



Tradewinds of Emsworth II Guest Information (Croatia)



Welcome

Welcome to the Guest Information page of my website. The information provided on this page is intended to help you as you prepare to join Tradewinds for your period on board as my guest. The page is continuously being updated to reflect answers to new questions and information that becomes available - please check regularly. There is a huge amount of information but if I have missed anything, please let me know.

"Tradewinds" is my home. I am sure that guests will treat it with respect and enjoy the hospitality that I offer, just as if it were their own home. You will be very welcome on board and I will do all that I can to give you an enjoyable time whilst we cruise together. See you soon.

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

1. Where to join and what would be the most appropriate airport to use.
2. Your joining and leaving date - these dates are generally flexible and can usually be fixed to tie in with suitable flights from and back to your home country.
3. Whether or not I shall be meeting you at the airport or elsewhere at the ferry dock. This is sometimes weather dependant, especially if you are joining or leaving Tradewinds at an anchorage.

General Information for you:

1. Tradewinds is a 35ft Moody sloop rigged sailing yacht and was built in 1992. I have been the owner since 1998 and have been cruising in the Mediterranean since 2004.
2. Tradewinds is a strictly non-smoking vessel, anywhere onboard. If you are a smoker, you will have to smoke only when off the boat. This is non-negotiable.
3. 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 forward, which is the guest accommodation. The guest accommodation is a vee-shaped cabin plenty large enough for two people, although cosy if those two people do not normally sleep together. There is some storage space for personal effects. It has a door for privacy.
4. There is one bathroom / heads facility on board and has a separate shower section.
5. We share the cost of all day-to-day expenses such as food, drinks, laundry, mooring and berthing fees, fuel, water, etc. Costs associated with boat maintenance are of course the Captain's responsibility.
6. You do not need to be a qualified sailor to be a guest aboard Tradewinds. If you want to learn 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 splice an eye on the end of a rope, you will be my hero!
7. The Immigration Form that you may have to complete (if you are a national from outside the EU) for entry into may require an address. Here you should enter that you are joining the Private Sailing Yacht "Tradewinds of Emsworth" followed by a marina address. Choose the one appropriate to you - see below. If you are an EU citizen and are travelling within the EU, you will not need to complete an entry form. Important - when joining in Croatia you should make absolutely certain that you inform the Immigration Officer at the airport or port if joining by ferry that you are intending to reside aboard a Private Yacht until your departure from Croatia. If you do not do this, or the Immigration Officer does not provide you with a Registration Document, you will be required to register with the marine police within 24 hours of arrival in the country.

Things to bring:

1. For the men - Shorts, tee-shirts and the long trousers you fly in for runs ashore in the evening. Deck shoes if you have them, although normally we do not wear shoes on board at all. When we walk around up-market places such Hvar at night we might need to look reasonably dressed - maybe bring one decent shirt. Bring a fleece or warm sweater / jumper for cooler days. Obviously bring your own washing gear etc, but I can supply a towel. If you can, please bring yourself a sheet or single duvet cover to sleep under or in. Pack everything into a floppy bag.
2. For the ladies - shorts, tee-shirts and the jeans or similar you fly in for runs ashore in the evening. Deck shoes if you have them, although normally we do not wear shoes on board. When we walk around places such as Hvar at night we need to look reasonably dressed - maybe bring one decent dress or skirt. Bring a fleece or warm sweater / jumper for cooler days. Obviously bring your own washing gear etc, and a towel if you can. If possible, please bring yourself a sheet or single duvet cover to sleep under, or in.
3. Swim wear. We will almost definitely swim from Tradewinds whilst at anchor, and also from local beaches or swimming areas. The temperature of the sea water in Croatia may allow swimming possible from late May onwards.
4. Sun cream and sun block. The Mediterranean is very warm particularly from mid-June until mid-September. Temperatures of over 35°C are quite common in July and August. Please note that sun screen / sun block in Croatia is very expensive - best if you purchase at home before travelling.
5. Foreign currency - ATMs are widely available in most Mediterranean countries. Please do not bring excessive amounts of cash.
6. Your music! It makes a refreshing change to hear someone else's tracks! You will be able to transmit your music via Bluetooth from your phone to the onboard audio system.
7. Ladies - I have only limited 220V electrical supplies when at anchor. You will probably be only able to use your hair dryer whilst connected to shore power from the shore.
8. Bring your camera, camcorder and mobile/cell phones with their chargers. You will be able to use your chargers (220v or 12v) on board. Please be aware that the electrical sockets aboard Tradewinds are UK style flat pin. If you are joining from the US or mainland Europe you will need to bring an appropriate travel adaptor.
9. Regarding charging your gadgets - the best way on board is through the 12v system. Please bring your USB cables so that they can be plugged into the boat's 12v sockets.
10. Mosquito bite ointment - I strongly recommend HC45. Other guests have used Antihisan with good results.
11. Travel sickness tablets if you think you will need them.
12. Your RYA or other sailing Logbook if you have one. I will sign for the miles you do with me.
13. The Captain is not a great tea or coffee drinker. If you like special coffee or traditional English tea it would be best for you to bring some with you.
14. If you wish to refresh your navigational skills using traditional methods, I have a hand bearing compass and a Breton Plotter, but no hard-copy charts of the area.

