

WELCOME ABOARD



AGANA HERO AND STARTER JOINING INSTRUCTIONS



WELCOME TO SUNSAIL AGANA

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On behalf of the Sunsail Agana Team, I would like to welcome you to Croatia. I wish you an enjoyable time cruising around our beautiful islands while learning how to sail. We are happy to show you the ropes and ensure the next time you arrive you feel confident enough to be the captain yourselves.”

Antonio Lipanović, Base Manager

SHARE YOUR SUNSAIL EXPERIENCE

We love to see what you've been up to on your sailing course. Share your photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram making sure to tag:
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ARE YOU READY TO GAIN YOUR SEA LEGS?

Thank you for choosing to sail with us at Sunsail Agana. Are you ready? To help prepare for your course we have put together some useful information and recommend you have a read through before your arrival.

We've covered all the basics, but if you need any more information please don't hesitate to ask, our email contacts are below.

GETTING LICENSED

RYA Day Skipper Practical Course requires a show of skill and knowledge while on course, and a preparation in advance. All candidates must be at least 16 years of age and during the course will experience at least five days on-the-water sailing, including at least 4 hours night sailing, as well as 100 miles logged. Our instructors like to highlight that this is just the bare minimum, and encourage routes that go up to 150 miles to see a bit more of the Croatian coast as well.

Prior sailing experience is required, and the RYA recommends Day Skipper candidates to have already experienced at least 5 days sailing experience as crew, and 100 nautical miles logged.

While it is not essential that candidates complete the 40-hour official RYA [Day Skipper Theory Course](#) in advance, there will not be enough time during the week to cover the practical elements of the [The Day Skipper Course syllabus](#), as well as the theory. Therefore it is essential that candidates have either passed the theory course, or have a deep and practical understanding of the required subjects before coming on board.



PACKING TIPS

On most flights, the checked luggage allowance is 20kg per person. You can additionally bring one item of hand luggage, weighing no more than 5kg, however, please check with your airline for specific allowances. For storage aboard your yacht we recommend travelling light and using soft, collapsible luggage without a rigid base for ease of storage as space on board is limited. Remember to bring a European adapter for electrical items or USB-A cables. Also consider bringing your own notepad, pens and smart tablet if you own one.

YOUR CARRY ON BAGGAGE

We advise carrying all relevant personal documents and booking information with you. In addition we would highly recommend packing prescription medicine and some essential clothing (e.g. swimsuit, t-shirt and shorts) in your hand luggage, as occasionally your luggage may arrive at the base after you do.



BASE CONTACT

SUNSAIL AGANA BASE

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Dr. Franje Tudmana 5
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Sun-Thurs - 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri & Sat - 8.30am - 7.00pm

CONTACT

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TRANSFERS

You can pre-book and pre-pay your transfer online with our trusted partner: lavandatours.hr/shop/product-category/agana-shuttle-service/. Take care that any changes to your departure time are possible within 48 hours of the departure, by sending and e-mail to : mihael@lavandatours.hr

Transfer prices:

From	Split airport:	Split town:	Zadar airport:	Dubrovnik:
1-3 pax	58 €	114 €	338 €	569 €
4-7 pax	97 €	144 €	399 €	670 €
8 or more pax	12 € per person	23 € per person	453 €	855 €

The transfer time from Split airport is approx: 25 mins.

It is also easy to get an Uber ride from the airport, or try to get a bus shuttle via Trogir or Split towns.

ON ARRIVAL

BASE FACILITIES

- Male and female shower facilities (open 24/7)
- Restaurant and bar “La Barca”
- ATM machine
- Ice for sale
- Laundry
- Easy walk into Marina village for:
 - Restaurants | Coffee bars
 - Shops | Supermarkets
 - Post office
 - Hair dresser
 - Beach
- Free Sunsail WIFI
- Foul weather gear to hire (adult sizes only)
- Car parking



You're here!
The hard part is over.
Time to get settled on
board, and relax...

EMBARKATION: SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Your host & instructor will meet you, get you checked in at reception (bring with you all of your crews passports) and then settled onto your boat for the night. The official boarding time for our yachts is **18:00**, unless Early Boarding Option was purchased. If possible, we will always try to get you boarded and settled in earlier, but we kindly ask for patience. After embarkation and stowing your luggage the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy.



ACCOMODATION

You will be sleeping aboard whichever training yacht you have booked for you course. Your instructor will also be living aboard the yacht with you, who will also need their own private cabin. Sheets, pillows, blankets and towels are all provided, but let the flotilla host know if you require more. Please bring all your belongings in a soft holdall, as there is very limited storage space on board to store hard luggage. Each vessel is equipped with 12V USB-A sockets that work 24/7. 220V European 2-pin sockets will be usable only when connected to shore power or if generator is part of boat equipment.



COURSE PROVISIONING

If you chose to pre-provision online on store.sunsail.com, all food will be on board before boarding. Please check it and inform your host or instructor of any issues. During the week there will be several events and group meals organised by your lead crew, and other opportunities to re-provision. Please note that the cost of group meals is not included in the course fee and that you are also responsible for all of the Instructors meals throughout the week.

