

# COASTAL *Sailing Adventure*



## 6 DAY VOYAGE NORTHLAND COAST

Experience the joy of sailing in New Zealand's most spectacular cruising grounds, whilst gaining skills, knowledge, experience, and recreational sailing qualifications. Gain local and international recreational sailing qualifications. Learn from a yachting guru who has over 300,000 ocean miles under her belt.



### Navigation Skills

Plan and execute a multi-day passage. Determine DR, course, distance, VMG, ETA using charts and electronic navigation.



### Sailing Skills

Recap on points of sail and sail trim. Develop strategies for dealing with heavy weather. Experience night sailing and steering by the compass and stars.



### Cruising Skills

Understand the responsibilities of a skipper and crew, know how to cope with emergencies. Develop confidence in anchoring, docking, and vessel handling in various situations.

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# COURSE CONTENTS

## SAFETY SYSTEMS

Responsibilities of a skipper and crew  
Crew duties and watchkeeping  
Crew safety checks  
Emergencies: fire, grounding, dismasting and flooding, MOB, Abandon ship  
Location and use of essential safety equipment  
Lifejackets, harnesses, jacklines  
Bilge pumps and alarms  
Emergency steering

## ON DECK PROCEDURES

Sail selection, hoisting, reefing, dropping, and furling  
Points of sail and sail trim  
Ropes, knots, splicing, care and use of lines  
Working safely aloft  
Considerations for night watch  
Steering by compass and the stars

## NAVIGATION

Chart selection, cruising guides and aids to navigation  
Determining course, distance, VMG, and ETA  
Plotting course and determining DR, depths, dangers, currents, and obstructions.  
Use of hand bearing compass  
Tidal effects, heights, springs, and neaps  
Collision regulations and application  
Buoyage - lights, shapes, and sounds  
Rules of the road  
Electronic Navigation, use of GPS and Chartplotter apps

## METEOROLOGY

Sources of meteorological information  
Weather patterns  
Sea and land breezes  
Cloud types and formations  
Tides and currents

## HEAVY WEATHER SAILING TECHNIQUES

Heavy weather precautions  
Heaving to practice  
Lessons from significant weather events

## CRUISING SKILLS

Maintenance of deck gear  
Sail repair  
Galley essentials - provisioning and cooking aboard  
Advanced dingy handling  
Communication - use of VHF (TRs, Emergency)  
Seasickness and sleep deprivation awareness

## ANCHORING, DOCKING, & MOORING

Calculating scope and diameter of swing room  
Identification of suitable anchorage and back-up options  
Vessel handling in confined quarters  
Mooring, anchoring, and coming alongside  
Discussion of foreign port regulations, customs, immigration

## BOAT SYSTEMS

Hull, rig and sail checks  
Fuel and water capacity and range  
Engine essentials - inspection and maintenance  
Boat keeping and maintenance  
Marine head and holding tank





## PARTICIPANTS

The Coastal Voyage is ideal for graduates of the Great Escape six-day learn-to-sail sail-yourself Inshore Adventure who have had a bit of experience and are looking for the next challenge. It is also ideal for individuals, couples or friends who have introductory sailing qualifications and/or extensive experience as crew. It is not for beginners. Prior to the voyage participants need to complete the IYT Bareboat Skipper eLearning, obtain a VHF maritime radio operators' certificate, ideally also complete basic first aid training and have logged at least 10 days sailing as skipper or co-skipper. The recommended minimum age is 18.

*If you are uncertain as to your suitability for the adventure, please talk to Great Escape to discuss your sailing background.*

## Instructor

Amanda Swan: a rigger and sailmaker by trade, Amanda has been sailing her entire life. She was the kiwi rigger aboard Maiden in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World race and for over twenty-five years prior to joining Great Escape Sailing she was developing and delivering offshore sail-training expeditions from Antarctica to the Arctic, and Australia to Algeria. She has also authored two books, "Marine Diesel Engine Essentials" and "The Essential Galley Companion", contributed to over seven maritime books, and presented technical sailing seminars at international boat shows.

## Tailored Instruction

This course has a maximum instructor to student ratio of 1:4, enabling tailored instruction for each participant which is ideal for a couple with different levels of experience.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Depending on your previous experience and qualifications you should be able to obtain the Yachting New Zealand Level 3 Keelboat certification and have the option of also gaining the International Bareboat Skipper IYT (International Yacht Training) certification.

*Enabling you to obtain both a local and international recreational qualification from the one course.*

Post course, if you successfully obtain the IYT International Bareboat Skipper qualification, you can sit an additional theory exam to obtain the "International Certificate of Competency" (ICC), provided you meet the requirements as laid down by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Resolution 40). There are additional costs for this.

- Accredited Sailing School
- Maritime NZ Certified operation
- Gain local and international qualifications





## OPERATIONAL AREA

The operational region for this learning adventure originates in Opuia and ventures through the islands in the Bay of Islands to Whangaroa 37 nm north and 23nm south to Whangamumu with a possible visit to the picturesque Cavalli Islands 23 nm offshore.

Each voyage will be different as weather conditions will dictate your voyage plan.

## The boat

You'll be aboard one of our Raven 31s, a safe, well proven, kiwi designed and built cruising yacht. Large enough for comfort but small enough to be responsive and easily handled. The Raven 31 is fractionally rigged with roller-furling headsail and mainsail with two reef points. Sail controls lead aft to the generous cockpit that features a walk-through transom. Down below there is ample space with a well-appointed galley, refrigerator, and hot and cold pressure water, separate head forward and navigation station aft. There's two-berths forward, two berths in the main saloon, and a quarter-berth aft for the instructor.

## SCHEDULE & COSTS

The voyage will commence at 9.30 am on day one and conclude around 4.00 pm on day six, departing from and returning to Great Escape dock in Opuia.

Voyages for the 2022/23 season are scheduled as follows;

- Saturday 17th September - Thursday 22nd September 2022
- Saturday 15th October - Thursday 20th October 2022
- Monday 28th November - Saturday 3rd December 2022
- Saturday 18th March - Thursday 23rd March 2023
- Saturday 22nd April Thursday 27th April 2023

Costs:\$1,990 per person - includes provisions

Optional extras: Linen \$30, IYT International Crew Certification \$55, IYT International Bareboat Skipper Certification \$95, IYT ICC Endorsement \$205

A recommended gear list will be provided to participants prior to departure.

*We can also schedule private coastal voyages. Contact us for pricing and to request dates.*

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