



# Tradewinds of Emsworth II Crew/guest Information (Greece)



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Welcome to the Crew/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 crew/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. 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.

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## 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 a 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 crew/guest accommodation. The crew/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. The average expenditure for all items listed in approximately €25/day/person. Costs associated with boat maintenance are of course not included.
6. You do not need to be a qualified sailor to be a crew/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!

## Things to bring:

1. For the men – Shorts, tee-shirts and swimwear. Deck shoes if you have them, although normally we do not wear shoes on board. Obviously bring your own washing gear etc, but I can supply a towel. Pack everything into a floppy bag.
2. For the ladies - shorts, tee-shirts and swimwear. Deck shoes if you have them, although normally we do not wear shoes on board. Obviously bring your own washing gear etc, but towels will be provided.
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 Greece may allow swimming from mid to late May onwards until late September.

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 Greece is very expensive - best if you purchase at home before travelling.
5. Foreign currency - ATMs are widely available in Greece. 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, which doesn't happen very often.
8. Bring your electric gadget chargers. You will be able to use them on board, although only 220v or 12v is available. Please be aware that the electrical sockets aboard Tradewinds are UK style flat pin. If you are joining from any other country 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 USB sockets.
10. Mosquito bite ointment (although mosquitoes are fairly rare in Greece).
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. I do however have tea and coffee available on board if you're not fussed over the particular brand type.
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, which you would have to bring to cover the area that we intend to sail.

#### **Things not to bring:**

1. Rigid Suitcases, as they cannot be stowed easily 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 for occasional use. If you are a crew/guest from late April to mid-May, or from late-September onwards, then a warm waterproof jacket will probably be required.
3. Cigarettes - Tradewinds is a non-smoking boat.
4. Drugs, even if permitted in your home country.
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 message (WhatsApp, Messenger or SMS) to me when you arrive at the Greek 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: Full name, Date of birth, Country of birth, Passport number, Issue date, Expiry date and your Nationality. Additionally, please provide me with your cell phone number and residential address. Note that the Crew List 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 crew/guest pressure;
2. Cheap local wine;
3. Local beer (Fix);
4. Good music.

#### **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 during daylight hours 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 create 230v to charge our cameras, telephones, the handheld VHF and laptops.

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### **Crew/guests joining in Poros, Ermioni or Porto Heli:**

If joining at Poros, Ermioni or Porto Heli, you will probably fly into Athens and then travel to Poros, Ermioni or Porto Heli by ferry from the port of Piraeus. Piraeus is a suburb of Athens, which serves as one of the ferry ports for many of the Greek islands. The E96/X96 bus leaves from just outside Athens International Airport Arrivals area (between exits 4 and 5) every 20/30 minutes between 0720 & 2210 or on the hour and half hour between 2210 & 0720. The terminal station at Piraeus is at Karaiskaki Square, near Gate E8. The bus journey time to Piraeus is about 60 - 75 minutes (depending on traffic) and costs 6 Euros. It is also possible to take the Metro (known locally as the Electric Train!) from the airport to Piraeus.

About 4-5 Fast Catamarans are scheduled daily between Piraeus and Poros, Ermioni and Porto Heli, most of which also stop at Hydra and Spetses. These ferries leave from Gate E9 and your travel time is between 1-3 hours, depending on where it is scheduled to stop and costs about 32-38 Euros.

It is possible to purchase your ferry ticket to Poros, Ermioni or Porto Heli in advance online.

### **Crew/guests joining in Nafplio:**

For crew/guests joining in Nafplio please take a bus from Athens airport to the centre of Greece, and then another bus from there to Nafplio. Buy your ticket at the airport kiosk (located just outside the Arrivals Hall by the busses) before boarding, and take number X93 to Terminal A at Stathmos Kiffisos Bus Terminal in Athens. It costs about €6 and takes up to 1hour depending upon traffic. Stathmos Kiffisos is the major bus terminal in the City of Athens - find the sign that says Nafplio / Argolida, and buy your ticket to Nafplio there. The busses leave hourly from early morning to mid-evening (with some exceptions) and takes just over 2 hours, via Corinth, Isthmos and Argos. The price of the ticket is approximately €20. I'll meet you at the Nafplio Bus Terminus.

### **Car Rental (Greece):**

An alternative to travelling to Porto Heli by ferry is to rent a car (one way). I have used "Pops Cars" and the cost was €80 for the car and about €30 for the fuel. See [www.popscars.gr](http://www.popscars.gr) for more details or call +30 210 6626360. You can book on line. For two or more people the cost of the one-way rental including fuel would work out only slightly more compared with two people taking the bus to Piraeus and the ferry to Poros or Porto Heli. But of course, the car is door to door and much more convenient.

### **Arrivals from outside the EU:**

For crew/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. If you need to submit an address in Greece, you should use the following: Basimakopouloi Shipyard, 21300 Kilada, Argolida, Greece.

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

*Tony*