

CREW - PRE PASSAGE BRIEFING

POINTS OF NOTE:

1. I (CAPTAIN) AM HUMAN AND MAKE MISTAKES...
2. DON'T FALL OFF
3. PLEASE BE CONSCIOUS OF WATER USE (NOT SAYING DON'T USE IT)
4. PLEASE BE CONSCIOUS OF ELECTRICITY USE (NOT SAYING DON'T USE IT)

WHERE ARE WE?

Please let wives/partners know. Mary-Ann knows exactly where we are, so if wives/partners have been let down..., just call Mary-Ann.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- If you are feeling excited or nervous? That's normal.
- If you think you may get seasick...be proactive and tell me. I would prefer to help you than end up having to do 24 hours of sailing on my own (this has happened to me),
- We all need space. I am a very direct communicator, often coming across as terse and heavy.
- I do things a little differently from others, eg washing up.

FINAL COSTS

- Unless agreed otherwise, I am only asking to pay for the odd item. At the end of the day, it all comes out in the wash.
- I am starting a 'Kitty'. If you feel that the kitty needs adding to, that's your business, and I'd rather *not know what is from whom*. I do not want to know who has provided what...
- If I need financial help, I WILL ASK.
- Contrary to the CREW DECLARATION, I have foreign currency, so don't feel afraid to ask.

WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE ONBOARD LIBERTY2

- 12 hours before the agreed arrival time.

FRIDGES AND FREEZERS

- Their primary use is for food storage. We try to limit the opening of the freezer to twice a day.
- They are not beer fridges.

THE YACHT AS A WHOLE

- DID YOU MANAGE TO READ THE WEBSITE?
- The yacht is a home and would appreciate it if kept that way. We are a sailing vessel, not a fishing boat. If you want to fish, please talk to me beforehand.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- **Please take photos and footage of us.**
- I would like to use that footage for my videos.
- Prefer **landscape**.

MEDICATIONS - PANADOL

- We carry Panadol on board; however, it is illegal to *offer it* to a person. If you need some, please use it. It's far better to be proactive than reactive with a crew member down.
- I will leave it in a prominent place; you can choose to use it or ask for it. If I forget, kick me.

MY MEDICAL HISTORY

- No medications.
- Pneumothorax in both lungs...say no more.
- Torsion of testis...and yes, it hurt.

CUTS AND ABRASIONS (OFF THE YACHT)

- They will go septic very quickly, and I am a really bad surgeon, so:
 - Always wear booties or thongs.
 - When coming back on the yacht, please wash your feet in the bucket provided.

FRESHWATER FLOORS

1. In any covered area, the yacht is freshwater (ie can't walk in there after a saltwater swim, you must rinse off).
2. I have no issue with freshwater in and around the floors of the yacht.

BOAT LICENCES

Know who has one?

MARINE RADIO LICENCES

Know who has one?

THE WAY I SAIL... IF SAILING

1. **Sailing *MUST COME first*.**

SAIL / NAVIGATE / COMMUNICATE.

Not texting/messaging/phones, toilet, fishing....excuse, excuse, excuse.

2. ***In the heat of the moment, I do what I know works*** (in particular during high-stress or fatiguing periods, limited sleep, etc. I have a job to do and ***bring us all home safely***).

3. ***Do not take offence if I don't answer*** when you ask 'Why do you do it this way...' Talk about it over a beer instead, not at the time.

4. ***I sail to make a good distance during the day and reef down at night.***

5. ***I rarely sail a rhumb line or DO NOT SAIL to a TIME.***

I make calls on the fly using various media, assessing current and forecast conditions.

6. ***I am known to always make a last-minute split decision to depart***. I do not sit planning days out, because you can't.

7. ***At night:***

1. Plan to ***set and forget sails*** and always reef down at sunset.
2. ***Autopilot course changes and sail changes*** must be with a second person or wake me to assist.

8. In an effort to ***always have one hand free at the helm***, we do not bring food to the helm. Drinks, nibbles - OK.
9. ***Pouring of liquids under sail*** - use the sink unless smooth.

