mooring and marina fees, etc. You would of course not be involved in any costs associated with boat maintenance or spare parts. Depending on our lifestyle we can influence the price of cruising – for example less eating ashore in cafes and restaurants would decrease the individual share. I tend to anchor each night - it is rare to be charged for dropping the hook! Marinas in Croatia tend to be expensive, so we would avoid them for the most part, although I often spend a night alongside when a new guest joins and leaves. There are hardly any marinas in the Grenadines but we might get charged from time to time to spend a night on a mooring buoy if unable to find an anchorage. In my experience the daily share works out at about US\$ 20-25 for guests on board for 2-3 weeks. For shorter periods the daily cost tends to be more in the region of US\$ 25-30.

**Tradewinds of Emsworth - Accommodation layout
(The fwd cabin is the guest accommodation)**



Tradewinds of Emsworth Life Preserver



**This is the traditional life vest in bright orange.
It is CE: EN395 approved and category 100 Newton
long coastal navigation. Assures free breathing head
position within 10 seconds.
Its fit is secured with a round-the-waist cord.**