

ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A HOSTESS ON THE YACHT & WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A HOSTESS ON BOARD

Hostess can make the difference between a good holiday and an amazing one!

Besides keeping the yacht clean inside, preparing and serving your food, cleaning after meals, she is also someone who will do her best to make your vacation more relaxing and pleasant. She also recognizes when is the best time to start preparing your meals, and when the boat needs to be supplied shopping with groceries.

Since there is always lots of work to be done around the yacht to keep everything in order, every task must be properly delegated between the crew. The tasks of the hostess generally depends on how many crew members is on board.

If you hire only a hostess, she is in charge of keeping the yacht tidy, grocery shopping, preparing breakfast and another quick, non-cooked meal... She cleans, tidies up the place, sets the table, serves the food... If you have any health issues or any kind of food intolerance please let her know.

When required from weather situation, the hostess will help the skipper during maneuvers (coming in and out of marinas, dropping anchor, refueling etc.) and then finish her other duties – ***Remember, safety on yacht comes first!***

In addition the hostess has the right to her daily rest and privacy, of course, after her routine duties.

The hostess is not a person ultimately responsible for the safety of everyone on the yacht, but is very aware of the significance of her presence on the yacht as well as of her share of work.

On board guests are expected to recognize that they are also just as responsible for providing adequate conditions for the crew which including ensuring the food as well as good sleeping and hygiene conditions for their skipper and hostess.

The tasks of the hostess usually include:

- ◆ Checking the yacht's galley with the skipper (she will check the inventory, preparing the yacht for guest's arrival...)
- ◆ Advise you on the provisioning for the charter and method of the payment before departure. When possible, the guests can arrange with the hostess and skipper to have the basic groceries delivered on the boat in advance. When you wish to order the groceries in advance, hostess can provide you a provisioning list. It is customary to also ask your crew what they eat.
- ◆ If it is clients wish to have their dinner outside, she will recommend and reserve best restaurants on islands where you can eat fresh, local and tasty Dalmatian delicacies.
- ◆ APA (advance provisioning allowance) is mandatory in this case and should be paid in advance for any grocery shopping before client's arrival. APA is recommended for other costs like fuel, mooring fees as well.

- ◆ Hostess is constantly monitoring the supplies on board and does daily grocery shopping if needed. It is desired to ensure her some allowance money. If APA is paid, you will always receive a full breakdown of receipts.
- ◆ Unspent APA is returned to clients. It is usual practice also that she is accompanied with skipper or with at least one of the guests while shopping to make joint decisions while choosing the best food for the trip and also helps in carrying.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE FOOD/MEALS DURING SAILING TRIP

Preparing food on yacht is not easy but definitely not less tasty...!

Please bear in mind that a hostess is not full-time cook! Hiring a skipper with hostess you can expect **2 simple meals per day. Breakfast and another quick, non-cooked meal.**

*Breakfast and another quick meal are served from Sunday-Friday. Breakfast is every day from **08:00-09:30**, lunch is prepared between **13:00-14:00**. or as agreed with client. Please consider that preparing meals on board of a sailing yacht is more demanding and challenging (due to constant movement) but your crew will give their best to serve you a delicious meal.*

Best option for dinner is of course visiting the island villages where you can discover delicious Croatian cuisine. When dining in a restaurant it is a custom to invite your crew to join you, but they won't mind eating separately if you prefer privacy. 40€ of pocket money per person is usually enough for a warm meal.

Hostess always plans ahead. A yacht should have enough supply for at least 2 days. It is more relaxing to only think about which little cove to visit, instead of thinking about shopping all the time. Croatian islands are usually well supplied, and there is a grocery shop in almost every port.

Keep in mind also that specific sorts of meals typical for other countries (especially not the dishes which are specialties that demand extended preparation) won't be able to serve for their limited supply. Your hostess will do her best to provide a various meals prepared in a delicious Mediterranean way mostly based on healthy and fresh local food & advice you on best local wines.