Jet Stream

Available with Tim “Captain Only”. 3 guest staterooms, each with a Queen bed and private ensuite bathroom with electric toilet and shower. Full Air Conditioning available if desired.
Your Captain/Instructor is the key to your experience.

Owner operator Captain Tim Schaaf is an ASA certified instructor for ASA 101-103-104-114. 103-104-114 is the most popular choice. He is also an ASA certified instructor for ASA 105 and 106. Captain Tim has skippered and lived aboard his own boats since 1982, and first gained his USCG Captain’s license in 1988. As the child of a diplomat, his youth was spent in a number of different countries. Indeed, he learned to sail while traveling in England. For several years, he cruised the Californian and Mexican coasts, and also managed the prestigious Marina Cabo San Lucas, located at the tip of the Baja Peninsula. He has interwoven his sailing career with a parallel career as a golf professional.

Formerly Stanford University’s Head Golf Coach, he has also directed an internationally acclaimed golf school and pioneered leading-edge teaching technology. His teaching and coaching career has taken him to Mexico, Japan, Germany and the Dominican Republic, in addition to the United States. He holds a BA from Harvard University.

Captain Tim has skippered and lived aboard his own boats since 1982, and first gained his USCG Captain’s license in 1988. He has worked and traveled extensively in many different countries throughout the world, and can regale you with a wide variety of experiences and perspectives. Tim is also a musician and a writer.

Most of all, he is a sailor. He lives aboard Jet Stream full time, and is the ideal person to guide you through the operation of a cruising catamaran. He will expand your comfort zone at your own pace. He will help you decide where to go, and how to get there. Jet Stream charters are a very participatory experience. YOU will have the thrill of being Jet Stream’s Crew, because, in fact, you WILL be!

ASA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTION

For those who would like formal instruction, and the certification that goes with it, Captain Tim is also an American Sailing Association (ASA) instructor. He started teaching sailing in 1993, on San Francisco Bay. The American Sailing Association is the largest professional sailing instruction organization in the United States. Its diverse and highly developed curriculum takes beginners through all stages of sailing instruction, from the most basic to the most advanced. Jet Stream offers courses in Bareboat Chartering, Cruising Catamarans, Coastal Navigation, and Advanced Coastal Cruising for sailors with some experience. These courses can be designed into your Fully Crewed, or Captain Only charter. For those who choose to take the relevant examinations and pass them, ASA Certification is awarded.

It is not necessary for all members of a charter party to participate in the ASA instruction, but all should be aware that the curriculum requires a considerable amount of the students’ and the Captain’s time and attention including specific drills and activities. As such, the instructional program will have a considerable bearing on the agenda and itinerary of the charter, although every effort will be made to afford Jet Stream’s full range of activities to the non-participants. They include much wisdom accumulated by Captain Tim in over thirty years of cruising, outfitting, and living aboard various sailboats. This includes discussions on safety, on boat and equipment choices, on things that work and things that don’t.

This March 2015 client review really says it all

“Ours was a ‘cruise and learn’ charter for myself and my wife, on Jet Stream, a Leopard 45 Catamaran captained by its owner and ASA instructor, Tim Schaff. We were on board Jet Stream for 10 days, during which time our goal was to complete ASA Certifications 101, 103, 104 and 114, having already done the small keel boat sailing portion of 101 at Bitter End Yacht Club over two days before we boarded Jet Stream. I would recommend this approach to others, as we were able to achieve our goals, and to truly prepare ourselves for future bare boat chartering, but it took a lot of work and very long days. How other sailing schools claim to get folks, in groups of 6-8, through this coursework in 5-7 days I do not know, but I truly cannot imagine that even the best students really learn the material in such a short period, no less receive the essential hands on experience. Tim Schaff is simply one of a kind in
Jet Stream is both a crewed charter catamaran and Tim’s home. As a result, the boat is fully equipped with numerous extras that you do not always find on a charter, including a generator, air conditioning, and a water maker. The yacht was meticulously cared for and could not have been in better condition for a cat of its vintage. Tim takes particular care to make sure that salt water is not allowed into the cabin areas and that the air conditioning and ventilation are used to keep the boat dry and fresh smelling.

The BVIs are a perfect place to do the sailing and learning that we did. Our charter was during an unusually windy period, with sustained winds from 20mph -30mph, so we were not able to sail comfortably upwind to Anegada, but were able to find comfortable sailing and mooring all across the BVIs.

In the end, our charter was really all about Tim and our interaction with him as our captain/ASA instructor. We took the course as a couple, and we were a challenge, I think, as we presented somewhat different learning styles and levels of interest, but Tim was indefatigable, and we both ended up both doing very well. Anybody that is serious about learning to sail or to sail cruising catamarans should want to spend time learning from Tim Schaff on Jet Stream. I look forward to sailing with Tim again.” - Claude Okin, March 2015

You can contact Claude Okin to discuss his experience with Tim, and about you possibly joining Tim:

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“Captain Only” with Owner/Captain/ASA Instructor Tim

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Christmas or New Years $8,400 per 7 nights.

INCLUDED
Accommodations for your party of up to 6 guests in 3 cabins (each with Queen bed and ensuite bathroom with electric flush toilet), Tim, water, all fuel (for generator, a/c and engines), all mooring rentals, ice, trash disposal, toilet paper, sunscreen, garbage bags and paper towels.

NOT INCLUDED
• A customary crew gratuity at your discretion (15-20% suggested).
• All other expenses, notably all groceries and any meals ashore, charged at cost.
• For ASA 101, we suggest you get it at a local school on a boat with wheel steering (not a tiller) before you arrive to JET STREAM.
• ASA is $20 per person per level, plus books (you buy yourself, used is fine) and $39 if you are not already an ASA member.
• 103-104-114 would be $60 per person, plus books.
• BVI cruising permits of $6 per person, per day.
• BVI arrival tax of $10 per person

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