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## **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 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.

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.

Below is a list of guidelines to help ensure that 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.

The skipper will have full familiarization of the yacht and her systems. If there is a technical or mechanical problem during the charter, the skipper will try to solve the issue on their own or provide a plan to resolve the issue.

A skipper is not the cook or maid onboard; however, they will assist with the daily chores and will certainly clean up after him or herself.

### **Client's Responsibilities**

When you hire a Captain to skipper your charter, he or she should be treated and fed like one of your crew. They 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 a private berth, either in a cabin or on the salon settee (if agreed in advance).

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

## Rates

Suggested Captain Rate:

Half Day \$150 (4 hours)

Full Day \$300

Instructional \$350

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 via cash or check. Credit cards are not accepted. There are local banks with an ATM nearby. Captain's fee is to be left at the base at check-in and will be given to the captain at the end of the charter. Tipping is optional, however it is customary to tip your skipper between 15%-20% based on the experience you received.

If, 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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