

Joining Instructions – Mercury Yacht Harbour

Dear Customer,

We hope that you will enjoy your time with Quantum Sailing. The notes below are provided to help you prepare, so that you can make the most of your experience onboard. On arrival please proceed directly to the yacht, details will be provided prior to the sailing date, or contact the skipper, who will be there ready to welcome you. Please call Glenn on 07919 017835.

If you have any questions prior to embarkation, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (07919 017835) or email (info@quantumsailing.co.uk) and we will do our very best to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn & the crew at Quantum Sailing

Marina location

The yacht will be based at MDL's **Mercury Yacht Harbour** near Hamble. Information on the marina can be found at <http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-mercury-yacht-harbour>.

The address of the marina is:

Satchell Lane, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire, SO31 4HQ.
Phone: +44 (0) 2380 455994

How to find us:

Directions to the marina **by car**:

Leave the M27 at junction 8 signposted Hamble/Southampton East. Approaching the roundabout – from the East take the first exit, from the West take the third exit. At the next roundabout take the second exit, passing a large Tesco store on your left. Go straight across the next two mini roundabouts and the traffic lights. Follow this road for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Go straight across the next roundabout and then immediately left into Satchell Lane where there will be a large school on your right. Follow this road over the bridge and eventually you will see the sign for Mercury Yacht Harbour on your left. There is free car parking at the marina.

Travelling **by train**:

The best station to use is normally Southampton Airport. From there it is approximately 15-minutes by taxi to the marina.

There is a train station in Hamble; however it is a good $\frac{1}{2}$ hour walk to Mercury Yacht Harbour and the roads are not all pedestrian friendly. Unfortunately there is no taxi rank at Hamble station and local taxi companies are reluctant to run the short trip from there to Mercury Yacht Harbour.

If you wish to travel to Hamble Station, please contact us in advance to discuss options for collection.

Some local taxi firms numbers that might be useful are: Phoenix Cars - 023 8045 8868, Access Cars- 023 8045 8855 and City Cars- 070 0444 4444

Your skipper will normally meet you onboard, unless other arrangements have been agreed in advance, but if you have any issues on the day, please don't hesitate to contact Glenn, calling 07919 017835.

We are aware that travel times can be vary greatly but if you are going to be late it would be helpful if you could let us know so that we can plan accordingly.

Provisions

If you have chosen the Adventure Sailing Cruise or a special event that includes provisioning, your booking letter will specify this, then all meals onboard are provided. This normally includes a meal on the arrival evening. Please let us know of any special dietary requirements when returning the booking form and crew list form provided.

The skippered charter option does not normally include provisioning, There are a number of good supermarkets available (if coming by car you will pass a large Tesco's shortly after leaving the motorway). A separate document offering help and guidance on provisioning a yacht can be provided if required. If you would prefer a fully provisioned charter, please contact us to discuss requirements.

You are welcome to bring alcohol onboard but for safety reasons moderation is necessary.

What to bring

All safety equipment, such as lifejackets and harnesses will be provided. The following list is not comprehensive but will help you to remember the key items to bring:

- (a) The temperature can vary greatly and it is generally colder at sea than on land, so bring plenty of layers to put on or take off as the weather dictates. Thermal underwear can be useful and don't forget a hat, scarf and gloves.
- (b) It is worth having enough clothing to maintain a complete spare set of dry kit, as there is always the chance of getting wet at sea.
- (c) A warm, waterproof outer layer is essential for any passages offshore or in wet weather. This can be purpose designed sailing equipment or other good quality outdoor wear. Should you wish us to arrange hire of wet weather gear please contact us prior to arrival.
- (d) Deck shoes or trainers with non-marking soles should be used on the boat; bear in mind that they may get wet with salt water.
- (e) Sea boots are very useful in wet weather, otherwise ordinary wellies or waterproof trainers will do.
- (f) Sunglasses and sun cream are essential throughout the year, as the reflection on the water intensifies the effect of the sun. A hat/cap that won't blow off is also useful.
- (g) If you are worried about seasickness, remedies such as Stugeron can be obtained from most high street chemists. Before taking any medication please ensure that you read the instructions carefully and if necessary consult your doctor. Note – for best effect, start taking it the night before sailing and then maintain dose as directed on the packet whilst onboard.
- (h) You will need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, towels and toiletries.
- (i) Soft 'sports style' bags are ideal rather than suitcases. Remember when packing that stowage space is limited on a sailing boat!
- (j) A small torch or pocket torch can be useful.
- (k) Don't forget to bring any medication you may need for the duration of your charter.
- (l) For cross channel cruises or charters please remember to bring your Passports and it is recommended that you have an E111/European Health Insurance card.
- (m) We also recommend that you obtain suitable Travel Insurance in advance of any trip.