

Charter Safety

IBCS Q5: Do all charter boats have an on-board boat manual?

1. A hardcopy of the bareboat manual shall be provided on board. An additional copy may also be provided by electronic means. The bareboat manual shall provide necessary information for the safe operation of the bareboat, equipment and systems, with due consideration for the environment. The information does not need to include servicing information other than routine checks intended to be carried out for operating the bareboat during the charter. NOTE: An owner's manual complying with ISO 10240 is deemed to be a bareboat manual.

A plan of the boat and its system is required.

2. The following information and data for the bareboat shall be provided: name of the model or type; maximum wind speed and significant wave height that the bareboat can operate in; maximum recommended load; main dimensions; drafts: maximum height (air draft), if relevant; maximum draft(s) in the fully loaded condition; tank capacities. -weight and type of anchor and length of anchor chain and/or rope.

Detailed information of the boat must be provided during the booking process with addition information on request.

3. Extra information: Nominal fixed fuel tank(s) capacity (in litres), with a statement mentioning that all of its capacity may not be usable according to trim and loading and that a 20 % reserve should be kept, type of fuel and position of filling point(s) and draining point (if fitted);- — fixed fresh water tank(s) capacity (in litres), with a statement mentioning that all of its capacity may not be usable according to trim and loading, and position of filling point(s) and draining point (if fitted);- — fixed oil tank(s) capacity (in litres), clean and used, and position of filling and emptying point(s).

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4. The maximum recommended number of adult persons and/or combination of adults/children shall be clearly stated.

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5. There shall be a layout plan indicating the following: electric outlets/switches/battery locations; equipment stowage; fresh water changeover taps, if relevant; fuel tank changeover taps, if relevant; fuel cut-off valve; tank filling fittings; pump out fittings; deck layout life raft stowage; seacocks.

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6. Fuel consumption under normal conditions of speed and load shall be stated.

7. The following information shall be provided: the location of seacocks and through-hull fittings, by a plan, sketch or any convenient means; advice on keeping seacocks, cockpit drains, bungs and other opening/closing devices in the hull closed or open, as appropriate, to minimize the risk of flooding (if necessary, operating instructions for any such devices shall be provided).

A plan of the boat and its system is required and supported with instructions at the check In by the operator.

8. The location of each bilge pump, together with operating instructions, shall be provided, if relevant.

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9. *The following information should be included: bilge water should be kept to a minimum; in rough weather, hatches, lockers and doorways should be closed to minimize the risk of flooding; stability may be reduced when towing or lifting heavy weights using a davit or boom; breaking waves are a serious stability hazard.
A book of good seamanship is required with custom safety information and training in necessary.*

10. *Information shall be provided on the position of hatches, doors, and other opening (intended to be a means of escape from the interior in the case of fire or capsized) and their operation.
Information signage is required and explanations during the Check-In.*