MOORING FEES

Overnight mooring fees depend on the size and type of the vessel you have booked, and are generally between 40€ - 250€ for the boat, depending on whether the location is a mooring buoy, town quay or a marina.

Mooring fees are not included in the flotilla fees. To find out more about flotilla routes and possible locations along the way, we suggest looking through our eGuide's destinations section [online](#).





Learn from the best how to plan passages, as well as design a week long Bareboat Cruise!

You will experience a variety of moorings and anchorages during the course.

ON COURSE: LET'S GET SAILING!

COURSE START: SUNDAY 08:30

On the Sunday morning you'll meet the lead crew and all the other flotilla guests over breakfast, before attending the first morning flotilla briefing. After that, you'll receive a full yacht and safety briefing, given to you by your Instructor. Then you'll head off, learning to sail around the Dalmatian Islands! Before you know it you'll have learnt the ropes; how to hoist the main sail and how to tack & gybe amongst other things.

The Day Skipper candidates amongst you will learn how to handle the boats safely, what to do in emergencies and how to manage their crew. No two days are ever the same, you'll learn a lot from your RYA accredited instructor, have a great time on the course and, because you are following the flotilla, the lead crew will ensure you have a great time after hours, too.

COURSE INTINERARY: SUNDAY TO THURSDAY

During the week you'll be treated as any other flotilla guest by the lead crew, but throughout the day our RYA instructor will cover the RYA syllabus. By the end of the week you will have covered the course content. Each night you will stop off at a different marina or anchorage, the route varies depending on which flotilla you chose to follow.

For the Day Skipper Course there is a 4 hour night navigation session, but don't worry - this will be scheduled during the Free Sailing Day, so you will not be missing out on any of the Flotilla events.

On **Friday** morning - The last day of the course and final day if you are trying to gain your Day Skipper license; you will fine tune your newfound skills and go over anything that you might need a little more help with. Our instructors are very patient, but more importantly, they absolutely love their jobs and are more than happy to help you out with anything you're not quite sure about. Just ask them, it's the last day after all, and it would be a shame to go away without taking full advantage of their knowledge and skills.



Please be aware that, like any exam, coming unprepared can leave you without a license.



RETURN TO BASE

SCHOOLS COURSE END: FRIDAY

On Friday you will return to the Sunsail Agana Base, also marking the end of your course. The lead crew will normally arrange some sort of farewell event and prize giving as part of the flotilla, and everyone enjoys drinks and snacks together, recalling the week's adventures. This is where you will be presented with your certificates as well.

DISEMBARKATION: 9.00 SATURDAY

Please remember disembarkation is at 09:00 on Saturday morning. For those waiting for a later flight, there are several restaurants, bars and beaches for you to explore and there is a luggage storage area available.

GRATUITY

Gratuity and tips are not included in your sailing school price. In case of your satisfaction with instructor and lead crew, it is customary to leave a tip in the amount of 15 - 20 % of your charter price.

In restaurants and bars in Croatia the rule of thumb is about 10% tip, and it is rarely charged on the bill, or acceptable as a credit card payment.



FAQ

WHAT ESSENTIALS SHOULD I BRING?

TICKETS, PASSPORT AND VISA

Please ensure that you have all relevant travel documents, airline tickets, and booking information with you, and that your passport is valid for the period of travel and for six months after you return. Your passport name must match the name on the flight ticket otherwise you may not be able to travel and insurance may be invalid. Your child will require their own, valid passport.

EU passport holders do not require a visa. Non-EU passport holders should check with their local consulate. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure relevant visas are obtained where necessary. Sunsail cannot be held responsible for refusal of entry or travel due to lack of visas.

LOG BOOK

It's helpful to have an RYA logbook G158 for your course. If you don't already own one, you can purchase it from our reception office at the Sunsail Agana base.

HOW BEST CAN I PREPARE FOR MY SAIL TRAINING COURSE?

START YACHTING & COMPETENT CREW

For those of you who have signed up to do the RYA Start Yachting Courses, just relax, you don't need to do anything beforehand. As for those on the RYA Comp Crew Courses, you can relax too, but we recommended that you read the RYA Competent Crew Skills Book (CCPCN). These can be purchased in advance from our UK office, the RYA website www.rya.org.uk or from our reception at the Sunsail Agana Base upon arrival.

On successful completion of the course you will be awarded the RYA Competent Crew qualification.

DAY SKIPPER

Please ensure that you bring a passport photo. These are needed for the RYA Day Skipper Practical certification.

Ensure you have left enough time to complete the 40-hour [Day Skipper Theory](#) shore based course prior to arrival and read the RYA Day Skipper Practical Course Notes (DSPCN). This can be purchased in advance from our UK office or from our reception at the Sunsail Agana Base upon arrival.

Like mentioned in the introduction to these Joining Instructions, please be aware that any lack of preparation in advance makes it harder for you to **successfully complete the course** and get your license.

