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Dear Charter World,

We trust that everyone saw a bit of sun and perhaps had some great sails over the end of year summer break.

In the last two seasons we have joined the many thousands of sailors on the Nationals circuit. The work involved in preparing a boat, travelling and managing a Thirteen year old is immense, and although it is sailing it is as far removed from a sailing holiday as anything can be.

If I can be a bragging Dad, Jack won the National Titles in a fleet of 102 Minnows, so the effort was quickly forgotten.

Sailing is such a diverse sport/recreation and I am sure we will all have our favourite times to remember and dream about. For me it is probably sitting at anchor in a remote, protected and pristine bay with a few good friends or family aboard. Perhaps taking the dinghy in to shore to a taverna for a long lunch!

Hope we can get you there soon.

• FOCUS ON CROATIA



Croatia continues to attract more charterers than any other Mediterranean destination. The cruising possibilities are almost

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limitless with a heavily indented coastline offering hundreds if not thousands of protected anchorages.

Clients returning love the architecture, people, food and facilities, not to mention the weather and stunning cruising grounds.

Perhaps the one downside of sailing in Croatia is that it is often quite busy. Having said this, if you are prepared to have one quadrant open to the weather you can generally have a bay to yourself. Most yachts tend to congregate in totally protected anchorages and marinas.

One-way routes are very popular with Split to Dubrovnik (110 miles) a continuing favourite.

The cruising north and south of Split is generally regarded as the best, however this is a subjective view as the Kornati's to the north and the Istrian Peninsula also offer superb cruising.

Available vessels include just about every European marque and model including bareboats, gulets and fully crewed. There are some great one-way bargains to be had for the 09 season - please [call us](#) for details.

• BAREBOAT SPECIALS

WHITSUNDAYS

For charters up to 31 March 2009:

Pay for 3 & go for 5 nights
Pay for 5 & go for 7 nights
Pay for 7 & go for 10 nights
Pay for 10 & go for 14 nights

For charters 01-08 April, 21 April - 01 Sept & 01 Nov - 23 Dec 2009:

Pay for 6 & go for 7 nights
Pay for 8 & go for 10 nights
Pay for 10 & go for 13 nights

TAHITI

20% Discount for charters taken prior to 30 May & 01 July - 08 August 2009.

SEYCHELLES

20% Discount for charters taken prior to 30 May 2009.
20% Discount on selected vessels to 31 July 2009.

MALAYSIA / THAILAND

15-20% Discount on March, April & May 2009 bookings.

For charters 18 May - 01 November 2009:

Pay for 7 & go for 10 nights

Pay for 10 & go for 14 nights

Pay for 14 & go for 21 nights

CARIBBEAN

(St Martin, Guadeloupe, Martinique & British Virgin Islands)

30% Discount on selected vessels up to 18 April 2009.

MEDITERRANEAN

(Cote d'Azur to Corsica)

30% Discount on one-way charters.

• **AIR FARE SPECIALS**

NEW CALEDONIA

Air Calin have introduced a pay one get one free fare for flights from Sydney and Brisbane to Noumea return, valid for travel 23 Feb - 31 March or 22 April - 31 May or 01-31 Aug 2009. This is for a limited time only & must be booked in conjunction with your yacht charter. Ends 28 Feb 2009.

TAHITI

Special fares have been released with Air Tahiti Nui to Papeete from most capital cities. Travel is from February thru to 30 June 2009. Although temporarily suspending the direct flights, excellent connection thru to Auckland are offered a number of times a week.

CHARTER FLIGHT SPECIALS

The routes that are offered by charter operators in Europe is constantly expanding with one-way flights possible on most route.

Great sites are [Ryan Air](#) and [Easy Jet](#)

• **CHARTERER IN FOCUS - Malcolm Ritchie**



Malcolm's last two charters have been at the top of my list to one-day emulate, both for the length of time and type of yachts. Malcolm has been sailing for a long time and chooses his boats carefully.

His most recent charter was for three weeks and included a circumnavigation of Sicily including Malta. Travelling with friends the group took two (three cabin) Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49's. Features of the yacht included a deep keel and tall rig with fully battened mainsail, so the boats sailed extremely well.

The season before was spent bareboating a superb Beneteau 57 (centre cockpit) complete with generator and air-conditioning. This charter departed Athens, also for three weeks and covered islands in the Saronic Gulf, Cyclades and Sporades.

Malcolm is currently working on his next trip to New Caledonia's Isle of Pines, this time to try a large catamaran.

• SCRUMPTIOUS HOTELS & VILLAS



Over the past two decades we have honed down the best pre and post charter accommodation options for all of our charter base destinations. Location is vital, but service, friendliness, character and of course price are all important factors.

Most tend to be smaller hotels and pensions usually family run and often with the same tenure of management as us (a quarter

of a century).

For Split charters we often use the Vila Sikaa, a 19th century pension on the Trogir waterfront. With only seven rooms it is small and extremely friendly hotel run by the Runtic family. Grandad usually does the transfers and is a delight to all arriving at the airport with his toothless grin. [Click here](#) for more information.

In Rhodes the Cava D'Oro is a similar style, however the walls that you rest your head beside are over 400 years old. Tucked in the old walled city, this hotel is always a highlight for clients. [Click here](#) for more information.

Closer to home in Nuku'alofa in Tonga, the eight roomed Waterfront Lodge is the only place to stay. Colonial architecture, Italian run and South Pacific themed, it is typically Tonga - a melting point of cultures. A lobster dinner is often a highlight on this mandatory stopover in Tongatapu.

Please [call us](#) for suggestions on pre and past charter accommodation wherever in the world you find yourself.

• FEATURE YACHTS - WIND STAR



We have recently booked a number of charters on the three sister ships - Wind Surf, Wind Song & Wind Spirit.

These three vessels all built in France in the late eighties have maintained a unique market segment which has more appeal to sailors and those seeking a more intimate experience afloat than currently offered by the mega cruise ships.

At 360' these four masted electrically furling vessels are capable of cruising at up to 14 knots.

Sea water hydraulic ballast systems and stabilizers limit the heel to give a comfortable ride.

A crew of ninety provide five star service to up to 148 passengers in 74 staterooms.

The choice of cruises is enhanced by the three ships working in conjunction to offer the Western and Eastern Mediterranean, Caribbean and even Trans Atlantic crossings.

As an example we booked clients this week on a seven night Athens/Istanbul itinerary in July at \$5200 per person all inclusive.

Please [call us](#) for further information or visit [Windstar Cruises](#).

Good chartering!

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