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FROM THE PILOTHOUSE

Business is Blooming

By DJ Parker

SPRING IS HERE, AND I'M DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT BUSINESS is blooming at Neptune Group Yachting. The phones in our new offices on SE 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale are ringing off the hook with charter clients calling to arrange custom yachting vacations. Thanks to our experienced charter team, NGY is becoming widely known as the "go to" place to find dream voyages in exciting destinations at prices that reflect an excellent vacation value.

Our user-friendly new website at www.ngyi.com, which launched last fall, is another successful tool that is helping to grow our business. Be sure to check it frequently for new charter specials. In conjunction with our IT design team Paper Street, www.ngyi.com was awarded the prestigious 20th Annual Communicator Award for 2014 Travel/Tourism Websites.

The Neptune Crew division also has been "discovered" and has more than doubled in size since we opened it two-and-a-half years ago. Mary Lynn Floyd recently joined Lisa Correia on our Crew Placement team, and both of them are up to their elbows in job requests and resumé.

The local yacht show season is over, but spring means the start of a busy travel season for our team. We just returned from the Genoa, Italy show and next up is the Newport Charter Show in Rhode Island on June 23-26. Our Charter Specialists will be attending this show and heading to other venues in order to inspect new charter yachts and destinations for you, our discerning clients.



NAUTICAL TRIVIA

Groggy Limeys



FOR MORE THAN TWO centuries beginning in 1740, every sailor in the British Royal Navy enjoyed his daily ration of "grog", a drink of rum diluted with water. The rum ration was nicknamed "grog" after Admiral Edward Vernon, who was known as "Old Grog" due to his custom for wearing overcoats made of coarse "Groggram" fabric.

Admiral Vernon ordered that citrus juice be added to the grog to cut down on the water's foul taste. As a result, the sailors under his command were healthier than the rest of the navy due to these daily doses of vitamin C, which prevented scurvy. Drinking lime juice in their grog also earned the British the nickname "Limeys".

Sailors who were seen to stagger a bit as they went about their duties after downing their rum ration were called "groggy". This is how the English language gained a new word for "unsteady", "dazed", or "in a stupor".

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

The Great Loop

In mid-May, the 94-foot Broward GOLDEN GIRL, which accommodates six to seven guests in three comfortable staterooms, will embark on an itinerary that inspires many yachtsmen: Circumnavigating the Eastern U.S. After touring New England this summer, she will voyage through the Great Lakes to Chicago, then navigate the mighty rivers of the Midwest against a backdrop of fall foliage, arriving in the Gulf of Mexico by mid-November. You can charter GOLDEN GIRL anywhere along the Great Loop; rates start at \$21,000 per week, plus expenses. Day charters are also available. For more information, please call 954.524.7978 or email info@ngyi.com.



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APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

THE 103-FOOT M/Y DIAMOND GIRL (top and above) recently received a rave review from a happy charter guest:

“Words can’t describe it ... amazing , amazing AMAZING. Now we know how the super-rich live. Holy cow! Already thinking of doing it again.”

The charter broker who booked the trip commented, “I always judge a trip by asking the participants, ‘Would you do this again ... and if so, would you actually schedule it?’ I got a resounding YES. Truly incredible trip.”

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WELCOME TO THE FLEET

A PAIR OF MOTOR YACHTS, BOTH NEWLY UPDATED, HAVE JOINED THE NEPTUNE Group Yachting Luxury Charter Fleet: 116-foot EASY RIDER and 98-foot GOLDEN TOUCH. Both are American-built beauties that offer wonderful charter vacation experiences in Florida and the Bahamas.

GOLDEN TOUCH was launched by Pacific Northwest builder Westship in 1992; this winter, she completed an extensive refit that enclosed the skylounge and added a Jacuzzi. This yacht packs a wealth of entertaining spaces into 30 meters. She accommodates eight guests in four suites featuring portlights that were enlarged during the refit: a king-berth master, two queen VIPs and a twin-berth stateroom. Dual 1,080-hp Detroit Diesels give her a top end speed of 19 knots.

GOLDEN TOUCH’s charter rate starts at \$32,500 per week, plus expenses; she also is available for day charters.

