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FROM THE PILOTHOUSE

Three Companies, One Goal

By DJ Parker

I AM DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE the availability of Comprehensive Yacht Services for yacht owners, captains and crew.

Comprehensive Yacht Services is an alliance between three distinguished yacht service companies – Neptune Group Yachting (NGY), Hill Robinson International, and Bradford Marine, Inc. Hill Robinson is one of the leading independent yacht management companies, offering safety and security management, operational support, financial administration, and crew recruitment; NGY is a full-service yacht charter company with over 75 collective years of yacht charter expertise; and Bradford Marine has been one of yachting's most respected destinations for service and repair for over 45 years, and its Bradford Marine Yacht Sales subsidiary provides professional yacht brokerage services.

By working together, each company's individual capabilities are enhanced, and our clients are assured of receiving the highest-level, seamless, all-encompassing yacht ownership services available. With Comprehensive Yacht Services, our collective service professionals will work as a team to provide all management, chartering, sales, and maintenance requirements.



= Comprehensive Yacht Services

Speaking on behalf of all three companies, Bradford Marine's President Paul Engle said, "We are pleased to offer this distinctive option for those clients that would prefer to have their complete yacht ownership needs conveniently consolidated. Comprehensive Yacht Services is a unique alternative to simplify the complexities of yacht ownership for owners, captains, and crew."

On behalf of NGY, I'd like to add how excited we are to be partnered with these two companies, which are highly respected throughout the yachting world. I hope our clients will take full advantage of Comprehensive Yacht Services for all their yachting needs and dreams. **Contact DJ Parker at DJParker@NGYI.com for more information.**

SAVE THE DATE! *Come Visit Us at the*
FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW
October 25-29, 2012 at the Las Olas Marina

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NAUTICAL TRIVIA

Scuttlebutt

THIS SILLY-SOUNDING

word, which today is a synonym for "gossip" or "rumor", used to refer to a barrel of fresh drinking water found on the deck of a sailing ship. It is formed from two different words – "scuttle", which in nautical parlance meant to "put a hole in" (for example, to "scuttle a boat" is to cut a hole in it to sink it), and "butt", which meant a cask or barrel. A scuttlebutt was a water cask with a hole cut into it so you could dip a cup inside and fill it with water.



Much as office workers exchange gossip by the water cooler today, sailors used to gather around the scuttlebutt to have a drink and "shoot the breeze". Over time, the name of the barrel came to stand for the activity itself.


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CHARTER TIPS



New Year's in September

NOW THAT FALL'S

cooler temperatures have arrived, you know the holidays are just around the corner. This is the time to start planning that fantastic Christmas and/or New Year's charter vacation.

If you've never taken a luxury yacht charter vacation over Christmas or New Year's, you have a treat in store. The crew will decorate the yacht to brighten your spirits, and the chef will whip up fabulous seasonal treats to tempt your palate. Families who spend the holidays together on a yacht usually find it's a wonderful way to reconnect.

Best of all, most charter yachts are based in a sunny island setting over the holidays. Your Champagne toast at midnight on New Year's could take place in the Jacuzzi under a star-filled sky.

Just remember that if that's where you want to be this December, then it's not too soon to contact your charter agent in September!

For more information on charter yacht availability and location over the holidays, please email info@NGYI.com.



WELCOME TO THE FLEET

AN ELEGANT NEW ADDITION to the NGY charter fleet, LADY DIANE II measures in at a long, lean 120 feet. This magnificent megayacht originally was built by Sovereign Yachts in Canada, and was refreshed and refit in 2010.

She accommodates six guests in three beautifully appointed suites. The master stateroom has a king-size bed, and the two guest staterooms each have queen beds, so no one in your charter party will feel slighted. Privacy is assured by a separate companionway for the crew. For your entertainment pleasure, LADY DIANE II has iPod docks, satellite TV, and a Blu-Ray DVD library.

LADY DIANE II is well equipped for watersports, with a 30-foot Intrepid center console tow-behind, and a 18-foot diesel Novurania tender, two Hobie sailing kayaks, water-skis, and a wide selection of deep-sea fishing gear.

This gracious lady is no slouch when it comes to making time between ports. Twin MTU 2000s give her a cruising speed of 14 knots and an 18-knot top end. She is available for charter in the Bahamas starting at \$40,000 per week, plus expenses (\$44,000 over Christmas/New Year's). **For more information, click [here](#) or email info@NGYI.com.**

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

BANYAN Is 'Phenomenal'

THE 102-FOOT PALMER JOHNSON Motor Yacht BANYAN, staffed by Capt. Andrew Grego and his crew, recently earned a rave review from a charter client.

