

Day Skipper Fastrack Joining Instructions

HOT LIQUID SAILING, QUEENSWAY QUAY MARINA,
GIBRALTAR

Thank you for choosing to sail with Hot Liquid. We look forward to welcoming you on board in Gibraltar. We have compiled some useful information regarding your course and time in Gibraltar and recommend you take time to read through it.

Contacting Hot Liquid Gibraltar

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Fastrack Course Times and location

Theory element: 0930 hrs – 1700 hrs Saturday until Tuesday
Practical element: 1730 hrs on Tuesday until 1600 hrs on Sunday

Please meet your Theory Instructor at **Bianca's Bar at Marina Bay Marina at 0930hrs**, Bianca's is on the waterfront overlooking the marina. You will then be shown to the classroom for the start of the course.

Accommodation

Theory Element

During the Theory (Saturday – Tuesday) part of this course we are able to offer accommodation on board our training yachts, sharing a cabin which is subject to availability. If you have booked a berth on board during the theory element of your course please meet the **Hot Liquid office located next to the facilities block overlooking the marina at 1930hrs**. If your arrival is delayed, please call Clive Dodd in the first instance or Jennie on the above numbers.

Practical Element

During the practical part of this course (Tuesday – Sunday) you will stay on board one of our training yachts.

Flight information

Many airlines fly to Gibraltar airport which is a 5-10 minute taxi ride from Queensway Quay Marina. You can also fly to Malaga airport and catch a bus or taxi (approx 150E) to Gibraltar.

What to bring

Hot Liquid will provide you with all the charts, training manuals, nautical publications and plotting instruments for the theory course. You will need to bring a note pad, pen, 2B pencil, eraser and a calculator is optional.

Your training yacht will be comfortable and equipped with all necessary safety equipment, waterproofs, bedding and towels. For your comfort please bring sensible comfortable clothing. Hard suitcases cannot be stored on board so please pack your clothes in a soft holdall.

In addition to your usual clothing we recommend packing:

- Wash kit & toiletries
- Sunglasses
- Passport
- Warm layer for night sailing
- Quick dry trousers for sailing (not jeans)
- Sun cream
- Pocket torch & batteries
- Sailing gloves
- Deck shoes or soft soled trainers
- Sun hat / cap
- Euros / Sterling
- Personal medicines
- Clothing for trips ashore
- Camera
- Long sleeve top (sun protection)

RYA Logbook & recommended reading

All students should have an RYA Sail Cruising Logbook (G15) £5. We also recommend the RYA RYA Competent Crew course / Day Skipper practical course notes book £10.50. These books are available on arrival at Hot Liquid in Gibraltar.

Additional Expenses

Flights, transfers and travel insurance are not included in your course costs. As most students prefer to eat ashore in the evenings you will also need to purchase some meals.

What is the climate in Gibraltar?

Temperatures can rise above 30°C in summer. Gibraltar has an average 300 days of sunshine a year and the climate is Mediterranean. The sub-tropical sun is tempered by gentle sea breezes in summer. January daytime temperatures are usually around 16°C-18°C and it is possible to top up a tan.

What currency does Gibraltar use?

The official currency is the Gibraltar Pound (GIP), however UK notes and coins are also accepted and have the same value. Please note that Gibraltar Pounds are not accepted in the UK. You will be spending some of your time in Spain or Morocco so please take Euro's with you. Cash machines are available in most ports during your course.

Where will we sail to?

Our sailing courses start and finish in Gibraltar and visit some beautiful and historic towns and ports along the coast. Overnight stops will be in neighbouring ports in Spain and Morocco.

I would like to spend some time in Gibraltar before or after my course. Do you have any information on local facilities?

General

www.gibraltar.gov.uk

www.gibraltar.gi

Hotels

Motor Yacht Con Dios	www.condios.co.uk	00 350 200 50755
The Rock Hotel	www.rockhotelgibraltar.com	00 350 200 73000
The Caleta Hotel	www.caletahotel.com	00 350 200 76501
The Cannon Hotel	www.cannonhotel.gi	00 350 200 51711
The Bristol Hotel	www.bristolhotel.gi	00 350 200 76800

Car hire

Avis		00 350 200 75552
Budget Rent a Car	www.budgetgibraltar.com	00 350 200 79666
Hertz		00 350 200 42737

Please see our website links page, www.gibraltarsailing.co.uk/links for further local hotel information

Can I be contacted whilst sailing?

Mobile phone coverage is good in all ports and messages can be passed on through our UK office. Most marinas now host WIFI hotspots.

Will I need a Passport?

Yes, you will need to travel with your passport. There is no Visa requirement for British citizens, but non EU citizens may be required to obtain a visa for entry to Morocco.

Will I sleep on board overnight?

Yes, our sailing courses are fully residential and bedding is provided, as are towels. Sleeping on board is all part of the adventure of yachting and is also part of the course.

What should I wear on my RYA sailing course?

You should wear clothing that dries quickly and is comfortable (jeans are not ideal). Soft soled trainers or deck shoes should be worn when on board. It can get chilly in the evenings so you should bring a warm layer, and to protect yourself from the sun a light long sleeve top is ideal. It is easy to get burnt on the water so sun cream should always be applied.