EASY RIDER is a well-equipped tri-deck that was launched by Hatteras Yachts in North Carolina in 1997 and underwent a refit this year. EASY RIDER’s classic interior features

high-gloss woodwork. She sleeps eight guests in four staterooms, including a master suite with king berth and bathroom with tub and shower. There are two queen suites and another with twins, ensuring flexibility when accommodating a charter party.

Triple engines give this semi-displacement yacht a top speed of 17 knots, and she has stabilizers for smooth passages. EASY RIDER is available starting at \$49,500 per week, plus expenses.

For more information about either yacht, please call 954.524.7978 or email info@ngyi.com.



98-foot GOLDEN TOUCH by Westship Yachts



116-foot EASY RIDER by Hatteras Yachts

DESTINATION

Turkish Idyll

ANCIENT RUINS, PINE-CLAD ISLAND vistas and breathtaking bays form the backdrop to this delightful charter itinerary on Turkey's Aegean coast.

DAY 1: Join your yacht in Bodrum. Once called Halicarnassus, this city was once the site of the Mausoleum of Mausolus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. In the 15th Century, the Knights of St. John used its stones to build Bodrum Castle, which still overlooks the harbor.

DAY 2: Cruise to Orak Island and enjoy a swim in the crystal-blue waters before lunch on deck. Then head to Cokertme, a fishing town amid olive groves.

DAY 3: Make an early morning cruise to Seven Islands. Coral reefs make this an ideal spot for snorkeling, fishing, and sponge diving. Afterwards, cruise to English Harbor for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: Visit Cleopatra Island. According to history, this was the meeting place of Queen Cleopatra and her lover, Mark Antony. Cleopatra is said to have had shiploads of pure white sand brought here



from Egypt to create her own secret beach. Roman ruins still exist that you can explore. Later, cruise to Karacasogut village, and visit the nearby city of Marmaris by "dolmus" (mini bus).

DAY 5: Cruise to Longoz Bay to take a hike in the pine forest and enjoy refreshments at Ali Baba's shed-like cafe. Afterwards, anchor in Tuzla Bay for the night.

DAY 6: Sleep in while the captain takes the yacht to Kargili Bay early in the morning, then awaken for a lazy breakfast. Next head to Kisebuku for a culture fix among the ancient Byzantine ruins.

DAY 7: Sail to Pabucburnu and enjoy a sumptuous lunch on deck. Tea is served in Yaliciftlik Bay. Cruise back to Bodrum for an overnight stay before departure.

Contact info@NGYI.com to book your adventure of a lifetime in Turkey!

PIRATE HISTORY

Barbarossa: Pirate and Pasha

TURKEY'S AEGEAN COAST is filled with bays and coves that made perfect hideaways for the pirates that preyed on Mediterranean trading fleets in the 15th and 16th centuries. One of the most notorious was Hayreddin Barbarossa.

Born Khzir Reis on the island of Lesbos in 1478, he was an Ottoman Greek who became a seaman, along with his brothers Aruk and Ilyas. Ever ambitious, Khzir obtained his own ship, while his brothers sailed their father's vessel. Once, when returning from a trading voyage to Tripoli, Aruj and Ilyas were attacked by the Knights of St. John, crusaders who preyed on the Ottoman fleet. Ilyas was killed and Aruj was imprisoned in the knights' castle in Bodrum for nearly three years until Khzir was able to rescue him.

Possibly motivated by revenge, Khzir soon became a privateer, authorized by a letter of marque to target the Knights of St. John and other foreign ships. Known as Barbarossa, he found favor with Emperor Suleiman I, who ultimately appointed him Grand Admiral of the Ottoman Navy. He survived many bloody sea battles before dying in Constantinople in 1546.



NAUTICAL ETIQUETTE

Red, Red Wine

WHILE COCKTAILS AND CRUISING TYPICALLY GO

hand-in-hand, one libation that is frowned upon by charter yacht owners and their crew is red wine. Some yachts ban it outright, while others ask that charter guests pay a security deposit if they are going to be consuming red wine on board. The reason for this is simple—red wine and custom carpeting don't mix. Suede wall coverings also are hard to clean when red wine accidentally is spilled on them. Replacing these soft goods can be difficult and expensive especially when the yacht is in a distant port.

If you are an aficionado of Cabernet or Châteauneuf de Pape, however, don't despair. "The cleaning products available to crew are getting better and better," reported one chief stewardess. "It's borderline chemistry."

