

Spain - Sailing Requirements:

The skipper should be competent at handling a yacht in close quarters, anchoring and mooring in varying conditions and be able to use navigation and pilotage skills to plan the day's sailing and know your position at any time. The Skipper should be accompanied by at least one crew member (First Mate). The "First Mate" is not required to have a recognized qualification but they must be over 18 and suitably experienced to assist the skipper. As a yacht skipper, you are required to have a sailing license or a certificate from a recognized sailing association AND/OR an ICC or IPC as detailed below:

Skipper is REQUIRED to have one (1) of the following:

ICC (International Certificate of Competence), International

Prerequisites: RYA "Day Skipper Course" or complete the ICC Assessment form to prove competence from previous experience.

IPC (International Proficiency Certificate), America

Prerequisites: ASA 104 or US Sailing "Bareboat Cruising Course"

Upon completion of the ASA 104 OR US Sailing Bareboat Cruising minimum requirement, sailors must apply for the IPC Certificate to charter in European/ Mediterranean Waters prior to arrival How to apply for the IPC if you have ASA 104 Certification

How to apply for the IPC if you have US Sailing Bareboat Cruising Certification

- NauticEd SLC (International Sailing License and Credentials), International
- USA US Sailing "Bareboat Cruising Course", ASA "104 Bareboat Cruising Course" or above
- Germany "Sportbootführerschein See" or above
- OR - Belgium - Algemeen Stuurbrevet/ Brevet de conduite général
 - ICC Sail Certification.
 - RYA Coastal Skipper Practical Course Certification.
 - France LE PERMIS PLAISANCE
 - UK RYA Day Skipper practical (with our without photo)

The Spanish authorities have identified a list of accepted sailing licenses for the following countries: Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Finland, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Netherland, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Canada and Ireland.

How to prepare your charter

A copy of all sailing certificates must be sent to the base and received at least 2 weeks before the start of the charter. It is also required that skippers take their original copies of certificates with them, as they will be asked to present them with their boat paper to the port authorities on arrival. If you do not have an official sailing license, by law the team at base will not be able to allow you to charter without an officially certified skipper onboard.

Please contact us for more details. info@windward-islands.net