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Dear Charterer,

We are just back from a sensational 8 nights sailing to the Isle of Pines (see article below), and back on deck to finalise all of the arrangements for our June and July charters.

Boat Show season is looming as is our Victorian long, cold winter and my mind often flicks to when and where we can get sailing again.

It has been interesting to note the lead time changing (between booking and sailing) over many years. Sometimes it seems to contract and other times extend.

More recently we find Australians are making longer term plans and we have many bookings for 2009 booked last year (2007). The co-ordination of large groups, kids school calendars and work need to be finely balanced.

Lynn has been reading books on families taking extended time off to travel the world and find themselves! We are proposing late 2010 for us to take the kids away for a term- it's nice to think of the possibilities - Corfu to Antalya in 8 weeks, tops the list at the moment.

SKIPPER OR HOSTESS

Pros and cons of taking a skipper or hostess/cook or both:

I would estimate that Australians are possibly the lowest nationality to employ the services of a skipper or hostess on a bareboat holiday. Part of the reason is that we are generally quite skilled (those who seek out a bareboat holiday) and the other reason is that we are worried about the potential impact of another personality aboard a small vessel.

Having said this, we are showing perhaps the highest growth (from a low base) as more people see the benefits having some help aboard.

I have had many bareboat clients decide that they do not want to worry about staying up all night when the wind blows - and the advantage of a cook/hostess is obvious.

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Working in the galley can be fun in the right environment with the right crew. But, sitting in the cockpit and having dinner served and the dishes carried away I believe is even more enjoyable.

In recent seasons I have experienced crew aboard and believe that in some areas and circumstances it is the way to go.

Costs are really not significant if you have a large group to divide the approx \$200 per day fee, however these crew can add to the enjoyment of the charter significantly.

As we are booking more and more crew we now have a list of skippers and cooks that we have either personally met or our charterers have raved about.

The term 'bareboat' actually means 'bare of crew' however, a skippered or crewed bareboat is definitely worth considering on your next charter.

Please call us to discuss this option.

ALLSAIL TURKEY

Sydney based sailing school
Allsail have taken groups of
singles and couples on charter
holidays for many years, next
month on Beneteau 50's in
Sardinia.

For 2009 a return to Turkey has
been heavily requested and
June agreed the best month to
cruise. If you have had trouble getting your group together
these events are a great way to book as a single or a couple
and enjoy the experience with a group of like minded sailors.

The trips are all about fun and relaxation however, there is of
course the option of obtaining further certification in a practical
environment.

Registrations of interest are now being taken, however as the
operators like to maintain small group sizes a maximum of six
yachts will be cruising together.

For further information please call us.

· 20 YEAR CELEBRATION

One of our very special groups have just booked another charter in the Whitsundays - celebrating 20 years chartering together.

The bulk of the group were (and some still are) McDonald's franchisees and have usually taken four boat groups (4 guys on each) with the wives joining them for the second week.

I would have to pull out all of our archives, but the main destinations have been Tonga (approx 10 times) which the group rate as their favorite. Whitsundays, Tahiti, and New Caledonia have also been greatly enjoyed, and members of the group have also chartered in the Caribbean, Croatia, Turkey, Greece and Sicily. This time they are taking the Whitsundays four largest catamarans.

All at Charter World have enjoyed arranging these adventures as the group have been a delight to work with and there is no sign of them not wanting to line up again next year.

· MIA MIA

As a kid listening to the radio broadcasts of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race I remember the radio relay vessel Mia Mia.

At 81' and not much less tonnage she is now a high quality fully crewed vessel operating exclusive crewed charters mainly along Australia's east coast.

I recently inspected her and was very impressed at the level of fit out- multi million dollar of course. Best suited to a party of up to six, Mia Mia can operate with two or three crew. Toys and equipment include a 4.2 metre zodiac with 50hp, drop down aft swim platform, LCD/DVD'S in each cabin and full air conditioning.