Things not to bring:

1. Rigid Suitcases, as they cannot easily be stowed on board.
2. Foul weather clothing as they are unlikely to be needed in the summer in the Mediterranean. I can provide thin rain proof jackets to wear over your fleece or warm sweater / jumper. If you are a guest from late April to mid-May, or from mid-September onwards, then a warm waterproof jacket will probably be required.
3. Cigarettes - Tradewinds is a non-smoking boat.
4. Drugs.
5. Stiletto heels!
6. Too much!!! Space aboard Tradewinds is limited.

Information I need from you:

1. 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.
2. Please send a text to me when you arrive at the airport - then I'll know to expect you soon.
3. Please provide me with your mobile / cell telephone number so that we can establish communications when you arrive.
4. Please provide me with your home address and "Next of Kin" details (for obvious reasons).
5. So that I can create the official Crew List please provide me with the following information from your passport in advance of joining: Your full name, your date of birth, your place of birth, the number of your passport, the issue date, the expiry date and your nationality. Additionally, please provide me with your cell phone number and residential address. All this information is required for the official

Crew List that I have to submit to the Croatian Authorities. For me to have the information in advance allows me to register you as a guest before you arrive, which saves considerable time after you arrive. Note that this is a maritime requirement - you will still have to pass through Immigration and Customs at the airport on arrival in the country.

The Captain likes:

1. Good company, no hassle and no guest pressure.
2. Movies - if you have any movies that you have seen and no longer want, please bring them along with you. 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.
3. Cheap local wine.
4. "Facebook" - Take a look at my profile by searching using my email address.

Things that should not surprise you whilst aboard Tradewinds:

1. The maximum fresh water that Tradewinds can carry in her tanks is less than 200 litres. This means that we have to be extremely careful over water consumption and not use any more than is absolutely necessary for day-to-day survival!
2. Similarly, electricity is like gold dust and has to be used with consideration, because it can only be produced whilst the engine is running or when the sun is sufficiently strong to charge from the solar panels. All electrical power is stored in the 4 batteries on board - it is always required for engine starting, to run the refrigerator, to power the navigational and other boat's instruments, to run the fresh water and shower drain pumps, for cabin lighting and to power the inverter, which is used to charge our cameras, telephones, the handheld VHF and my laptop PC.

Marina & Boatyard Addresses in Croatia

ACI Marina Pula 52100 Pula Riva 1 Croatia	Marina Zadar HR-23000 Zadar Vana Mestrovoca 2 Croatia	<i>(Use this address if joining via Split Airport)</i> ACI Marina Trogir 21220 Trogir Croatia
<i>(Use this address if joining at Dubrovnik)</i> ACI Marina Dubrovnik 20236 Mokosica-Dubrovnik Croatia		

Guests joining in Croatia:

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Guests joining in Trogir or Split (Croatia):

If you are flying into Split Airport to join Tradewinds, it is more than likely that I shall ask you to meet me in Trogir, which is much closer to Split Airport than is Split itself. On arrival take the local bus No. 37 that goes to Trogir Bus Station from the airport. The airport bus stop for this service is not outside the terminal - just cross the car park outside the terminal building and head for the main road (about 200m). For Trogir use the stop on the same side or to Split the other side of the road. The travel time to Trogir is about 10 minutes, but if going to Split it is about 40-50 minutes. Buses depart the airport for Trogir every 20-30 minutes. If joining me in Split, please meet me at the central bus station near the commercial port in Split.

Arrivals from outside the EU:

For guests joining from outside the EU, you may be required to obtain a Visa in advance, or complete an Immigration document. I can assist by providing a "Letter of Invitation" if required.

I hope that this page has helped. If there is anything I have missed, please tell me and I'll include the omissions.

Tony