

# Terms and Conditions for Skills & Club Cruises (updated 2025)



## **1. Costs and payments**

Full payment must be made by the date specified in the “Offer of Berth”, which also describes what is included in the fee, Failure to meet any payment dates specified may result in you not being included in the event and losing any part payments paid.

## **2. Surcharge**

The GSA reserve the right to implement a surcharge if it is notified by the incoming crew of damage to the yacht or if has it not being left in a satisfactory condition ready for the next charter.

This surcharge will be equally shared by all members whether directly involved in the circumstances giving rise to the claim or not up to a maximum of £400 per session.

## **3. Cancellations and alterations**

All details of events published by the GSA are given in good faith but it reserves the right to provide alternative comparable arrangements, if for any reason such changes are deemed necessary.

In some circumstances, cancellation of an event may be the only option and the GSA will not be liable for any consequential costs incurred by you as a result of such cancellation. If your circumstances change and you wish to cancel your booking, the GSA will advertise the berth through its normal channels and will refund your payments if it manages to fill your space but if unable to fill the space, there will be no refund.

## **4. Membership**

Your membership must be current at the time of the cruise. If it is not, you will not be permitted to sail on the session and any payments you have made to the GSA will be forfeit unless the GSA is able to fill the berth.

## **5. Insurances**

The GSA carries public liability insurance and the boats are insured against serious damage. The insurance held by the GSA does not cover you against injury, accident, or loss. We strongly advise you ensure you have sufficient cover on your own insurance for these sessions.

The GSA does not provide insurance against individual cancellation, illness, travel or the loss of personal possessions. It is for you to make provision suitable for the planned event against such occurrences.

## **6. Health**

In signing up for any event you declare that you are physically fit to undertake the planned activity and that you are responsible for yourself assessing whether any event or activity (normally on water) is too difficult for you, and whether or not your personal safety or that of your fellow crew could be endangered as a result of your actions or inaction. It is appropriate for you to make the skipper aware of any health issue you may have but which falls outside the above.

## **7. Method of payment**

Payment by cheque or BACS is preferred. Cheques should be made payable to GSA and BACS payments made to HSBC Branch sort code 40-08-22 A/c No 41284975. You should name your payment clearly and notify the GSA that payment has been made by sending an e-mail to the address specified in the "Offer of Berth". Please do not combine payments for multiple events.

## **8. Loss/damage**

As with any sport, there is some risk and occasionally boats and/or equipment can be damaged or lost. In the case of minor items (such as fenders being lost or a diver being needed to clear a fouled propeller) it would be expected that the individual boat kitty covers the cost. Liability for more major incidents could result in the implementation of the surcharge mentioned in Section 2 and would be split between the crew of the boat suffering such loss or damage.

## **9. Experience and qualifications**

On Skills & Club Cruises, crews will be assembled, wherever possible, in accordance with the wishes of members but also recognising the need to balance experience and other factors. Whilst the skipper will seek to undertake activities as planned, it is the decision of each skipper whether or not to do so, given the prevailing conditions and experience of the crew.

You are expected to contribute to the activities of the cruise in line with your sailing experience. You are also expected to fully contribute to the "domestic chores". Skippers will be those who are recognised by the GSA and will not necessarily hold third party qualifications.

## **10. Next of Kin**

It is your responsibility to ensure that next of kin details are maintained up-to-date by the club.

## **11. Feedback**

The GSA aims to provide high quality events for its members. If you should have a problem or complaint, you should try to resolve it with the skipper at the time, so that steps can be taken to resolve it immediately.

Suggestions for improvement are welcome to improve our offerings. E-mails or blog submissions to [info@gosailingassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@gosailingassociation.co.uk) are also welcome (including positive feedback!).