



# Ocean Wind

## **International Yacht Training Bareboat Skipper and Marine Communications course.**

Thank you for choosing to do your sail training with us. We are looking forward to welcoming you aboard "Ocean Wind".

What is your next step?

**The course is intense and we will be busy on board every day. It is difficult to learn all the theory in the two weeks at sea. Although we will try to make the learning experience as pleasant as possible, it is a training course and not a holiday.**

Our course materials are here in this package, there are three manuals. To make the most efficient use of our time on board, we recommend that you make yourself familiar with the theory. The Marine Communications manual is suitable for self study, memorising the phonetic alphabet is time consuming and is best done before you arrive on board. The protocol for emergency calls is also very important.

The written exam on board will be taken from the Bareboat Skipper teaching manual. The International Crew manual contains a lot of general boating knowledge. At the end of each Module there is a small self testing quiz. This is the best way to prepare for the course. Do the quiz at the end of each section, be honest with yourself and see if you have understood the material. If there is ever any questions please don't hesitate to send us an email for clarification. Much of the practical navigation parts are easier to understand when we are on the boat and can go through the procedure but try to familiarise yourself as much as possible. The full text of the International Regulations for the prevention of Collisions at Sea can be downloaded from our website at **more>downloads**. The First Aid section will be examined but the theory will not be covered on board. We recommend all prospective skippers to have a current First Aid training and to keep it current.

If you come aboard unprepared a pass in the written exam is highly unlikely. **A pass in the exam is not guaranteed.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

Before beginning the course you must register yourself as a student with IYT, this involves no cost. You will then be registered in their database and this information will be used to issue your licence. Without this registration we cannot issue a license. All information on student registration can be found at: [www.iytnet.com](http://www.iytnet.com)

**Please email your student number to [ahoy@oceanwind.ch](mailto:ahoy@oceanwind.ch).**

There is further useful information to be found on our website at **more>downloads**. The glossary



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and the Collision regulations are particularly useful. Download them onto a laptop or tablet and bring them with you. These resources are also available on board Ocean Wind.

Please restrict your baggage to a minimum, there is always a shortage of space on a boat. Soft bags are easier to stow away. Large hard cases or cases with wheels are not welcome as they are impossible to stow away. It can get cool at night so bring something warm. Bedding is supplied. Bring towels (one for fresh and one for salt). There is no provision on board for washing clothes, we may be able to go to shore to find a laundry, but it is not always possible.

**We remind you that Ocean Wind is a strictly no smoking vessel, for the comfort of all.**

Bring along the three manuals you received at the when you booked this course as well as a notebook and pens. If you have your own preferred navigation tools please bring them along. We will be using electronic navigation equipment as well as traditional charts, if you have a GPS unit you can bring it and we can see how to use it in marine navigation.

We will be at sea for the whole two weeks and only rarely in a harbour. During this time, sometimes we will eat on board and sometimes visit a local restaurant ashore.

It is easier to pay in Euros, other currency may be accepted but at a poor exchange rate. In marinas and larger places you can pay with credit cards but on some smaller places and islands, this is not possible.

The boat runs on 12 Volt batteries, like a car. If you have items that need to be charged, please bring 12 Volt chargers that fit into a cars cigarette lighter socket. We also have a USB charger on board. Please be aware that modern toys (tablets, smartphones, cameras, etc) use a lot of power, we cannot guarantee that we can always charge all of them at all times. Our stereo can play music from a USB port so you can plug in your MP3 player directly.

**For any further questions, comments or suggestions, please send us an email:**  
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We look forward to welcoming you on Ocean Wind.

John and Julia Parsons



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