



## Joining Instructions & Directions

Directions to Stravaigin Sailing:

The yacht will be at :**North Pier Pontoons (Transit marina) Oban.**

**(Please note this is not our registered office address)**

**If you use the Search and Rescue App “What3Words”**

Do a search for “///canine.soonest.tycoons” and you’ll find exactly where we are!



**By Road:**  
**North Pier, Oban PA34 5QD**

Temporary paid car parking is available on the pier; however, we recommend once off-loaded to park elsewhere in long term areas. The pier car parking can be used for multi day parking if you prefer.

For long stay secure parking we recommend:

Tesco paid parking <https://www.yourparkingspace.co.uk/>

Stoddarts of Oban on 01631 564176 or

MacQueen Bros on 01631 564848.

We advise booking early as they can get busy!



### **By Rail & Bus:**

Oban station is only a 5-10 minute walk to North Pier. Trains run 6 times a day from Glasgow Queen Street Station. Visit First Scotrail for times and fares.

There is a regular bus service (City-link) from Glasgow to Oban.

Both arrive beside main town square, with a short walk along sea front promenade to the North Pier pontoons

### **By Air:**

Glasgow Prestwick or Edinburgh Airport all require taking a train onto Oban which takes approximately 3hours.

There are good links direct from the airports to the train and bus terminals for onward travel to Oban.

## **Joining Instructions for Your Course or Charter**

Joining times for each trip; generally, the trip starts on the first day at 3pm and ends on the last day at 10am. Unless it is our 3-day swim trip which start at 12noon on day one and ends at 4pm on the last day, we will try our best to get you back to the departure point in good time but be careful not to commit to a “tight” onward travel connection, please contact us if you need any clarification on times. If you are using your own car and dropping off at the pontoons, please leave ample time to park away and return to the boat.

We love to meet with our guests and consider them friends we haven’t met yet, many come back year after year. However please don’t arrive too early as we have a challenge to get the boat ready in time for you.

### **Food Safety & Dietary Requirements:**

We cater for most simple dietary needs (For example – Vegetarian, Vegan, Lactose intolerant etc) but anything which is potentially life-threatening will require the guest to cater for themselves. If this is the case, please speak with us so we can best accommodate your needs. We will need full details of any food allergies and medical conditions to be made at the time of booking.

### ***What To Bring With You:***

You will need appropriate clothing for the time of year and the usual “West coast Scotland weather” factor which changes daily, sometimes hourly! please remember that it does get colder at night, especially at sea.

As a guide we would advise people to bring comfortable, warm clothes synthetic fabrics being better in damp conditions, to wear under foul weather gear. A good quality waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers is always a good idea on the



West Coast of Scotland We do have a limited stock of quality Sailing wet weather gear available for hire, please let us know well in advance if this is something you will require. We recommend a travelling light principal with lots of lightweight, easy drying layers.

## KIT LIST

Below is list of recommended items, these are not mandatory and those that have sailed before may have their own preferences!

- Sailing boots or wellies good if you have, but not essential (make sure all footwear has non marking soles)
- Walking boots/shoes for onshore & Light shoes/Trainers (with good grip)
- Swimsuit or more than one if on swim & sail trips Wetsuit if you prefer.
- Sun cream, Sunglasses and a Hat/Cap
- Lightweight, quick-dry clothes. It can be quite a few degrees colder out at sea so please bring lots of layers even if the forecast seems like a warm week.
- Warm, windproof and waterproof jacket/trousers.
- Gloves not essential, some people love them others don't bother (sailing or cycling are best).
- Small personal first aid kit and any medication you may need.
- Camera/binoculars.
- Wash kit & swimming towel. (Shower towels and bedding is provided on board)
- 'Smidge' midge repellent
- If you are worried about possible seasickness, we advise to start taking any medication 12 hours before departure. Ginger biscuits, Tea & crystallised Ginger are good stomach settlers.
- Refillable water bottle.
- Phone charger (12v "cigarette lighter" & USB sockets available)

## THINGS TO NOTE

- There are 12V "cigarette lighter" & USB sockets to charge phones & cameras when the opportunities arise, or when Stravaigin is hooked up to shore power.
- We provide all bed linen inc. duvets, pillows & cases and a fresh towel for each guest is also provided, however if you are booked on one of our specific swim trips you may want to bring extra, we find the "travel towels" are ideal for this purpose. Also popular for our wild swimming trips is a warm changing robe.
- There is an honesty bar onboard for alcohol.
- Please bring your personal items in a "holdall" which can fold or roll flat. Please do not bring hard suitcases as whilst the yacht has plenty of storage,



the lockers are not designed for bulky hard luggage. Overboard Dry bags are a very good option and roll flat.

### So Whats Included?:

We provide all meals, breakfasts, lunches, evening meals snacks and hot drinks. Generally, the meals are an opportunity to share the highlights of the day around the salon or cockpit table. We pride ourselves in good wholesome and as far as possible locally sourced food. Due to the limitations of a yacht galley, it will be shared main dishes (unless dietary needs dictate otherwise). The skipper and crew will take charge of food preparation, but all offers of help are greatly received and a washing up rota is the norm. We have an onboard honesty bar so you can enjoy a glass or two of wine with meals or a cockpit "sun-downer", if you have a favourite tippie, please feel free to bring this with you.

We include all the fuel for the yacht, including cooking gas, water and electric, reasonable marina fees (it is anticipated we will be at anchor at night however if guests choose and it is available, we can tie up in a marina, we will look to guests to potentially cover any extra costs if they choose this option). We include all life jackets and safety equipment, wet-weather gear can be hired if required please advise us at least 2 weeks before course commences if required (NOT footwear or gloves!)

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### Last but not least.....

We would like to thank you for booking with Stravaigin Sailing, and we look forward to meeting you!

See you soon!

John