

# **ADVENTURES OFFSHORE**

## **NOTES AND CONDITIONS ON BOOKING A VOYAGE**

### **HEALTH**

If you (the Applicant) are suffering from a known medical condition or allergy such as diabetes, epilepsy or a heart condition which might suddenly incapacitate you, it could be dangerous to go to sea – if in doubt consult your doctor. If you are being treated with prescribed drugs for any of the above, please read Conditions of Booking J below. Your doctor should advise you of alternative medication in case of seasickness. You must ensure that if necessary your doctor has advised the correct brand of anti-seasickness remedy to take. You must ensure that you are carrying the correct drugs and dosage for the voyage. Please note that A/O is unable to issue any medication to you.

Every effort is made to try and accommodate people with mental/physical handicap where it is safe. However, please supply detailed information when booking to ensure you are not disappointed.

### **INSURANCE**

Adventures Offshore (A/O) is fully covered for public liability and accidents on their vessels.

A/O has arranged an excellent package through its brokers, WRS Ltd, whereby all applicants booked on a A/O voyage lasting 4 days or more are automatically covered by the policy. Cover includes: loss of personal luggage and money, medical, repatriation and other expenses incurred while abroad due to illness or accident, cancellation in certain circumstances before the projected voyage or curtailment in certain circumstances during the voyage; personal accident and public liability.

Individuals or groups with their own insurance cover will be required to provide A/O with written proof before any cruise fees can be altered.

### **POLICY CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

“Carriage hereunder is subject to the rules and limitations relating to liability established by the Athens convention, as enacted in the carriage of passengers, and their luggage, Sea, Domestic carriage (Order 1987).” As with all policies there are conditions and exclusions and while these are considered to be standard we do recommend that applicants read them - a specimen insurance certificate is available on request. Excluded from successful claims - £60 each person.

### **CLAIMS**

All claims are to be made direct to Claims Administrators, One Claims Ltd, 1-4 Limes Court, Conduit Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8EP (telephone 01992 708720).

### **SAFETY**

The vessel will be under the command of a Skipper holding an RYA/DTP Yachtmaster Offshore / Ocean certificate with Commercial Endorsement. The vessel is certified to the Marine Safety Agency's Code of Practice for Small Commercial Sailing Vessels.

### **APPLICANTS FROM OVERSEAS**

If you live overseas and wish to sail with A/O you are recommended to pay your fees using the electronic bank transfer system via your local bank. Cheques drawn on banks outside Great Britain cannot be accepted.

### **CONDITIONS OF BOOKING**

- A. A 25% deposit is required to confirm a booking. The full balance is payable two months prior to departure.
- B. A/O reserves the right to cancel a booking and retain the deposit if the full balance is not received on time.
- C. If the booking is cancelled by you within 2 months of the start date, the FULL CRUISE COST is payable. Cancellation by you prior to this will result in the loss of your 25% deposit.
- D. A/O reserves the right to modify or cancel the voyage in the event of adverse sea conditions, mechanical problems or other circumstances beyond their control.
- E. In the event of cancellation of the booking by A/O we will refund the full voyage fee paid or accept it towards the cost of another cruise at the request of the applicant. A/O shall not be liable to pay any other sum.
- F. Applicants are responsible for their own transport to and from the A/O base and, where overseas crew changes are made, to the airport or ferry terminal used unless special arrangements are made.
- G. Failure to disclose all information may forfeit your berth, even at short notice.
- H. Applicants should be able to swim at least 50 metres in light clothing unless declared at the time of booking.
- I. Applicants must be free from any known contact with an infectious disease during the 6 weeks prior to the booked voyage.
- J. Applicants under treatment requiring prescribed drugs MUST present A/O with a doctor's note stating, in plain language, the condition and drug prescribed.
- K. A/O can accept no responsibility for any consequences of your failing to take medication as recommended by your doctor.
- L. Applicants are under the authority of the Skipper at all times during the voyage, and are to carry out the duties assigned to them and comply with his/her instructions at all times.
- M. Conduct by the Applicant considered by the Skipper to be disruptive, contrary to good order or prejudicial to the interests of safety of the crew shall entitle the Skipper to return the Applicant to the point of departure in such a manner as he/she shall decide (without liability on A/O to make or meet any refund or additional cost) in all respects at the expense of the Applicant and/or parent/guardian (including the cost of any person escorting the Applicant if so required).
- N. The consumption and storage of alcohol on board are prohibited unless expressly authorised by the Skipper.
- O. Whilst reserving the right to release information at the discretion of A/O, a policy of confidentiality is maintained.
- P. If your group includes any female members aged under 18 or any member aged under 16, you must provide an adult leader with the group, unless you have agreed otherwise with us at the time of booking.
- Q. It is the responsibility of Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme participants using their voyage for a residential project (Gold Award) to bring their log book to the vessel and ensure the Skipper fills it in.

**ADVENTURES OFFSHORE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY APPLICATION WITHOUT ASCRIBING A REASON FOR ITS DECISION.**