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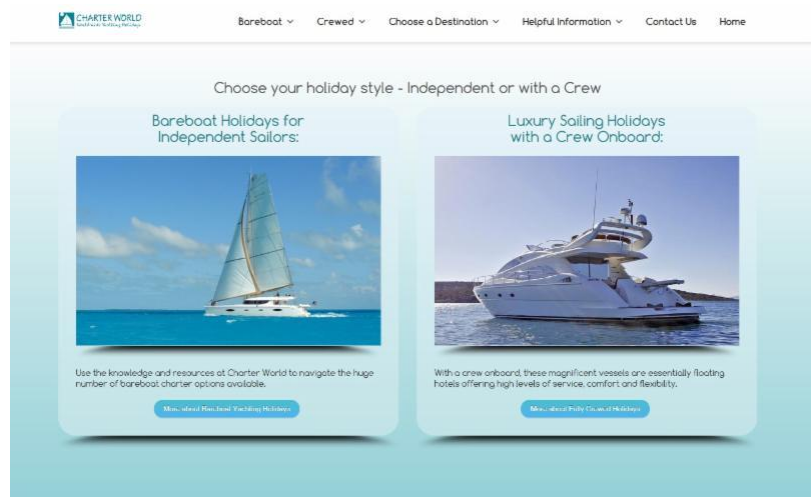
Last weeks' Wooden Boat Show in Hobart was always on my bucket list - I took my Dad down and had two days enjoying perfect weather and renowned Tassie food and hospitality.

Anyone even vaguely interested in boats (or Art for that matter) could not be disappointed in the display of over 600 gleaming show pieces - held only every second year it's a great reason to head south.

2015 is our 30th Anniversary and when I think about it not much has changed since our early beginnings. Our first big booking way back then was when the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria chartered 14 yachts in Southern Turkey- friends and families sailing in warm clear blue water, meeting people and experiencing local customs and cuisine at the waterfront tavernas.- Like I said nothing much has changed.

In 1985 Benteau Oceanis 390's were the latest and greatest, today's Beneteau 41's are not radically different- better electronics, perhaps a bow thruster and relatively minor performance increases but no revolutionary changes. Sailing into many ports including historic Mediterranean harbours and Pacific outposts, the architecture and landscapes remain virtually unchanged, as is the desire to experience these magical holidays afloat- enjoying nature, relaxation and some adventure with family and friends.

• **NEW WEBSITE**



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and we will call you!

Charter World has a brand new website with even more detail and information on a range of Bareboats, Gulets and Fully Crewed charter vessels. We have created two main sections including Bareboats for those with experience and a Skippered and Crewed option for those who are seeking pure relaxation.

The latter part is where our growth is most evident and we feel that we need to use different language - 'heads in the bow' for Bareboats and 'toilets in the front' for those with less boating exposure.

It is a work in progress and we are still adding lots of area information and chartering news. Check it out and tell us what you think.

• REGATÉ DE NEW CALEDONIA



Regaté de New Caledonia is back on the calendar and scheduled for June 2016 with a class/cruising racing division in Catana 42 and 47 Catamarans.

In conjunction with Pacific Sailing School we have organised this Regatta many times over the past two decades, often with international entrants.

We currently have interest from Australian Yacht Club groups keen to show their multihull racing skills while enjoying sailing in what cruising yachties often rate as the best sailing area in the whole Pacific.

Two lay days on the Isle of Pines are scheduled with the usual Lobster Beach restaurant lunch a highlight.

These catamarans are very quick and with gennakers capable of sustaining double digit averages making the average passage between 3-4 hours. The fleet will comprise the Catana Catamaran range in two divisions, 4 x Catana 42's and 3 x Catana 47's.

To reserve your yacht or for further dates and costs please contact us.

• 2015 - LICENSING/INSURANCE/BONDS

Licensing

No great changes for 2015. As a general rule sailing resumes are sufficient to charter in Asia/Pacific although a license and previous chartering experience is helpful. In the Mediterranean requirements vary, a few operators require an ICC for Croatia but most do not. Greece and Turkey still require two licenses of some type (state based boating license acceptable) or a license and a resume.

Insurance

We recommend that all charterers obtain travel insurance of some type. Credit Card insurance offers minimal coverage and we recommend comparing to a full policy with unlimited medical and cancellation benefits. We also offer policies that include rental vehicles insurance excess coverage for boats.

Bonds

The number of options continue to grow with bond only, damage waiver only and a combination of both the main offerings. We have the experience to help you to decide on the best option to suit your party's needs.

• THE BIG CATS



Like the big cats of the Animal Kingdom, there are three main production builders of large catamarans (over 50'). Lagoon and Fountaine Pajot have constantly pushed the boundaries in size and design while Sunreef (which also started in France and now built in Poland) also have a large market share and specialise in catamarans above 58' (Models include the Sunreef 58, 60, 74, 80, 82 and 92 in sailing catamarans and in Power catamarans 60-90' models. A new 210' power trimaran is also offered (see [Sunreef Yachts here](#)). Lagoon offers the 52, 560 and 620 and Fountaine Pajot the Saba 50, Ipanema 58 and Victoria 67).

These vessels are more and more appealing to world cruisers who would once have only had the comparable option of a 60 - 100' monohull motor cruiser and can now have superior space and economy.

In charter we can offer a variety of big cats - Lagoon 620's in Turkey and Sunreef 70's in Greece and France. Rates begin at \$4500 per night and include 4 crew with accommodation for 10 - 12 in 5/6 cabins - Call it \$750 per couple per night - which can easily be a nice hotel room - worth considering if you want to be treated like royalty. See our new website for examples - [Crocodile Daddy](#) and [Arctic Queen](#).