"The charter agent told us that the client and his family had a 'phenomenal' trip on BANYAN," said NGY Director of Charter Marketing Jeff Shaffer. "The client couldn't say enough superlatives about it. The boat was perfect for the family, from its size and great accommodations, to the wonderful crew who were extremely attentive. 'The meals were superb!' he said. They had the best quality family time cruising alone with their kids, playing cards, doing watersports, etc. He would highly recommend BANYAN to anyone."

BANYAN accommodates six guests in three staterooms and is available for charter in Florida and The Bahamas at the special rate of \$25,000 per week, plus expenses. **For more information, click [here](#) or email info@NGYI.com.**



DESTINATION

Bahamas Out Islands

THESE ISLAND GEMS, set amid a turquoise sea, make a spectacular playground for watersports lovers and sun-worshippers. Capt. Brooke S. DeRoy of LADY DIANE II (see page 2) offers his favorite Out Islands charter itinerary:

DAY 1: Fly into Georgetown, Great Exuma, and join LADY DIANE II at Emerald Bay Marina. After lunch, head out on our 30-foot tender for a snorkeling trip to a lush coral reef. Then it's back aboard to enjoy happy hour and savor the first of many delicious dinners from our chef.

DAY 2: It's a short hop to Elizabeth Island, where we will set out our water toys and a picnic on the beach for your pleasure. Discover the Blue Hole and pristine lagoons.

DAY 3: Depart for a 17-mile passage to Cape Santa Maria. Take a Jeep rental to the local monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus. This is also a wonderful place to try your skills at water skiing from our tender or kayak sailing, before relaxing in a beautiful anchorage.



Photo by Gary Beckett

DAY 4: An 18-mile run takes us to Conception Island, a Bahamian National Park. Snorkel the reef with its towering coral formations and abundant fish. The crew will bring ashore your private chaises for sunning and lounging.

DAY 5&6: Today we will run 18 miles southeast to Rum Cay for a two-day fishing extravaganza. Hop aboard our center console for a chance to catch a marlin. The beach along the west bay of this cay is breathtaking with its crystal-clear waters. This is a special place, well worth staying two days.

DAY 7: We will weigh anchor early and head to Stocking Island while you enjoy brunch underway. The passage is 50 miles, so enjoy the flybridge and sundeck enroute to your disembarkation spot.

YACHT ETIQUETTE

Parties Onboard

YACHTS MAKE MEMORABLE BACKDROPS for parties. Whether it's football night at the sundeck bar or casual cocktails for 12 (the maximum guest list for most charter yachts) or a formal occasion like a milestone birthday, an intimate wedding or a family holiday party, your guests will never forget it. The crew of your charter yacht will make sure of that – even if it means searching the stores for your football team's colors to decorate the vessel. You'd be surprised how much holiday and theme décor most yachts have stowed away onboard!

If you want to include a party in your charter itinerary, however, it's important to arrange it with the yacht's captain and chief stew in advance. This is true even if you simply want to invite a couple you just met ashore for dinner aboard your charter yacht, as the chef must be sure to have enough provisions on hand.

The best place to start planning a festive event on a yacht is with your charter agent when you first make your booking. That way, all you and your guests will have to do when the big day arrives is relax and enjoy!



PIRATE HISTORY



Out Islands Outlaw

THE BAHAMAS "Out Islands", are well known as the site of Columbus' first landfall in 1492. (Exactly which island he first set foot on has never been determined.)

More than 150 years later, another famous – or we should say, infamous – sailor set sail for the Bahamas: Scottish pirate Capt. William Kidd. Legend has it that Elizabeth Harbour in George Town, Great Exuma, was a favorite hangout of Capt. Kidd, who had a nasty reputation for being cruel to both his prisoners and his crew. Tales of Capt. Kidd burying loot in the Exumas inspired Louis Stevenson when he wrote *Treasure Island*. More recently, actor Johnny Depp is said to have modeled part of his popular "Pirates of the Caribbean" character, Capt. Jack Sparrow, on Capt. Kidd. The "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies were partly filmed in the Exumas; Sandy Cay near Little Exuma provided the backdrop for some of the beach scenes.

Capt. Kidd sailed far and wide, wreaking havoc in his well-named ADVENTURE GALLEY, but ultimately was captured in Boston and taken back to England to stand trial. He was hung for piracy and murder on May 23, 1701.