

## Charter Booking Form

Name of Charterer or Company name .....  
Contact Name.....  
Nationality .....  
Address.....  
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Phone contact (day).....(evening).....  
Fax.....email .....  
Mobile  
Number.....

Charter Dates requested (please if possible offer an alternative date incase of poor weather etc)

Full Charter Price [            .00] Number in Party [            ]

Names and ages of all guests to be provided:

1.	5
2.	6
3.	7
4.	8

Core Food & Beverages are included in all prices quoted on the website, upgrades for alcohol and specialist dishes can be arranged at additional cost. We will require a passenger list before the day and also to be informed of any special medical or dietary conditions that might reflect upon the charter.

Wet weather gear will be made available where required.

All prices include VAT at the prevailing rate.

### Safety Paragraph

All Vessels are coded for charter by the MCA and inspected on behalf of by the RYA

Please be aware that yachts and sailing boats can move without warning and that any vessel travelling upon the water is unstable by its very nature and that on any such vessel there are items of machinery and fittings/spars that can move by forces that can't be seen. It's the responsibility of the individual to ensure he or she remains vigilant and on-guard and takes every precaution to ensure their own safety.

We as the operators cannot accept responsibility for your actions where as a result you suffer injury. You are reminded to wear clothing appropriate to the conditions prevailing and to be aware the surfaces underfoot may be wet and/or slippery. A safety briefing will be given before leaving the berth please ensure you and all your guests understand and comply with the above.

**Payment:** *(Cheques should be made payable to Viking Mariners Ltd please)*

### Full Payment to be made at the time of booking

This Booking Form can be submitted either by mailing to:

*SailingDays.org*

Or by Royal Mail to:

Viking Mariners Ltd  
1 Wherry Lane  
Ipswich  
Suffolk,  
IP3 0BN.

I confirm that the information given above is correct. I accept that no agreement shall exist until payment is made and tickets issued on confirmation of the booking and that I understand the risks involved whilst on-board and have read and understood the safety paragraph above. A VAT receipt will be issued on receipt of the payment.

Name .....Signature.....

Dated.....

## About your charter and what to expect on the day....

**How to Find Us** – our berths are situated in Neptune Marina on the Ipswich Town side of the Wet Dock. Please look at the website map for the directions to our office which is adjacent to Isaacs Bar on Wherry Quay. Nearby visible landmarks are our partners at the Salt House Hotel and Mariners Restaurant.

**Weather** - As with any outside event and particularly when it is on the water the weather naturally is integral to the enjoyment of the occasion. As a result, and we firmly believe in the safety and enjoyment of all concerned, we will not sail if the weather is forecast to be severe. By severe we mean winds 20kts or over or heavy prolonged rain/snow/hail. Ultimately it is the decision of the skipper on the day but it will be with full consultation with the guests. Should we decide to postpone we will re-schedule at a time to suit yourselves.

**Clothing – What to wear.** It is always cooler on the water; however we do have some days when it is blisteringly hot. So the tip is to come prepared for all eventualities to wear three layers. You may have wondered why you see all these ‘yachties’ with their huge kit bag – well they have a spare set of clothing with them! In the colder months it is better to wear more than two layers as this will keep you warmer than one really heavy jacket. Remember to wear soft soled shoes (without black soles – these can mark the deck) that will aid grip even when it is wet. We supply wet weather gear where required at no additional charge. Also remember the sun screen – the water reflects the sun and can burn without you realising at the time. Also some sun glasses – even dull days can tire the eyes and they also help prevent sore eyes from the wind. We keep a supply of hats & hand gloves on board to protect your hands from the ropes and protect your head.

**Food and Drink** - We always supply soft drinks and this includes bottled mineral water, teas, coffee or even hot chocolate! It is essential whilst afloat, even when wearing warm clothing in the cooler months, to drink plenty of water. We do supply alcoholic beverages on the last leg of day and half day sails, but expect all members of the party to behave responsibly and with due regard safety and to the environment. Please also let us know if there are any special dietary or medical needs before the day.

**Itinerary** – Depending upon the time limits there is only a finite number of places we can sail. In a half day expect to reach Harwich harbour, maybe the Stour and obviously the Orwell. It can take up to an hour to negotiate the lock in the Ipswich wet dock so we will try to choose times that allows us “free flow” (when the lock is open at both ends) for at least one part of the journey. In a day we can extend this to sailing along the coast either in the direction of Felixstowe or Walton-on-the-Naze. For a day and an evening we can make the Walton backwaters for a picnic whilst anchored off with swimming to the beach or using the rib with outboard. We can also do one way sails to destinations such as Woodbridge, Southwold, Aldeburgh/Orford or Mersea. For an evening why not sail to the Pier at Harwich, have a meal and then we can take you back to Ipswich.

**Safety** – The vessel is naturally subject to the forces of the water and wind and as such there is an element of risk whilst we are at sea. We always conduct a safety briefing before any cruise or trip and issue Life jackets with harnesses which are to be worn at all times whilst above deck. Remember though that safety of passengers and crew is paramount and we take our responsibility seriously. The skipper is always experienced and at least qualified to “Yachtmaster” with commercial endorsement. The yacht is also MCA coded category 2 with full life raft and other safety features. It is, however, the responsibility of you and your guests to ensure they behave in a responsible manner, take due regard to the instructions of the skipper and crew and that you recognize and comprehend the risks of traveling in a small vessel on the open waters with open hazards, potential wet, slippery, exposed and un-level surfaces, sharp edges and open machinery. Remember to wear your life jacket at all times whilst on-board.

**We look forward to seeing you on board!**