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**Dear Charter World,**

Remember after September 11 when we all thought that the world would never be the same? The cost of travel was predicted to become prohibitive, and then came the fuel surcharges (which incredibly are not now coming down at quite the same rate).

No one really knows how the next months will pan out, however one thing is for certain, the media will continue to talk up the disaster stories and make us feel uneasy about the future. Over our own 24 years in business we have weathered (in no particular order) the Gulf War, SARS, two recessions, Pilots Dispute, Bird Flu, September 11 and Ansett's collapse. We now look back at these events as mere blimps.

As licensed travel agents we continue to offer our charterers the protection of the Travel Corporation Fund which is a great advantage over booking direct with charter operators.

Our long term charter partners are doing all that they can to help keep price rises to a minimum with special offers for the Australian market only.

When the major financial shocks are behind us we know (from experience) that people's thoughts will soon turn to thoughts of sailing holidays and fun in the sun with friends & family.

**• BOOK BY THE CABIN -  
CATAMARAN CHARTERS**

While Ship Cruising has recorded exponential growth in recent years, both in Australia and worldwide, the offerings of 'book by the cabin' cruises have also grown. Priced at comparable levels, I believe there is no real choice for those who want an intimate experience with superior service levels. Usually a maximum of eight are accommodated in four air- conditioned double cabins with ensuites.

As an example - Archipels Croisières offer a fleet of Fountaine Pajot Eluthera 60's (with skipper & hostess) on a variety of departures from Raiatea, Tahiti:

3 night departures (inclusive of all meals) from \$1460 per

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person (twin share).

Similar vessels are offered in the Caribbean, Seychelles, Thailand and Mediterranean.

## • SUNSAIL'S NEW OWNERS / VIETNAM BASE CLOSED

Sunsail has recently been merged into the huge German Tourism operator Tui. Tui operate approximately 3500 travel agencies, over 120 aircraft (the largest holiday fleet in Europe), 285 hotels and 10 cruise lines! The First Choice name is to be retained to promote the brand names of Sunsail, Moorings and Crown Blue Line.

Vietnam has been closed as a base due to lack of demand from Europe and the US, and the difficult operating conditions.

Our clients enjoyed their experiences in Vietnam however with no real boating facilities it was always for the hardiest charterers.

## • BOOK BY THE BERTH OR CABIN

Charter World in conjunction with Australia's leading sailing schools offer a range of skippered bareboat holidays for 2009.

### **For Book By The Berth Or Cabin**

#### **TURKEY - May/June 2009**

2 weeks on a fleet of Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 52's.

#### **CROATIA - September 2009**

Find out why everyone is talking about Croatia.

#### **NEW CALEDONIA - November 2009**

Fast catamaran sailing to the legendary Isle of Pines.

Full details on [our website](#).

## • MADAGASCAR FEED BACK

Experienced and long time charterer Bertrand de Tarle and his wife Nina recently returned from a bareboat charter in

Madagascar with a mixed review.

Chartering a Harmony 47 from Nosy Bé at the northern end of Madagascar, the cruising area is best described as remote, although there are several resorts within reach.

Located to the North-West of Madagascar, Nosy Bé is the biggest and most populated of the Malagasy islands. The most beautiful beaches of Madagascar are found here, shaded by coconut trees and washed by calm turquoise waters. Also reputed for its fragrances, Nosy Bé is nicknamed "The Fragrant Island".

The weather patterns are dominated by the alternation of the North Monsoon and the South Monsoon. During the South Monsoon, from April to December, South Eastern winds dominate, 13-20 knots. Apart from some brief night time showers, this period sees little rain and is cooler than the North Monsoon. Temperatures: 25-30°C.

The lack of facilities - access to water and fuel, make this charter area for the most intrepid of charterers. The bareboat fleet is less than a handful of yachts and in my opinion the best way to experience Madagascar is on a crewed catamaran (see article above).

Bertrand & Ning enjoyed the experience overall and a highlight was the local land based tour with Madagascar's stunning flora and fauna which is world renowned.

If you have done everything else than maybe, but there is a lot to do.

## • HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK WRAP UP

Andrew Robertson recently returned from his first Hamilton Island Regatta. He had such a great time he has already rebooked for 2009 sailing on a Beneteau Oceanis 321!

Andrew and his crew achieved a first and third position in two races, and were awarded the most improved in their division.

Scheduled in late August this event is Australia's premier regatta, where the atmosphere both on and off the water is unmatched.

Charter yachts have their own division with the option to carry spinnakers. The Whitehaven Beach Party is for many the highlight of the event. Charter yachts are limited so if you are thinking of 2009 get the crew together now!

- **NEWSLETTER SPECIALS**

**SEYCHELLES (bareboat)**

20% discount for charters 17 Nov - 25 Dec 08

**CARIBBEAN (Guadeloupe/Martinique bareboat)**

20% discount for charters 29 Nov - 26 Dec 08

**TAHITI (catamaran cabin share)**

20% discount for second person & complimentary bottle of champagne for bookings 01 Nov - 20 Dec 08

**WHITSUNDAYS**

For charters 01-30 Nov 08 & 11 Jan - 31 March 09

Pay for 5 & sail for 7 nights

Pay for 7 & sail for 10 nights

Pay for 10 & sail for 14 nights

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Call us for 2009 special offers!

***Good chartering!***

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and the Charter World Team