For further information please call us or view www.mia-mia.com.au

· SPECIALS

Last Minute

Turkey 20% discount until 28 June

Greece 20% discount until 28 June
Croatia 15% discount until 14 June
Sicily 15% discount until 28 June

Malaysia 10% discount May -October
Thailand 10% discount May-October

Whitsundays 15% discount until 30 June
(including free kayak)

Seychelles 30% discount June departure (cabin share)
Madagascar 50% discount June departure (cabin share)
Caribbean 30% discount June departure (cabin share)

Mediterranean 15% discounts for September

One-way Specials

SOD 35 Split/Biograd \$385 pd 19/07-26/07
SOD 29.2 Biograd/Split \$240 pd 23/08-30/08
SOD 42i Split/Biograd \$575 pd, 30/08-06/09
SOD 36i Split/Biograd \$440 pd 30/08-06/09
SOD 39i Biograd/Split \$525 pd 30/08-06/09
SOD 36i Split/Dubrovnik \$420 pd 13/09-20/09
SOD 35 Split/Biograd \$320 pd 13/09-20/09
SOD 39i Split/Biograd \$440 pd 20/09-27/09
SOD 43 Split/Dubrovnik \$400 pd 25/10-01/11
SOD 43 Dubrovnik/Split \$380 pd 25/10-01/11

Airfares

Malaysian Airlines departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide through to Dubrovnik, Split, Athens, Palermo and Catania:

\$1625 pp (plus taxes) 04 Oct-15 Nov
\$1780 pp (plus taxes) 20 Sep-04 Oct
\$1940 pp (plus taxes) 01 Jun-15 Jun and 16 Aug-19 Sep

Subject to availability

Air Tahiti Nui departing Sydney to Papeete return from:

\$665 pp (plus taxes) 01 Jun-30 Nov

Subject to availability

NEW CALEDONIA

I have sailed in New Caledonia many times over the past 25 years and I have banged on about the destination many times in this newsletter.

In my early days I lived in Noumea as a G.O sailing instructor for Club Med and my affinity with the place has continued ever since. In our early years I must admit to being a bit frustrated that we could not convince more people to try the destination.

The Whitsundays were booming with 200 bareboats and New Caledonia struggled to have 10, yet people seemed happy to return to Queensland 3, 4 or more times, when New Caledonia offered better equipped vessels, a true international holiday and European feel and equal flight distance (just over 2 hours) from Sydney.

Over recent years Australian charterers have seen beyond our own shores and New Caledonia has seen increasing numbers enjoying this pristine cruising environment. When cruising yachties rate the Isle of Pines and Marquesas (French Polynesia) as the two best spots in the Pacific (and the Pacific is so vast) you have to take notice. A Japanese travel magazine recently rated the beaches as Number 1 and 6 in the world- again a very big claim!

I never tire of the area, as the scope of cruising area is so large and varied. The mainland is 250 miles long and I have had clients circumnavigate in 4 and 8 week charters.

Atolls, behind the barrier reef, the lush and tropical east coast, the legendary Isle of Pines and the overnight sail to the tribal Loyalty Islands are just some of the cruising possibilities.

There are a range of nice new monohulls available including the Hanse 400, 43e, and the Dufour 455. However, I believe this area is best covered in one of the many Fountaine Pajot catamarans. These vessels offer a superb platform to explore shallow anchorages (tide is never more than half a metre). I particularly enjoy the ability to take long passages to remote anchorages, where you can feel like you are all alone on the planet.

On this trip we baked our own bread and caught a large Wahoo and Barracuda (see pics)- which added to our feeling of self sufficiently.

The two things that usually make you head to port on a yacht are power and water. These catamarans have desalinators and large solar backed invertors that allow you to charge and keep on charging. The Belize 43's even have large flat screen TV's and DVD's, and with the right equipment you can keep on the internet.

I told you I could bang on about this destination! And so to our charter on the new Fountaine Pajot Mahe 36. The newest of the Foutaine Pajot's, this three cabin and one head cat was perfect for our family of four and was quick under both power and sail. At under six tons it is the first full infusion catamaran built by Fountaine Pajot and flew along at an average of 6.8 knots on most legs.

We will be returning to explore the Loyalty Islands - 80 miles north of the mainland.

Good chartering!

Brook Felsenthal
and the Charter World Team
