

WELCOME ABOARD



AGANA SAILING SCHOOL 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 Lipanovic, 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: @sunsailholidays #sunsail #sunsailagana



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.

We would also encourage you have a look at the welcoming word and walkthrough from the base from one of our instructors on the youtube Agana playlist link here: youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0tiJcZ4Y5Xhk2iD8DyslvDx3SeQArGbH

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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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 an 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

EMBARKATION: SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Your instructor will meet you, get you checked in at reception and then settled onto your boat for the night. The official boarding time for our training yachts is **18:00**, but if possible, we will always try to get you boarded and settled in earlier. After embarkation and stowing your luggage the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy.

ACCOMODATION

You will be sleeping aboard the yacht in shared cabins (unless single occupancy has been reserved). Sheets, pillows, blankets and a shower towel are all provided. 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 plug sockets will be usable only when connected to shore power.

COURSE PROVISIONING

Your yacht will be provisioned for a five day course with breakfast and lunch being provided every day. In the evenings you would normally go ashore and enjoy a meal in one of the local restaurants with your crew. Please note, this is not included in the cost of the course. On the evening of your night sail, dinner is provided onboard.

MOORING FEES

Overnight mooring fees are generally between 30€ - 120€ for the boat, depending on whether the location is a mooring buoy, town quay or a marina. **Mooring fees are not included in the course fees and are divided equally amongst the crew.** Your instructor will take you to a variety of different moorings throughout the week but as always, the course syllabus and ultimately your safety will dictate where you moor up at night. To find out more about possible locations to visit, we suggest looking through our bareboat eGuide's destinations section [online](#).



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





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 a full yacht and safety briefing will be given by your course instructor. After that, you'll be 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 tack and gybe, amongst other things.

The potential skippers 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 and you'll have a great time doing it.

COURSE INTINERARY: SUNDAY TO THURSDAY

During the course you'll stop off at a different island or anchorage every night. On one night during the week you'll complete a night passage; navigating using lights, compasses and bearings. It's very different sailing at night, accurate navigation and team work is key, but you don't need to worry because you will be under the watchful eye of one of our RYA instructors at all times.

Temperature can drop at night, so we recommend bringing extra layers or hiring Foul Weather Gear from the base.

On **Thursday**; the last day of the course, you'll 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 with anything you are 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. For all our clients looking to get licensed: this is the time to shine and show you are capable of sailing on your own.



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



RETURN TO BASE

SCHOOLS COURSE END: THURSDAY

On Thursday you will return to the Sunsail Agana Base and your course will usually end around 5pm in the afternoon. The crew normally enjoy drinks or dinner together recalling the week's adventures.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

There is no sailing on Friday but you do not need to disembark the yacht until 09:00 on Saturday morning. Friday is your free day to relax and explore Croatia if you would like to. Options include:

- Visiting Diocletian's 4C AD Palace, in Split
- Visiting Skradin, and the Krka Waterfalls
- Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage town of Trogir
- Relaxing on the beach, in Marina
- ...and more!

GRATUITY

Gratuity and tips are not included in your sailing school price. In case of your satisfaction with the course and your instructor, it is customarily 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.

Please ensure 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?

COMPETENT CREW

It is recommended that you read the RYA Competent Crew Skills Book (CCPCN). These can be purchased in advance from our UK office 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 from January 2023 Croatia is accepting **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

All breakfasts, lunches and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as one evening meal are provided. Normally everyone eats ashore every evening, except for the evening of the night sail. Vegetarians and other dietary needs are not specifically catered for, although we will do everything possible to accommodate your needs. You can supplement the course provisioning by ordering a few of your favourite things through our online provisioning store.

Please just log onto: store.sunsail.com. As part of the course all members of the crew are expected to help out with cooking, washing up and the general housekeeping of the yacht.

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.

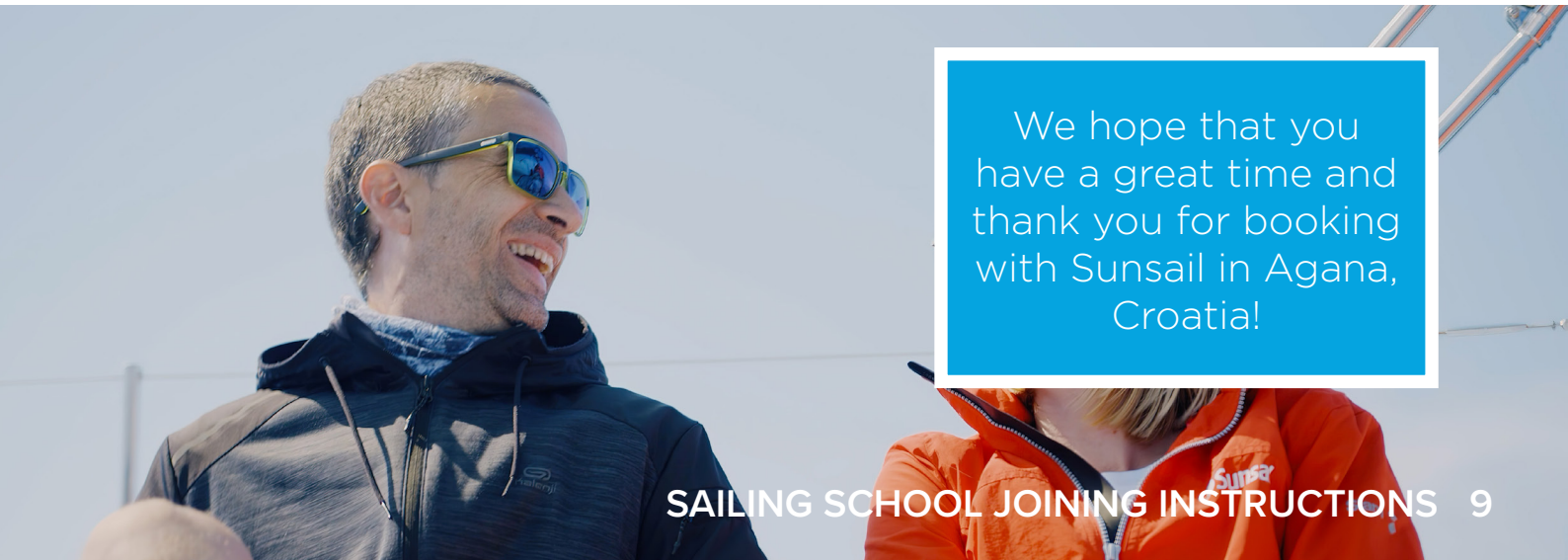
The weather is usually good here, but for the odd occasion when it's not bright and sunny, we have foul weather sailing jackets and trousers, in sizes S, M, L & XL available for you to hire should you wish.

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 other members of staff 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!