

Tradition Sailing Charters Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be the Captain?

Laurie Gumbs is owner and Captain of *Tradition*. Laurie grew up in Anguilla and has extensive knowledge of sailing and the Caribbean Sea. Laurie is a licensed operator and has been for a number of years. His eye is always on the safety of the guests, the crew and *Tradition*.

What kind of sailboat is it?

Tradition is a classic wooden 50' gaff rigged West Indian sloop. She was built in 1978 on the island of Carriacou, Grenada. Truly a classic, *Tradition* carries neither winches nor windlasses. She has a long deck with lots of room.

Do you do private charters?

Absolutely! We'll happily work with you to design the perfect sailing excursion.

Do I need to know how to sail?

Not at all! We have three professional sailors onboard that do all the work. All you have to do is sit back and enjoy the sail. However, if you're interested in learning a little bit about sailing, you're more than welcome to pitch in with the sail handling. We'll provide the instruction and guidance, so your first sailing experience is educational and enjoyable!

What is the maximum number of people you can take on a trip?

We are licensed to carry a maximum of 12 passengers. *Tradition* has a large and comfortable deck, so there's lots of room for everyone to relax and enjoy the sail.

What kind of safety equipment do you have?

Tradition is equipped with lifejackets, two life rings, a life raft, fire extinguishers, VHF radio, SART, flares, and first aid equipment. Our crew is all internationally STCW certified. We meet the very high safety regulations of The Anguilla Government.

What should I wear?

We recommend that you bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Wear whatever you're comfortable with in protecting your skin from the sun. We often wear a loose cotton long sleeved shirt and a pair of shorts. A t-shirt and shorts or a sundress is pretty common attire. Definitely bring your swimsuit and a towel. If you're joining us for a sunset sail we recommend bringing a light sweater or windbreaker as it does get a little chilly once the sun goes down.

We also prefer if you go barefoot on deck, but if you need footwear, please wear something like deck shoes or non-marking sneakers. Try to keep the sand on the beach if you can. Give your feet a break and leave your high heeled shoes at home.

Is there a bathroom on board?

While we do have a head (bathroom) on board, it is fairly small with very little headroom. You are always welcome to use it but we also recommend that you use the facilities ashore before we get underway.

Do I need to bring my own snorkel gear?

We have complimentary snorkel gear on board, but if you feel more comfortable using your own gear, feel free to bring it. We also have a couple of snorkel vests and a number of foam noodles to help you feel more comfortable in the water.

Where and when do you pick us up?

Please meet us on the little jetty by Johnno's in Sandy Ground at the time of your scheduled departure. We'll take you in our tender to *Tradition*, and after a brief safety briefing, get underway.

Do you accept payment by Credit Cards?

We accept Cash, MasterCard and Visa; however, a 5% transaction fee will be added to all credit card payments. If you would prefer to pay the full balance in cash, we will use your Credit Card to hold your reservation, but will not process the card unless you cancel the reservation within the time limits outlined in our Reservations and Cancellations Policy.

Is service charge or gratuities included in the price of the sail?

Tradition does not add a service charge to the price of the sail. However, if you feel our crew has done an exceptional job, gratuities are always appreciated.