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FROM THE PILOTHOUSE

A New Home for Neptune Group Yachting

By DJ Parker

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT NEPTUNE GROUP YACHTING has moved to new offices on SE 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale – our industry's "Street of Dreams". Many of the world's best-known luxury yachting firms are located along this street, and are now our neighbors.

Neptune Group Yachting's new address is:

1003 SE 17th Street, Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Our phone number remains the same at 954-524-7978.

Those of you who are familiar with yacht uniform purveyor Smallwood's will know the building, on the north side of SE 17th Street near Federal Hwy. Our headquarters are on the second floor, above Smallwood's.

Neptune Group Yachting has made this move in order to provide our clients with our special brand of excellent customer service in larger, more convenient surroundings. Please stop by soon and visit us in our new home!



NAUTICAL TRIVIA

Dire Straits

WHEN SOMEONE IS in "dire straits", he or she typically is in an extremely difficult predicament or is in imminent physical danger. While most people are familiar with this phrase – especially since the popular British band of the same name produced a string of hit songs in the late 1970s and '80s – few realize that "dire straits" actually has a nautical origin.

"Dire" is a synonym for "calamitous", while a "strait" is defined as "a narrow channel joining two larger bodies of water". In regions that have major tidal changes and fast currents, such as the Pacific Northwest, the land on either side of a strait will restrict the flow of the water through the passage, increasing the water's force and the potential danger it poses to mariners attempting to transit with their vessel.

The nautical answer is to take your boat through the straits at slack tide.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore... Dream...Discover."
– Mark Twain

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Tahiti Treat

Award-winning 189-foot sailing yacht TWIZZLE is available for an exotic 10-day charter in French Polynesia at the end of October. Exhilarating sailing, luxurious accommodations and five-star cuisine meet blue lagoons, fabulous diving and friendly locals.... Email djparker@ngyi.com for more details.



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WELCOME TO THE FLEET

SLEEK ON THE OUTSIDE, the 80-foot Lazzara CRISTOBAL is luxurious within. This pretty new addition to Neptune Group Yachting's in-house charter fleet launched in 2004 and underwent a complete interior refit this year by noted design firm Claudette Bonville and Associates. CRISTOBAL's new, classically elegant interior features glossy wood and soothing neutral tones. She accommodates six guests in three ensuite staterooms, including a full-beam master with king berth and two queen cabins. The crew has a separate companionway, ensuring privacy.

A flybridge Jacuzzi and barbecue add to the fun on this nicely equipped yacht, which also has two WaveRunners. A swift top speed 32 knots and 22-knot cruising speed mean guests get to see and do it all.

Based in Miami Beach, CRISTOBAL is available for charter in Florida and the Bahamas at an introductory rate of \$25,000/week + expenses. The owner will consider day charters of up to 12 guests from \$6,000/8 hours + expenses. **For more information, please email info@NGYI.com.**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

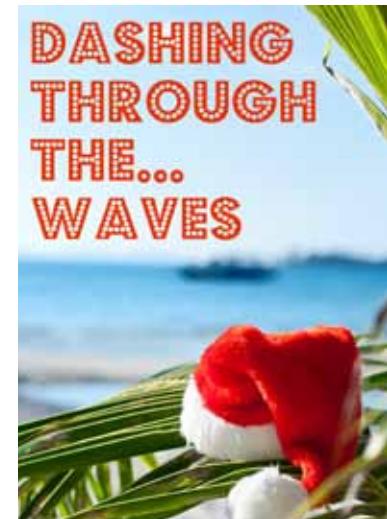
Christmas in September

DURING THE BLEAKEST MONTHS OF WINTER, clients call Neptune Group Yachting with great enthusiasm wanting to secure their summer yacht charter bookings. Looking out the window of their home or office and seeing gray skies and snow makes it very easy for clients to prepare months in advance for a vacation in the sun.

That is why we suggest not waiting for the snow to fall or the temperatures to drop to book your winter holiday yacht vacation in a tropical..."endless summer" paradise. Get started now, so once those winter blues come back, you already have the cure!

The best yachts book up early for Christmas and New Year's. It's the busiest time of year for many charter yachts. For many clients, finding the perfect holiday yacht and keeping it "theirs" can even mean booking a year in advance, directly after they disembark from the previous charter! So September definitely is not too soon to choose your yacht and your dream destination for the holidays.

