



ON BOARD · PRACTICAL GUIDE

Embarkation checklist *for your first contract.*

What to bring, what to leave at home, and the documents nobody will let you forget. Tick as you pack.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Pack light. *Pack right.*

Space on board is tight and your cabin is shared. Bring what you need for the first weeks: the rest can wait for your first port day.

Documents

- ☐ **Passport**
Valid well beyond your contract, at least six months
- ☐ **Visas for the cruising area**
Schengen rules for non-EU crew, US visa for Florida and the Caribbean
- ☐ **ENG1 medical, original and copy**
- ☐ **STCW certificates, originals and copies**
- ☐ **New PSSR module, if it applies to you**
UK-certified crew with a PSSR dated before 2026: by 31 March 2027
- ☐ **Sea-service testimonials or service record book**
- ☐ **Copies of diplomas and other certificates**
- ☐ **A few printed CVs, and the PDF on your phone**
- ☐ **Bank details for your salary**

Contacts

- ☐ **The agencies of your hub**
From our free yacht crew agency directory
- ☐ **Your captain's or agent's contact for the joining day**

Clothing

- ☐ **Neutral clothes for trial days**
Crew uniform is usually provided on board: plain white and navy is safe until then
- ☐ **Non-marking, soft-soled deck shoes**
- ☐ **Waterproof jacket**
- ☐ **Cap or hat, and UV sunglasses**
- ☐ **A sporty swimsuit**

Kit

- ☐ **Toiletries and high-protection sunscreen**
- ☐ **Small personal first-aid kit**
- ☐ **Phone, charger and universal adapter**
- ☐ **Head torch and spare batteries**
- ☐ **Multi-tool**
In checked luggage only
- ☐ **Notebook and pen**
- ☐ **A soft duffel bag, not a hard suitcase**
Under 60 litres: it has to fit in a crew cabin
- ☐ **Patience and a good attitude**

TIP

Keep scans of every document in a secure cloud folder, so you can send them in minutes if a captain or an agent asks.

THE NEXT STEP

Your bag is ready. *Is your plan?*

THE ROUTE maps the certificates that come next in your department, in the right order, with timing and an indicative cost for each step.

FOR CREW NEW TO YACHTING

THE ROUTE

Right tickets, right order.

- ◆ Where you stand today, read from your CV
- ◆ The right certificates in the right order, with timing
- ◆ An indicative cost for every step
- ◆ Your next 90 days, in plain words

Personal licence roadmap

Ready within 48 hours · one-off

€40

Deck, engine, interior or galley: the roadmap follows your department.

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