• YACHT IN FOCUS - NEEL 45 TRIMARAN



For those looking for something a little different and cannot decide between chartering a monohull or catamaran, why not choose a bit of both and try a Neel 45' Trimaran.

These Trimaran's are marketed as being twice as fast as conventional cruising yachts and weighing only 6.5 tonnes have a claimed average cruising speed of 10 knots, with speeds of 15 - 18 knots quite easily achievable. Currently the Neel 45 is available in the Caribbean, Bahamas, Chesapeake Bay, France and Croatia. This Trimaran is innovative in design by incorporating the connecting platforms into main saloon living space and with a 28' beam there is space to accommodate a party of 10 in three double cabins and two twin cabins.

Rates are extremely reasonable with 2015 models available from \$840 per night In France in June, July or September. Please contact us for further details.

• AREA IN FOCUS - CORSICA/SARDINIA

Croatia and Turkey have been, and remain, the most popular of our Mediterranean charter regions; however I would raise Corsica/Sardinia as a true contender to be included in the top three.

Usually our charterers have experienced at least one charter in the Eastern Mediterranean and move west to experience Corsica/Sardinia. None have been disappointed in comparing the overall experience to previous charters.

Our preference as a starting point is Northern Sardinia which offers the advantage of returning to base downwind. A two week itinerary usually incorporates the eastern coasts of Northern Sardinia and Southern Corsica.

Northern Sardinia includes the premier Mediterranean playground for the rich and famous (Porto Cervo). A berth at the main quay will cost here, so most charterers anchor for the day and explore by taking the dinghy ashore.

Horatio Nelson unsuccessfully urged the British Government to annex Sardinia because of its abundance of natural harbours and strategic importance; it is a heavily indented coastline offering many

secure and interesting overnight anchorages.

The Maddalena Archipelago are a group of islands that lie at the top of Sardinia. There are seven principal islands where Nelson hid for a few months waiting for the French to come out before the Battle of Trafalgar, some of the islands are now nature reserves and offer great walks.

The town of Le Maddalena is a busy port serving the resident Italian and Nato Naval bases which are also situated in this group.

Crossing into Corsica does not require any formalities or regulations so it is fine to treat it as the one charter area, although you are technically sailing into another country.

The Lavezzi Islands of Corsica lie just to the north of the Maddalena's and offer a dramatic landscape of rocks sculpted into large round boulders with little vegetation ashore.

Lavezzi Island is also a nature reserve although the only resident (a lighthouse keeper) does keep a few cows and chickens, which I do not think are native to these islands.

The cemetery and memorial to the ship 'La Semillante' is a reminder of this unforgiving landscape in the wrong weather and its long history of seafaring.

In most cases however, clients sail no further west than Bonifacio. It has a fjord-like harbour dominated by the military fortresses of the French Foreign Legion, and it is one of Corsica's best known towns, renowned as one of the world's most beautiful harbours.

However for those who do not mind a little upwind work, the west coast of Corsica is spectacular with deep bays penetrating the high coastline. Campomoro and Propriano offer full facilities, Propriano has a marina and further north Ajaccio (the islands capital) is a bustling and thriving port with direct ferries to Nice.

Sailing north along Corsica's east coast bring you to the old walled town and natural harbour of Port Vecchio. Restaurants and bars line the quay in the downtown marina and it is also renowned as one of the prettiest ports on Corsica.

Whether you spend your charter in Corsica or Sardinia, it is hard to get the itinerary wrong as like many places there is so much to do and see. The high jagged granite mountains provide a stunning backdrop to historic ports and harbours and it continues to remain near the top of my list to return and explore further.

Read more about chartering in Corsica/Sardinia [here!](#)

• YACHT SPECIALS

Croatia

- 20% discount for monohulls (18 April - 30 May 2015)*

- 10% discount for monohulls (20 June - 11 July 2015)

**To be booked by 5 March 2015*

Greece

- 15% discount for monohulls 41 - 51' (18 April - 27 May 2015)*

**Athens base*

Turkey

- 20% discount for monohulls 38 - 51' (25 April - 6 June 2015)

- 15% discount for catamarans 38 - 52' (25 April - 13 June 2015)

New Caledonia

10 January - 28 March 2015

- Pay 8, Sail 10

- Pay 11, Sail 14

- Pay 16, Sail 21

- Pay 22, Sail 28

Whitsundays

07 January - 31 March 2015

01 May - 31 May 2015

01 November - 23 December 2015

- Pay 5, Sail 7

- Pay 7, Sail 10

- Pay 10, Sail 14

Phuket/Thailand

- 20% discount for Lagoon Catamarans (28 March - 11 April 2015)

Mexico

- 20% discount (14 - 28 March & 11 - 25 April 2015)

Cuba

- 15% discount (30 May - 03 October 2015)

CABIN SHARE

- 20% discount (7 and 21 March Departures) Now only \$1710 for 7 nights inclusive

Greece Deliveries

- 20% discount Beneteau Oceanis 50 (18-25 April 2015) Athens/Kos

- 20% discount Bavaria 56 (25 April - 02 May 2015) Athens/Kos

- 20% discount Lagoon 450 (1 - 9 May 2015) Athens/Kos

- 20% discount Lagoon 39 (2 - May 2015) Athens/Kos

Many other May/June and September delivery specials - often downwind.

• AIRFARE SPECIALS

Book by 28 February for travel 20 Feb-31 July 2015.

Sydney/ Noumea - \$499pp return, including taxes

Brisbane/ Noumea - \$549pp return, including taxes

Melbourne/ Noumea - \$599pp return, including taxes

Good chartering!

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and the Charter World Team