Private yacht vacations are personalized because everyone has different tastes and requirements. No two yacht charters are alike. We never want our clients to have to sacrifice anything on their checklists, but the longer you wait to secure a holiday yacht charter, the smaller the pool of vessels becomes. Avoid disappointment and book now! If you work with us well in advance, you won't miss out. We are standing by to secure your winter holiday charter vacation in the Bahamas, Caribbean, or another destination where it's sunny and warm. **For more information, click here or email info@NGYI.com.**



APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

THE 120-FOOT CHARTER YACHT LADY DIANE II PLAYED A STARRING ROLE at the Newport Charter Yacht Show in Newport, R.I., in June. Not only did the crew prep and present the

yacht well, but Chef Bruce Lawrence also took second place in Grande Class in the show's prestigious Culinary Competition, turning a "mystery basket" of local ingredients into a delicious dinner.

"LADY DIANE II raked in charter bookings, proving that taking her to the show was well worth the effort," said DJ Parker.



DESTINATION

Antarctica Adventure Courtesy of M/Y ASTERIA

The southernmost continent is the ultimate destination for the adventurous yacht charter guest. The options for exploration are endless. Here is a sample itinerary:

DAY 1: Explore the South Shetland Islands, home to multinational scientific research stations.

DAY 2: Known to many as "Iceberg Alley", Antarctic Sound is full of massive icebergs. If ice conditions permit, head south to Snow Hill Island, home to a colony of the elusive Emperor penguins.

DAY 3: A subglacial volcanic eruption formed Brown Bluff, a spectacular landing site, where you may take your first steps on mainland Antarctica.

DAY 4: After anchoring amid the ice in Paradise Bay, go ashore to see a colony of Gentoo penguins that have taken over an abandoned Argentine Research Base. Later, Port Lockroy, a designated Historic Site.

DAY 5: The Lemaire Channel (nicknamed 'Kodak Gap') is an iconic stretch of water between the cliffs of Booth Island and the



Antarctic Peninsula. Take the expedition tenders to look for Humpback whales.

DAY 6: Sea and ice conditions permitting, voyage across the Antarctic Circle. Some may choose to celebrate the crossing with a sub-zero polar plunge!

DAY 7: Spend the day reveling in the icy wonderland of the "Deep South", or slip quietly amongst the ice in sea kayaks.

DAY 8: Transit "The Gullet", a narrow channel separating Adelaide Island from the mainland which rewards navigators with spectacular views of the high mountains.

DAY 9: Cruise north through Gerlache Strait in search of orcas, Humpbacks, Minkes and perhaps the gigantic Blue whale.

DAY 10: Your Antarctic cruise is not complete without a visit to Deception Island. Where else can one say they sailed into the caldera of an active volcano!

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

YACHT ETIQUETTE

Buzzing Off

MANY LUXURY CHARTER YACHTS have personal watercraft – typically known by their brand names, Jet Skis, Sea-Doos or WaveRunners – among the tenders and toys they carry on board for their guests' enjoyment. These small watercraft can provide hours of fun on a sunny bay, but they can be dangerous if ridden improperly. Even if you've driven one before, be sure to listen to the orientation provided by the crew. Once you're under way, don't ride too close to other Jet Skis or boats. If there are more yachts in the anchorage, be a good neighbor and don't "buzz" around them like mosquitoes at sunset. Your fellow yachtsmen will thank you for it!



PIRATE HISTORY

Good Guys Finish Last

THE ONLY SO-CALLED "pirates" in the waters around Antarctica are the modern-day activists who harass the Japanese whaling fleet. However, a remarkable act of piracy (during wartime) did take place in the nearby Falklands.

In February 1813, the British ship ISABELLA was wrecked off Eagle Island (now called Speedwell) in the Falkland Islands, which were largely uninhabited. The captain and five of ISABELLA's crew set off in a longboat to search for help, leaving the rest of the survivors to stay with the ship. Two months later, the American sealing vessel NANINA, sailing past Eagle Island, saw smoke ashore. The Americans went in to meet the stranded British sailors and, learning they were unaware of the ongoing War of 1812, informed them that the two crews were technically at war. Nevertheless, the Americans promised to rescue the British survivors in NANINA.

They didn't have enough food onboard for the voyage however. When the American captain and several of his crew went off to hunt for wild pigs and other foodstuffs, the British sailors seized the NANINA and sailed away, marooning the hunting party. The unlucky Americans survived on Eagle Island for another 18 months before they were rescued.