

Salty Dog Sails with Thomas Vasiliakos Cruises in the Greek islands



S/Y "IDYLLE 1" is a BENETEAU 15.50, an offshore cruiser, designed by naval architect GERMAN FRERS and built for long passages with comfort and ease in mind. Her long keel and hull with easily driven lines, combined with a powerful cutter/sloop rig, perform well in all conditions, maintaining an outstanding 8-9 knots average under sail or power. Her smooth motion and "little ship" character is enjoyed by pure sailing fans and leisurely laid back guests alike.

On the deck there are large clear sunbathing areas. The teak slatted cockpit carries a big table with icebox for dinners or drinks al fresco. An opening transom has a built-in swim platform & ladder, for easy access to and from the sea.

A sprayhood, a bimini and a sun awning offer complete protection while sailing or laying at anchor.

Forward: Twin Crew Cabin with WC/shower and private entrance from the deck. Forward Port and Starboard Guest Double Cabins with private WC/ showers en-suite.

Main Saloon Cabin: Lounge area with a U shaped settee and a bench around a large table that can seat 8 to 9 persons.

Bar, Bookshelves, Games, Stereo & TV.

Fully equipped Galley with three burner stove & oven, double sinks, large volume electric refrigerator & freezer and ample storage space.

Navigation Station around a full size Chart table, with the Main Switch & Control panel for all the boat's Electric & Hydraulic systems, Communications and

Electronics: VHF, Speed-Depth- Wind Instruments, Autopilot, GPS, Chartplotter, Navtex, Cellphones and PC Laptop.

Aft Port and Starboard: Guest Double Cabins with private WC/ showers en-suite.

SALOON MAIN CABIN

The main cabin consists of: the lounge area with a U shaped settee and a bench around a large table. A bar with bottle and glass storage. Fully equipped galley with a voluminous refrigerator and ample provision's space. The navigation station around a full size chart table with all the electronic equipment: Speed-Depth-Wind instruments, VHF, Autopilot, GPS Chartplotter, Navtex, Cellphones, PC Laptop, as well as stereo radio-cassette-CD player & colour TV.

GUEST'S CABINS - ACCOMMODATION

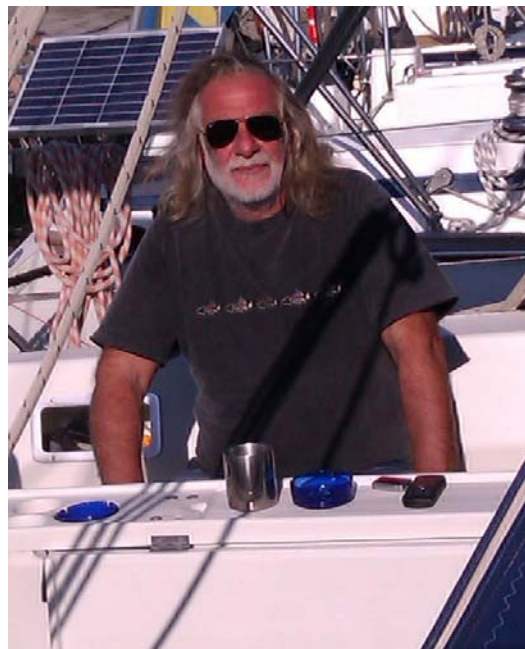
For BEST COMFORT: Up to eight guests in 4 large double cabins, all with their own private WC/shower en-suite.

For BEST VALUE: Up to 11 guests with the use of the main cabin and the deck.

CREW QUARTERS: The crew cabin and WC/shower are forward with a private entrance from the deck.

VENTILATION: >20 opening hatches and portholes, a large skylight over the main cabin, two side windows and four vents with air scoops ensure an abundance of light and excellent ventilation throughout the boat.

The skipper (Salty Dog)



Skipper Thomas Vassilacos has been sailing professionally in Greece and Turkey since 1986.

Before that time, Thomas lived in London for 10 years, studied filming and made sailing documentaries in the Mediterranean and the North Sea. Now he is occasionally involved in media advertising projects with S/Y IDYLLE 1.

He is a RYA (Royal Yachting Association) Ocean Yachtmaster and holds a NOV. Diploma (Offshore Nautical Club), a HCG (Hellenic Coast Guard) SpeedBoat Licence and LFS (London Film School) Diploma



As well as the Skipper's fees, fuel expenses and VAT tax that are all included in the price you also get all the usual "extras" such as:

Autopilot, GPS, Spinnaker - Gennaker, Outboard for the dinghy plus snorkelling gear, end cleaning and linen laundry.

No Security Deposit payment.

No High Season surcharge.

Free delivery and return to base, to and from any port of your choice, thus saving the boring part of your journey and days wasted just getting to your favourite cruising area.