ON PASSAGE:

ROOM/TOILET INSPECTION

- Small window, overhead hatches -
DO NOT USE
- 240vAC,
- USBs, Operation,
- Toilet Paper,
- Showers Hot Water Use.

SAFETY GEAR

COLOURS:

1. Look for **REDS**, **ORANGES** and **YELLOW**S. Look for **REFLECTIVE TAPES**.

EXTERNAL SAFETY GEAR:

1. **LIFE RAFT**: where, when to release, how to release
2. **MAN-OVERBOARD line**: fender, rope, cleating
3. **SAFETY KNIVES**: how many and where
4. **EPIRB**: demonstration, when and how to remove
5. **GRAB BAG**: demonstration, where, when & how to open, what else to take
6. **DAN BUOY**: demonstration, where, when & how to use
7. **LIFEBUOY**: demonstration, where, when & how to use
8. **HELM SAFETY TUBE**: Do not have
9. **VHF RADIO**: ON/OFF, Volume, CH 16/68 dual watch. If unsure, please ask.
10. **HORN**: vessel awareness
11. **MAN-OVERBOARD BUTTON**: demonstration, where, when & how to use
12. **NOTE PAD**: inside the door, why is this part of the safety gear (Mayday, Pan), why is this important, what goes in there (BSCAN)
13. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**: Where are they?

LOCKER SAFETY GEAR:

OVERVIEW:

The only time we go in there is after an incident has occurred, or we are in bad weather.

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1. **PARA-ANCHOR BRIDLE**: (also spare bridle) used with a SEA BRAKE.
2. **PARA-ANCHOR ROPE**: used with the DROGUE or SEA BRAKE.
3. **PARA-ANCHOR**: when, how to deploy, bad conditions
4. **SEA BRAKE**: when to use, how to deploy, bad conditions
Can also be used as a retrieval stretcher
5. **WATER CATCHER**: when, how to use
6. **WIRE CUTTERS**: suitable for cutting mast stays in an emergency
7. **ANGLE GRINDER**: suitable for cutting mast stays in an emergency and repairs. **NOTE: Charge Angle Grinder Battery**
8. **ONBOARD EMERGENCY PACK**: look at the contents.
9. **EMERGENCY WINDOW COVERS**: take a look
10. **EMERGENCY TILLER**: remove, show how to use
11. **HATCH EMERGENCY COVER**: remove, show how to use

INTERNAL SAFETY GEAR:

OVERVIEW:

When to access this locker? - An incident has to have occurred, or we are in bad weather.

STARBOARD HULL

1. **SAFE:** Medications, Money and Passports
2. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER (1):** In each cupboard
3. **EMERGENCY ESCAPE HATCH:** should be kept clear
4. **ENGINE FIRE EXTINGUISHER PORT:** show

SALOON

1. **FIRST AID KIT:** When to use, requires logbook entry, open and look
2. **DAILY FIRST AID KIT:** When to use, open and look
3. **AED (DEFIBRILLATOR):** When to use, requires logbook entry, open and look
4. **RADIOS (Fixed):** ON/OFF, Volume, CH 16/68 dual watch, Emergency card
5. **RADIOS (Portable):** Marine & Aviation
6. **FIRE BLANKET (1):** Under mast stem, when to use, how to use
7. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER (1):** Under mast stem
8. **DC DISTRIBUTION PANEL:** what is ON or OFF
9. **ALARMS:** what is on that panel, test
10. **CREW MANUAL:** stowage
11. **COOKTOP:** use underway
12. **EMERGENCY TILLER port hole key:** location
13. **ALARMS:** What is on that panel, test
14. **SPOTLIGHT** and **HEAD-TORCHES**
15. **COOKING:** NO COOKTOP on passage OFFSHORE.

