



Cruising with a Captain

Due to the Jones Act and Maritime Law, hiring a Captain to skipper your ABC charter boat must be conducted as a private transaction between you (the client) and the Captain. Although ABC cannot hire the skipper for you, we can however help facilitate the process by providing you with a recommended captain that is reliable, responsible, and a good fit for your party along with some guidelines.

ABC will gladly provide you with the contact information of potential Captains with whom you can make arrangements to be your private skipper. All of our recommended captains are professional, qualified USCG skippers with years of experience and who have demonstrated keeping our customers safe and happy.

It is advised to discuss in advance with your skipper what you would like to accomplish during your charter. The Captains are very knowledgeable of the Chesapeake Bay and will certainly assist with planning your itinerary. Also, you should arrange a meeting time at the ABC Office.

Below is a list of guidelines to help ensure both you and the Captain know what is to be expected.

Skipper's Responsibilities

The main responsibility of the skipper is to sail the yacht in a manner ensuring both the safety of the vessel and the passengers. Skipper will have final say regarding cruising area, anchoring, and docking.

He will have full familiarization of the yacht and her systems. If there is a technical or mechanical problem during the charter, he will try to solve the issue himself, or provide a plan to resolve the issue.

The skipper will meet the client at the ABC office and assist with loading gear on to the boat and storing of empty bags. At the end of the charter, he will assist with unloading the gear off the boat, and help you tidy the boat.

A skipper is not the cook or maid onboard, however he will assist with the daily chores and will certainly clean up after himself.

Client's Responsibilities

When you hire a Captain to skipper your charter, he should be treated and fed like one of your crew. He should be included in all meals provided for the crew onboard, as well as dining ashore, unless other arrangements have been decided between you and the Captain in advance.

Sleeping arrangements: The Captain will need his own berth, either in a cabin or on the salon settee. Most skippers do not mind sleeping on the settee, but this should be discussed with them in advance.

Client is responsible for all dockage fees, fuel, and pumpout of the heads, and any other expenses that may occur during the charter.

Rates

Suggested Captain Rate:

Half Day \$125 (4 hours)

Full Day \$245

Both Client and Captain should agree on the price and the number of hired days based on the rates posted above. Client will pay the skipper directly. Tipping is optional, however it is customary to tip your skipper between 15%-20% based on the experience your received.

At any time in this process you are not comfortable with the arrangements; please contact the ABC office for assistance.

I hereby confirm I have read and agree with the terms of hiring a Captain for my charter.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date of Charter/Name of Yacht: _____

Reservation # _____

Name of Hired Captain: _____

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