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Dear Charterer,

The Australian summer has begun and I am sure that we are all looking forward to the Xmas/New Year break.

For young Jack & Holly it's the Minnow Nationals again, this time in Blairgowrie on Port Phillip Bay, while I will be next door at Sorrento for the Couta Boat Titles. There must be a reason we are all still sailing timber boats!

2008 was another very busy year for us and we would again like to thank you all for your loyal support.

An interesting trend for us has been the enquiry and booking of long term charters for 6, 8 and even 12 week charters, mostly in the Mediterranean, some already for 2010 (which allows a lot of time for planning).

When people do the figures, yacht charter is still a relatively inexpensive way to travel and 2-3 months drifting across the Mediterranean could only be described as the holiday of a lifetime.

Have a safe and happy break, and we look forward to getting you afloat in 2009.

YOUR PROTECTION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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· SMALL SHIPS - *ORION*



At 340' *Orion* is a purpose built vessel with guest capacity of around 100 accommodated in 53 staterooms. 75 Crew mean that service levels are high as is the fit out of the vessel.

All *Orion* staterooms feature ocean views, flat screen TVs with DVD/CD's, internet access and marble bathrooms. Optional shore side excursions are offered with sustainability the core component of the company's values.

Remote communities in Australia, New Guinea and South East Asia are visited with an emphasis on preserving unique cultural heritages.

Orion operates year round across the Kimberley, New Guinea, South East Asia, and as a classed ice breaking ship in Antarctica.

Five night cruises begin at \$3535 per person - less early booking discounts.

Please [call us](#) for a full brochure and itinerary.

· CROATIA FEEDBACK

Vicki and Peter Yeates recently returned from a skippered charter on a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 40.3 in Croatia.

Vicki's note below makes me want to return to Croatia again very soon!

Dear Brook,

Thank you for organizing our boat charter in Croatia. Marg, Shane, Peter & I had the most wonderful holiday. Our Croatian experience was definitely a highlight, the best way to see such a beautiful part of the world is defiantly on the sea.

The boat was perfect and we had a great skipper. She was an excellent sailor and also good fun. She organised our route and we were able to experience a little of everything as well as experience hands on sailing. (a fun experience when faced with 20 knot winds). Each Island had something different to offer they each had their own personality and even though they are all very close they are all unique & beautiful. I think Korcula was my favourite its like a mini Dubrovnik, although loved Lastovo, Vis, Hvar & Brac. Each for a different reason.

Josipa our skipper had friends and relatives all over the islands and gave us our space but also joining us on a couple of evenings adding to the fun. The only complaint was we did not charter the boat for long enough, We all could have stayed on for another week. Between the four of us we took over 500 photos. I have attached a couple. one of the most amazing sunset over the island Vis. The sky was glowing for an hour. There is one of the 4 of us this is how we spent most late nights. & our boat "Queen" moored on Lastovo.

I have been raving to all that will listen about our trip, encouraging sailing in Croatia as one of the best holidays you can have. I am now trolling the internet to find my next holiday destination which will have to be spent on a yacht.

Thanks again.

Vicki Yeates

CHARTERER IN FOCUS - GARTH JENSEN

Garth Jensen has recently returned from a fantastic 2 week charter on a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 54 in Turkey with long time charter companion Gordon Heslop and wives.

Garth originally chartered a gulet in Turkey so is doing things a little in reverse, in that normally clients try a gulet after bareboating.

Garth and his crew of three mates have usually got together every year aboard a 45-50' monohull in the Whitsundays, New Caledonia or Tahiti, and are looking again at Tonga in September 2009.

The concept of the boys going first for a bit of bonding, fishing and hard sailing with partners following for the second week is quite common with a number of our

clients.

I spoke to Garth just last week and he is thinking about trying for the first time a catamaran in Tonga. I will update on how they find the experience.

NEW ZEALAND - Feature Destination



The value option at the moment given a favourable exchange rate, New Zealand is an often overlooked but world class cruising area.

Locals often rate Auckland's Hauraki Gulf as equal to the renowned Bay of Islands as it is a larger more diverse area, however I believe that the Bay of Islands deserves its place at the top of the list. It is possible to do a one-way from Auckland to the Bay of Islands although there are two days of approx 50 miles required.

The Bay itself is more usually accessed by a three hour car hire north of Auckland, although there is a domestic airport at *Kerikeri*.

The Bay of Islands is formed by an irregular coastline extending for 500 miles and sheltered by 86 islands with many secluded beaches, safe anchorages and innumerable inlets.

Russell is the historic port which was named as New Zealand's first capital, with Captain Cook the first European to visit the area in 1769.

It is also an area of great significance to the Polynesian and Maori people with Maori tradition chronicling visits from Polynesia going back about 1000 years.

The best cruising is between December and April when it is possible to leave the Bay and explore the Pacific including the ports of Whangaroa Harbour and the Cavalli Islands.

Vessels available include Beneteau/Jeanneau monohulls and a small fleet of catamarans including the new

Robertson Caine 4600 which clients are raving about.

Airfares from Australia's east coast to Auckland are available from \$400 per person.

For further information [click here](#)

· FEATURE YACHT Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 50 DS



The new Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 50 Deck Saloon replaces the Jeanneau 49 DS model, and has been enhanced in a number of areas.

Charterers did comment on the three floor levels in the 49 which were seen as a potential tripping hazard. The 50 DS has eliminated this by raising the floor to one level which is easily possible given the enormous headroom. Wide side decks are unimpeded by the shrouds which are set inboard so as not to hinder trimming of the genoa.

Currently available in Turkey and Greece, some models have teak decks, electric genoa winches and electric toilets.

Please [call us](#) for full details.

· SPECIALS

[BAREBOAT](#)

THAILAND

30% Discount on Monohulls (23 Dec 08 - 19 Feb 09)
30% Discount on Catamarans (08 Jan - 07 Feb 09)

MALAYSIA

30% Discount on Monohulls (09 Dec 08 - 06 Feb 09)

CARIBBEAN (St Martin/Gaudeloupe/Martinique/BVI's)

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CABIN SHARE

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50% Discount on January departures

SEYCHELLES 30% Discount on January departures

MADAGASCAR

30% Discount on January departures

AIR FARES

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

Round one 'Early Bird' airfares have been released. These represent the least expensive airfares offered for Europe.

Most must be ticketed by 15 December when round two will be released. These are normally \$200-\$300 more.

All the main carriers have participated including: Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas, Malaysia Airlines & Thai Airways.

They all vary in how they quote (some include the fuel surcharge and some don't).

Fares begin as low as \$1550 per person (plus taxes) in the main part of the season!

Please [contact us](#) for a quote.

Have a Safe and Happy Christmas & New Year!

Good chartering!

Brook Felsenthal
and the Charter World Team