PORT HULL

1. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER (1):** In each cupboard
2. **EMERGENCY ESCAPE HATCHES (3):** should be kept clear
3. **ENGINE FIRE EXTINGUISHER PORT:** show
4. **SAFETY CLOTHING:** Spare clothing

WEARING OF LIFE JACKETS/TETHERS - OFFSHORE:

Whenever you want to put one on, do so.

1. **WHAT IS THE SECURE AREA?**
2. **WHAT IS OFFSHORE?**
3. **CLIPPING ON/OFF TO JACKLINE? - ALWAYS DONE IN THE SECURE AREA**
4. **DUTY CREW MEMBER - OFFSHORE and ON DUTY,**
5. **WEARING OF LIFEJACKETS & TETHERS - OFFSHORE, and OUTSIDE THE SECURE AREA,**
CAVEAT: May be waived in calmish waters with everyone's approval.
6. **LIFE JACKETS:** demonstration

TENDER REQUIREMENTS - OFFSHORE (WORST CASE):

Mothership: **REQUIREMENT:** Must remain within 2nm (3.7km) of the mothership.

Non-Mothership: **REQUIREMENT:** Must take lifejackets, other emergency gear is already on board. Show keys.

LIFE JACKETS - Recommended to 2nm (not required within 500m)

SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT - At DUSK and NIGHT - Torch, light or lantern.

OTHER:

1. **The bailer unit** (torch, bailer, V-sheet, whistle) must be onboard.
2. The anchor chain is very short.
3. Go upwind.
4. **CARRY A VHF** and make sure Ships VHF is ON, and channel 16 selected.
5. **ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE** before departure.
6. At night, always follow other dingies with a spotlight.

SWIMMING / DIVING / SNORKELLING:

CURRENTS

SNORKELLING/DIVING/SWIMMING

- Always dive in pairs (or more),
- Remain within 7m of each other (ie only one diver down at a time),
- Only one gun at a time in the water (the second person is always on guard),
- We only shoot to eat,
- If the fish is shot, everyone gets out of the water
- With sharks - BOTH slowly retreat to higher ground

BOOTIES

FISHBAIT & CLEANING

- We use the port aft steps.
- We don't keep the bait in the freezer or fridge.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ensure partners are familiar with these APPS

1. STARLINK:

1. **WhatsApp** (free video, text and mobile calls),
2. **FaceTime** (free video calls).

2. NO PHONE CARDS: ie WiFi as per above

Discuss compulsory numbers when we get to First Aid Kit:

DOCTOR: (use the video function)

AMSA

FIRST AID KIT & SAFE:

1. Remove and discuss.
2. Safe code: 536353A
3. Where is the emergency safe key (sticky taped near my bedhead).
4. Place passport and money inside.

MOB:

Throw ideas around.

No right or wrong...YET.

Interested in anything that comes to mind from the modules you have seen?

SCENARIO 1: Under sail by day and I fall overboard.

SCENARIO 2: Parasail is up by day, you fall overboard at 10kts trying to drop the spinnaker and dislocate your shoulder. He can barely swim to the Dan Buoy.

SCENARIO 2: Under sail at night and you are asleep, I fall overboard.

1. **SCREAM...everyone**
2. **DAN BUOY...**
3. **LIFE RING...**
4. **MOB Button...**
5. **CONTROL THE YACHT...**
6. **DEDICATED POINTER (if you have crew)...**
7. **START ENGINES**
8. **FURL...**
9. **OVAL PATTERN STARBOARD...**
10. **ADVISE...**
11. **RETRIEVAL**

SCENARIO 4: PURELY for discussion: I am DUTY CREWMEMBER. We hit a container by day, and the jolt sends a MOB. The Yacht is disabled, and one hull is filling fast.

1. **SCREAM...everyone**
2. **DAN BUOY...**
3. **LIFE RING...**
4. **MOB Button...**
5. **CONTROL THE YACHT...**
6. **Prepare for Evacuation:**
 1. **Crew member - LIFE RING & GRAB BAG**
 2. **Order evacuation (Do not cut tether)**
7. **DEDICATED POINTER (if you have crew)...**
8. **ADVISE...**