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Dear Charterer,

Early predictions of the hottest Australian summer on record fell flat this year, until this week, while parts of Australia's north, including the Whitsundays, were nearly drowned, although the drought continues.

Average water consumption in Australia is now down to 345 litres per person per day.

Boating people are aware of the precious commodity of fresh water. When a crew can drink, wash and live on 600 litres for 7 days it teaches you a great skill, and perhaps what is possible if required.

European and Pacific charters begin in earnest next month as both of these regions seasons start to enter stable weather patterns.

Liv has just returned from the Whitsundays (see below) refreshed and up to date. A long time client has booked our first charter to Madagascar-we await his first hand account.

Here we go again!

• **Free one way Phuket/Langkawi**

A special offer valid all year (except 20 Dec-10 Jan) is available for this stunning route covering these two Asian jewels. Available in either direction with no redelivery charge, the operator will also include a free transfer back to the departure base so that you can fly in and out of the same point.

At approximately 140 miles between the two, this route is best done with a minimum of 10 days. The contrast between these two countries is quite marked. The duty free Island of Langkawi has some superb 5 star resorts as well as traditional restaurants and road side vendors, selling meals for less than one dollar!

Thailand's Butang group of islands are stunningly beautiful and relatively remote and of course Phuket has everything for everyone. Apart from perhaps two nights in the middle where you may need to eat aboard, restaurants are everywhere and inexpensive. Vessels available include Catamarans 38-47'.

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The largest Catana 471 is a dagger board catamaran with accommodation for eleven. Monohulls 33-50' are also available. Jetstar are offering direct Sydney/Phuket flights from \$734 per person return (plus taxes). I chartered twice in this area in 2007 and collected a lot of up to date information.

Please call for further details.

• Specials

Canal Cruising Europe

25% discount on selected One-Way Cruises March/April
20 % discount on selected One-way Cruises May
15% discount Year Round on Tango, Town Star
10% discount Early Season March-June
UK, France, Germany, Ireland

Airfares

Sydney/Phuket Jetstar \$734 return (plus taxes)

MEL/SYD/BNE/ADL to all major European cities with Singapore Airways (Autumn specials return per person plus taxes)

25 Mar- 27 May \$2060
28 May- 15 Aug \$2300
16 Aug- 19 Sep \$2060
20 Sep- 30 Oct \$1910

Whitsundays

May / June Autumn Special 15% discount (on new bookings)

Tuscan Coast

10 % discount April /May

Greece

Last Minute discount of 20% for all charters starting up until 25 April

• Charter World Continues to Grow

Prue Commene is the newest member of our team, holding down our reception desk so the team can continue to focus on their core functions.

Lynn and Liv are running the airlines and travel details surrounding your charter. Amanda and Fiona working in documentation and reservations, Jason operating our IT network, leaving me in sales and marketing.

I can honestly say that we have never been better backed with experienced staff who know the business and are totally service committed.

• Charter Yachts for Sale

Lying in the Mediterranean these vessels often offer great value for a European yacht.

<u>GREECE</u>	<u>BUILT</u>	<u>COST (EU€)</u>
Beneteau Oceanis 311	1999	49,000
Beneteau Oceanis 331	2001	61,000
Beneteau Oceanis 381	1991	75,000
Beneteau Oceanis 343	2005	104,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 35	2001	108,000
Beneteau Oceanis 393	2003	115,000
Beneteau Cyclades 39	2006	130,000
Beneteau Cyclades 43	2005	149,000
Hallberg-Rassy 43	1991	220,000

<u>CROATIA</u>	<u>BUILT</u>	<u>COST (EU€)</u>
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 29	1999	35,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 32	2002	51,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 35	2002	80,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 40	2001	89,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 45	2002	138,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49	2004	179,000
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 52.2	1998	179,000

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• Jeanneau Prestige 46

The largest bareboat motor cruiser now offered in Croatia is the superb Jeanneau Prestige 46. This stylish cruiser is powered by two 500hp Cummins. The 2008 model comfortably accommodates seven in three doubles and one twin cabin.

Priced from \$1960 per night in early June this vessel represents the pinnacle in size and performance of bareboat motor yachts. Cruising speeds in excess of 20 knots allows fast cruising options in shorter time periods.

• Liv in the Whitsundays

Just returned from a one week sail in the Whitsundays on a Beneteau Oceanis 423 with Sunsail. Aware of the possibility of a lot of rain and humidity I decided to take my crew for an adventure in low season anyway - the bad weather I hoped could not continue.

We flew into Hamilton Island and were stunned by some big murky patches in the water obviously from the storms a couple weeks prior to our charter - luckily this was the only time we ever came close to those.

Our crew of four included my husband and his Canadian parents, who had previously never sailed.

After provisioning for our trip we all were very excited to leave the marina for our first sail to nearby Tongue Bay. This in retrospect was not a great decision as the yacht and all of us rolled all night with it. Lesson learnt we used secure anchorages from then on.

The weather was fabulous with only one day of rain and winds at around 15 - 20 knots. We visited Whitehaven Beach, Blue Pearl Bay and Langford Island to name a few. The wrecked hull of the ketch that 30 backpackers were airlifted from, was also an interesting sight.

Our international crew rated the scenery stunning, although the fishing was not as successful as in Canada (luckily we had enough provisions). The 423 is a great sailing yacht, comfortable for four, responsive and solid. The equipment was well maintained and the Sunsail staff very friendly and helpful.

This was my third time in the Whitsundays, but it is always a fantastic adventure and has still many places for me to discover. Australians may think of overseas locations as more exotic, but for me the Whitsundays is equal to the best in the world.

Good chartering!

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and the Charter World Team