On successful completion of the course you will be awarded the RYA Day Skipper qualification.

WHAT IF THERE IS BAD WEATHER??

STORMBOUNDING

Safety of the crew and yacht is always the number one priority, so in the event of foul weather the yacht will need to remain in harbour. Your instructor will plan the route and syllabus to factor around this as best as the weather permits. Please be aware that in certain circumstances there could be too much time lost to complete the syllabus.

FAQ | CONTINUED

WHAT IS THE LOCAL CURRENCY?

CASH AND CREDIT

The local currency used to be Croatia Kuna (HRK), and since January 2023 Croatia is accepting only **Euro** (€) as a payment method. Credit cards are accepted in most places (Remember to let your credit card company or bank know about your travel plans). Agana base reception doesn't accept cash, nor American Express and Diners credit cards.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE FOOD?

PROVISIONING

Sunsail offers online provisioning pre-charter. You can stock up your yacht by ordering a few of your favourite things through by logging onto: store.sunsail.com. As part of the course all students are expected to help out with cooking, washing up and the general housekeeping of the yacht.

Please remember you are also responsible for all of the Instructors meals throughout the week and include this when considering your meal planning, as their food and drink costs are not part of the Hero / Starter package.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?

CLOTHING

We advise you pack the following items: shorts, t-shirts or polo shirts, sunglasses, hat, sun screen, light weight trousers, sailing gloves, fleece, light weight sailing jacket, deck shoes, swim wear and a beach towel. During the night sail temperatures can get low.

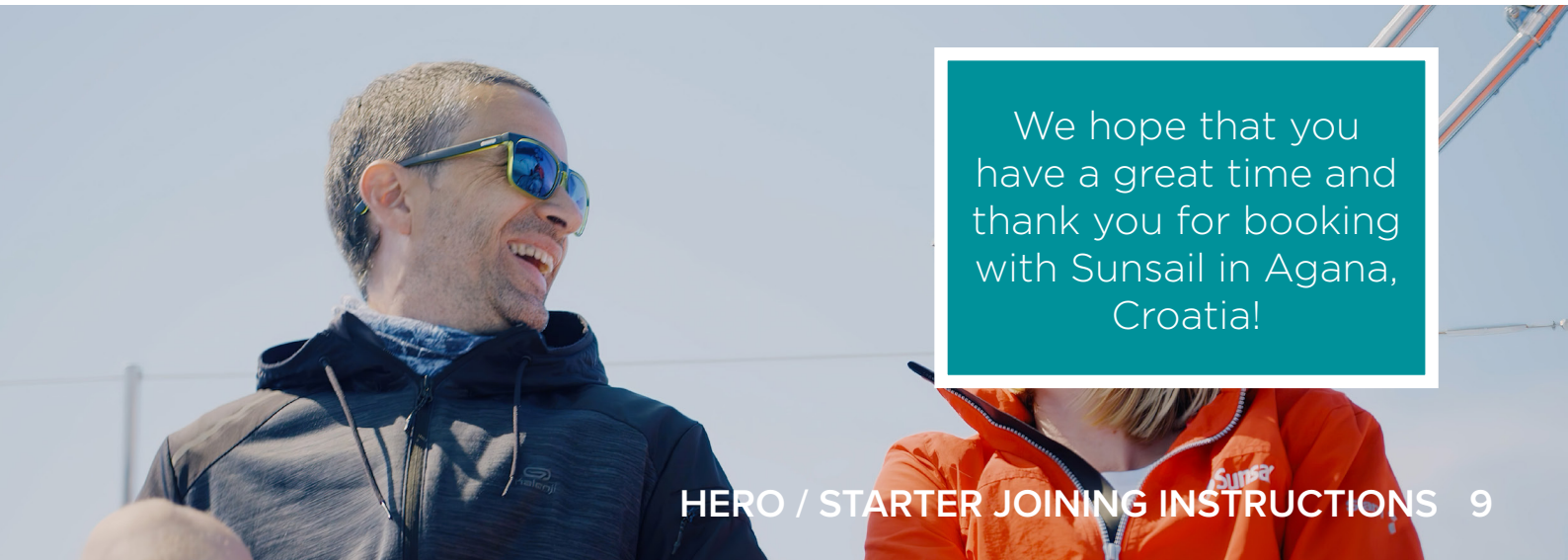
The weather is usually good here, but for the odd occasion when it's not bright and sunny, we have **foul weather gear available to hire**, in various sizes. Contact us for prices and availability.

WILL I BE IN ANY PHOTOS? CAN I TAKE MY OWN PHOTOS?

PHOTOGRAPHY

Wherever possible we try and use real life photo opportunities, rather than models in our brochures and on social media. We think this gives our clients a better understanding of the sailing experience and lets people see what's really involved.

Your instructor and lead crew may well be taking pictures during the course and we may have photographers on the base at times, so if you have any strong objections to photography of yourself or your party, please indicate your feelings to your instructor.



We hope that you have a great time and thank you for booking with Sunsail in Agana, Croatia!