



PENGUIN CRUISING CLUB LTD.

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SHETLAND CRUISE

27th May – 10th June 2017

**Cruise Organiser: Ian Rose: 91 Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts SN10 1PT
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This cruise is about exploring Shetland and Fair Isle. It will start in Lerwick in Shetland and end in Kirkwall in Orkney and may include visits to some of the Northern Isles of Orkney. However, our plans will depend upon the sea and weather conditions which we encounter at the time. The charter period is a time of year when we can hope for reasonable conditions and when we can enjoy the long days approaching the 'simmer dim'.

We have chartered the following yachts:

- from Shetland Yachting (<http://www.shetland-yachting.co.uk>): a *Bavaria 37* with 8 berths, comfortable for 6 crew
- from Sail Orkney (<http://www.sailorkney.co.uk>): an *Elan 434* with 10 berths, comfortable for 8 crew

Both yachts have slab reefing of the mainsail and a furling genoa (no self-tacking jibs). We plan to occupy the 14 comfortable berths and accordingly offer 28 berth-weeks for the two week charter. SY and SO have no other yachts to offer for charter.

Our outline itinerary is:

- Pre-charter: SO delivers its yacht to join SY's yacht in Lerwick.
- Penguin cruise week 1: 27 May to 3 June: Crews embark both yachts in Lerwick followed by coastal sailing in company around Shetland. Return to Lerwick for crew change.
- Penguin cruise week 2: 3 to 10 June: Crew change in Lerwick. Passage in company from Lerwick to Kirkwall via Fair Isle with some coastal sailing around Shetland and the Northern Isles of Orkney as time allows. Crews disembark both yachts in Kirkwall.
- Post-charter: SY returns its yacht to Lerwick.

The circumnavigation of Shetland is about 250M and is feasible within one week. More sheltered coastal sailing is available should conditions prevent the circumnavigation. The direct passage from Lerwick to Fair Isle is about 42 miles then from Fair Isle to Kirkwall about 60 miles.

The cruise fee of £480/week is required by 20 March and includes the non-returnable deposit of £100/week which is required to accompany the application. The fee includes the cost of provisioning but excludes the costs of travel. The mid-cruise crew change opens the cruise to those who wish to join for just one week. However, if you choose to apply for one particular week, you might be asked if you would shift to the other week in the interests of balancing the crews.

Please ensure that your application is fully completed and signed. Do contact me if your application requires endorsement but you do not know a club member who might oblige. Any information about dietary and medical requirements must be listed on the form and will be shared only with the club's officers and the skippers and commodore for the cruise. A summary of your sailing experience is requested in the application in order to assist the balancing of crew strength and competence. Applicants of all sailing abilities and experience are welcome and you must be able to swim at least 25m and be aged 15 or over. The club will aim to meet any wish which you might express to sail with particular people.

I shall acknowledge your application then inform you of its success, or otherwise, on the instruction of the committee once the committee is satisfied that crews of the necessary capabilities can be selected from among the applicants.

Please heed the club's requirements for personal travel and holiday insurance which are to be found on the application form. You will be asked to confirm that your insurance meets the club's requirements.

I shall be happy to address any queries; please enquire.

Ian Rose