

Joining a Leg on SKY? This is What You Can Expect sailing in the World ARC 2019-20!

Sailing on SKY is an adventure cruise and we want to make it fun all of us plus have a great learning opportunity, you will not be on a Carnival or Norwegian Cruise Ship. SKY is not a charter boat and you will be joining as a working crew member but, that is part of the fun and adventure. You will have at least two very experienced ocean-going sailors on board that will share their knowledge as you steer the boat, help navigate, use the autopilot (SKY has two just in case), help in the galley, keep boat clean including the toilets, wash your own laundry (SKY has a washing machine) and all thing you can expect when sailing offshore.

Sailing offshore is a serious commitment and in order to have fun and not make it stressful, we expect safety first. You will be wearing a PFD on deck and clipped to the boat, we provide or you can bring your own. Listen to the safety briefing and ASK questions. It is important to know where the fire extinguishers are and how to close the thru hulls if necessary. There is a complete book on the boat that has all the information on how to use systems a location.

SKY is a nonsmoking boat period, no use of drugs, drinking alcohol while sailing, no screaming and don't complain, we won't listen anyway. Be aware of the others on board, treat them nice and be courteous and they will do the same for you.

Working together is the most important part of have a sailing team. Bring to the skipper's attention if there is an issue or you are not sure about something. It is important to get rest when you are off watch and down below sleeping, it is important when on watch to keep the noise down so others can take advantage of the time off. The way SKY is setup, almost all lines are in the cockpit. The winches are electric and powerful. We will educate the new crew on how they need to be used so the boat has no damage.

Comfort

SKY has four cabins and you will be assigned the berths when you arrive. If a couple you will be in your own cabin, if single, you will share the cabin. There is a separate head to starboard and a separate shower to port for the two cabins. There is a 1000 gal per day watermaker on board so we will make about 43 gal per hour based on need. Everyone will still need to take navy showers (wet yourself, turn water off, wash with soap, turn water back on and rinse). Use the washing machine when you have a full load but it has to be coordinated with the skipper. We have a separate freezer and refrigeration and, when we are at a mooring we have a generator so we can turn on the AC if hot. Each person will be assigned lockers and drawers in their cabin. Put everything away, we don't want to fall over your bags. We are very proud of SKY and housekeeping is important.

Meals

We will have plenty of food on the boat, we will also be fishing as we sail. Fresh fish is the best, eating fresh tuna just caught is the best ever. There is a grill on the stern and we will use it as much as we can based on the weather. If you are a great cook and have some good recipes, bring

them to our attention, we love when others prepare the meals. There will be snacks which you can get anytime so, if you go down below to get them, ask if others may want them also. Dinner will be served for everyone at the same time, if you are on the helm or watching the autopilot, we rotate. We normally eat late afternoon or early evening so the galley can be cleaned and the boat is comfortable for those off watch.

Your Watch

Watch time is usually 3 hours on and 6 hours off with two standing watch. The persons on watch need to wake up the next crew 15 minutes prior to their watch. We have a thermos so you may want to make hot coffee or tea for when you are on watch. You will get a detailed sheet when you go through the initial briefing that give you up to date information of what you will be doing during a watch.

Weather

The routes chosen by the World ARC is based on the favorable weather season of the routes we sail. There will be daily weather briefings from the 35 boats participating in the ARC and also from the Satellite system that is on SKY. Although we try to make the voyage comfortable, we cannot always predict the weather we will encounter. If you are prone to seasickness please address this before the issue starts. Medicine needs to be in your system at least 8 – 12 hours before we get in rough conditions. The positive is that it never last longer than a day or two.