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Dear Charterer,

We are back on deck for season 2013 after a great break of nearly three weeks (mainly berthed at Hobart's very friendly Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania) lucky enough to see Wild Oats XI hit Constitution Dock and for Jack to successfully defend his National 4.7 Laser title - wearing shorts and t-shirts the whole time!

Had a good look at D'Entrecasteaux Channel from water and land - it is as good as I had heard. A good client of ours operates a bareboat Fountaine Pajot Salina 48 from RYCT (see details below) and I would thoroughly recommend the cruising area (winding in the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival) as the ultimate trip.

As usual many of you have returned from the Xmas/New Year break having caught up with family and friends and a calendar, so we have been inundated with requests mainly for Europe which is already heavily booked.

Stable airfares and a strong dollar combining to make a yacht charter holiday outstanding value.

Looking forward to getting you aboard and relaxed in exotic destinations over 2013.

• LICENCING

Currently there are no changes for Australian charterers travelling overseas. Croatia still require a VHF Radio Licence and our operators in the Mediterranean require some form of Boating Licence - a state based power boat licence is still generally accepted. In the Pacific & Asia sailing resumes suffice in most regions.

We of course review local requirements constantly and our long-term relationship with our quality operators means we are at the forefront of any new developments.

Having said this we believe that Coastal Skippers, ICC's and any bareboat course are worthwhile certifications to pursue and we can recommend several sailing schools that offer a range of course options around Australia.

Lynn, Amber and Amanda are details merchants and they will chase you down if they need any documentation to complete your charter formalities which ensures trouble free cruising and an expedient departure from the base.



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• TONGA - New Aircraft & Carrier



New Zealand air operator *Chatham's Pacific* will cease operating all domestic flights in Tonga on 01 March 2013. Chathams have been a reliable carrier who has thrilled many clients with their vintage DC3's.

Real Tonga, a government backed operator, have stepped up with a brand new MA60's to service a number of routes - for us the Tongatapu/Vava'u route.

Schedules are currently being set, however they will dovetail the Virgin flights which arrive and depart Tongatapu almost daily from Sydney and Auckland.

As always we can assist with booking air travel, transfers and accommodation around your Tongan yacht charter.

[Tonga](#) remains a favourite with many of our clients for good reason - friendly people, protected sailing waters and a diverse cultural experience.

Please [contact us](#) for further information.

• FEATURE VESSEL - Jeanneau 469



Although new boats are not filtering into charter fleets at the same rate as in previous years, there are still some new builds available.

The recently launched Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 469 is one that we have been able to secure for many clients across the [Mediterranean](#) this season.

Most layouts have four double cabins all with ensuites which is unheard of in 46' vessels, but as we know new designs seem to find more usable interior space.

Costings are generally around the \$800 per day mark which gets back to the old \$100 per person per day rule of thumb. The difference is that 10 years ago that amount only got you a 3 year old 44' with two heads.

Following on from the successful 409 and 439, the 469 inherits the clean lines with moderate freeboard and exceptional light down below making her feel more like a 50'er.

The hard chined stern also allows the interior space of a wide beam without compromising the upwind performance.

Great pictures and videos [here](#).

• CHARTERING IN TASMANIA



Paul McCartney has operated his Fountaine Pajot Salina 48 for a number of years based out of Hobart's Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Initially 'Serengeti' was offered on a skippered only basis however is now available as a bareboat.

Perhaps like New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds or Vancouver, the limited good sailing seasons in Tasmania, restricts the yacht offerings, although all three of these areas offer world class cruising areas - you just have to go at the right time. In Tasmania that is probably February - March and the edges of this.

Over our three weeks in December - January we wore t-shirts and shorts almost the whole time, but I know that this is not always the case.

The cruising area south is large, similar in size to Port Hacking, Sydney Harbour and Pittwater/Hawkesbury combined.

The D'Entrecasteaux Channel is protected in the main by north and south Bruny Island while the Huon River offers another aspect with a mix of orchards, pristine bush and small settlements to explore.

Tasmanians have embraced tourism and the quality of meals and service we found surprisingly high.

I had some of the best Turkish food ever in the small township of Kettering (Pasha's Restaurant if you get there).

Apart from the 4 cabin 4 head Salina which can, at a push, accommodate a party of twelve there are some further options including a 41' Beneteau.

Please [contact us](#) for further details.

Good chartering!

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and the Charter World Team