

# Frequently Asked Questions

*T*here is no end to the questions that are thrown out when we are sailing, from “Are we nearly there yet?” to “Is the sun over the yard arm?” “I don’t understand how a boat can sail into the wind” is a popular one, requiring the skipper to start everyone yawning by expounding Bernoulli’s equation, dragged from largely forgotten A level physics classes back before time began.



*“Should I come even if I’ve never sailed before?”*

Yes, no problem. For the most part, the style of sailing is leisurely, in calm water and in no way can be described as a water sport! Much of the time you can sunbathe, read a book, listen to music or do all three on a beanbag on the foredeck under full sail. That is until the skipper demands a cup of tea mid-afternoon! You might not want to do the night passage to Sicily but on the other hand it will be wonderfully memorable and we’ll have a strong crew.

*“Is it a bit like camping?”*

No it’s not. Oboe is a pretty spacious 49ft yacht. The cockpit easily seats 6-8 on comfortable cushions, as does the light and airy saloon, with a big dining table and sofa. The galley is Nigel’s pride and joy, where he rustles up meals and where you can do too, if you want to muck in. With three en-suite double cabins, one with a king sized bed, the others cosier, she sleeps 3 couple in comfort. Showers too, when you want, as we make fresh water on board. You can even bring a hair dryer because we generate 240v electricity, just like at home.

*“You will let us contribute to the cost of the holiday won’t you?”*

Yes contributions are certainly welcome, they help to cover the running costs of the boat. What I normally say to everyone is “No charge for the boat, skipper and mate (Gill!) and I’ll even teach you to sail if you like but in return you could do the food shopping, supply some beer and wine, put some diesel in the tank etc.

*“Do you accept children?”*

You know your children best, or is it grandchildren these days? My grandchildren have had a wonderful time and find it all quite an adventure. It is safe and we have life jackets and harnesses if need be. Diving of the back of the boat, digging in the sand, bouncy dinghy rides around the bay and pizzas seem to work!

*“Can we invite friends even if you don’t know them?”*

This has worked well in the past, so I’m happy with this idea. A good number altogether is six, if for no other reason than it spreads the costs. This means that four of you can come and join Gill and me.

*“When is the best time to come?”*

That depends on the kind of sailing you fancy doing. This year we have quite a variety, so I suggest you take a look at [“WWWhere We’ll Be”](#). If you want to talk about it, you know who to call!

*“Should I take out travel insurance?”*

That is always a personal choice. If you normally take out this type of cover when travelling abroad, then you’ll probably want to do the same this time. Some guests check the small print to see if sailing holidays are treated any differently from land-based activities. Occasionally, sailing is seen as a sporting activity and excluded unless the policy is upgraded but this is not common. If you are in doubt, Nigel can point you at the company he uses.