

Terms and Conditions of Skippered Cruises



1. Costs and payments

Full payment of the berth fee and security deposit must be made as specified in the offer of berth, normally payment is due upon the berth being offered. The berth offer will describe what is included within 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. Security Deposits

You should view the security deposit as equivalent to an insurance excess except that payment is made in advance of the cruise.

The security deposit can be made by cheque (which will not be cashed unless there is a claim against that deposit) or by BACS transfer (see below). Any payment made by BACS transfer will be returned after the completion of the cruise providing GSA is satisfied that no claim has arisen in respect of the cruise.

Should a claim subsequently arise in circumstances GSA was not aware of at the time of refund, you agree to contribute to the costs of the claim up to the value of the security deposit.

Claims against deposits will be equally shared by all crew members whether directly involved in the incident giving rise to the claim or not.

3. Cancellations and alterations

All details of events published by GSA are given in good faith but GSA 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 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, 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 on the cruise and any payments you have made to GSA will be forfeit unless GSA is able to fill the berth.

5. Insurances

GSA carries public liability insurance and the boats are insured against serious damage. The insurance held by GSA does not cover you against injury, accident, or loss.

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 GSA that payment has been made by sending an e-mail to admin@gosailingassociation.co.uk unless otherwise 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 is restricted to the security deposit paid and would be split between the crew of the boat suffering such loss or damage.

9. Experience and qualifications

On Skippered 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 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

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 instructor or skipper at the time, so that steps can be taken to resolve it immediately.

Suggestions for improvement are welcome as this assists future developments. E-mails or blog submissions to info@gosailingassociation.co.uk are also welcome (including positive feedback!).