Free One-Way trips, allowing even more time spent on island visits and a much more relaxed, easy going, sailing holiday.

Absolutely No hidden charges and unpleasant surprises of "similar sized" boats and 'customized' 49ers advertised as 60footers!

What you see here is what you get!

Our personal attention before, during and after the trip, as we're eager to offer the best services, primely for your own enjoyment as our guests and for our credit as well.

See, we want you to have such a memorable vacation, that you'd love to return to us and recommend SaltyDog to your friends!

1. No HARD suitcases are allowed aboard!

They are impossible to store and they cannot be left lying around the cabin floor or on the bunks as they damage the beds and cabins with the boat's motion.

Only true sailor's ;-) **SOFT LUGGAGE PLEASE!**

Soft baggage with wheels and handles etc. must be emptied and stored under their bunks as they also shouldn't to be left bouncing around the cabins either!

2. No shoes or sandals with BLACK SOLES are allowed to be used on the boat!

They mark terribly the non-skid deck and are a nuisance to clean their marks.

What previous clients have said:

Dear Captain Thomas,

*Thank you for a dream vacation.
Our family loved sailing around the Cyclades with you.
The itinerary was very flexible and fun.
The islands are beautiful.
Any future sailing we do in Greece we will be sure to call you.
Thanks again for all your recommendations and a great adventure.*

*Tamera Wheeler,
Alamo, California, USA*

Captain Thomas,

*Thank you for a once in a lifetime experience sailing around the Cyclades.
Your wealth of knowledge made our adventures that much more fun.
I appreciate the time you took to teach me the basics of sailing and then giving me the chance to be behind the wheel was WILD!
And of course the night cap on a pirate ship was one of a kind...
Hope to come back again on another excursion...*

*Jennifer Wheeler,
Old Saybrook, Connecticut, USA*

Captain Thomas,

*Thank you for the wonderful voyage, it was a dream come true.
Your insight and knowledge of the islands and Greece was inspiring and helpful.
Good luck in your future sails.*

*Thanks,
Ashley Wheeler
Concord, Mass. USA*

Dear Captain Thomas,

*I really enjoyed sailing around Greece.
It was super fun.*

*Thank you,
Erica Wheeler (aged 12)
California USA*

Dear Captain Thomas,

Thank you for the wonderful voyage around Greece.

*Sincerely,
Harrison (Wheeler, aged 10).*

PS. Included are two drawings from Harrison of "Crazy Penguin"! The notes of the ages in parentheses are mine.

Wheeler party- sailed with Thomas, 13 - 20/06/2011, Syros to Santorini



"I can't really share with how Thomas creates the perfect balance between giving you a sense of security that all is taken care of, and wild abandon that this vacation and the Aegean are yours to command. He is always there but never a hindrance or obstacle, more of an old friend. He is very intelligent, experienced and a hell of a good time. ...We were the lucky few that got a dream vacation by just pointing and clicking. You should count yourself lucky as well to have found Thomas. : I have traveled alot over the last 10 years, I work for Museums all around the world and try to fit in a vacation where ever I travel to. The 10 days my husband and myself spent with Thomas on his boat in the Aegean, top the list. He will make sure you see the real Greece instead of the ultra touristic places, Thomas is the man. I wouldn't recommend anyone else. We loved it!

Wanda Webb, Los Angeles/ USA

"The problem with lots of charters in the islands is that you get skippers that may know how to sail a yacht but don't really give you the space and chance to do what you like, ie they are a little bit like well dressed butlers and you are just along for the ride. If you're looking for the impeccably dressed but boring skipper, don't go with Thomas. :-) If on the other hand, you're looking for someone who knows the islands, will make sure you go to the right places, will make sure you ...We had zero problems and the boat is just great. We were 5 or 6 on the boat at different times and things were fine. It's Thomas' boat and he takes really good care of it. It's clean and easy to just drift away in. Thomas is a fantastic sailor who knows the Mediterranean cold. I think he's been sailing for 20 years or more. His life is the sea or the sea is his life or whatever. Thomas is also a great skipper and knows how to put people at their ease."

Greg Galanos, San Francisco/ USA

"We went on a 10-day cruise with Thomas and 2 other couples this past October and had a FANTASTIC time (even though we didn't know the other 4 people.)

Thomas is a very competent, friendly, entertaining, accomodating and safety-conscious captain, he knows the islands inside and out, his boat is very well-maintained and comfortable, and we would sail with him again in a heartbeat. Actually, we're trying to figure out how soon we can get back down there again."

Meredith & Scott, Heidelberg/ Germany

"thank you very Big"
Lemon, jomtien/Thailand

"The captain was knowledgeable, accomodating and helpful. The boat was sturdy and a pleasure to sail. The itinerary was perfect – a good mix of touristed 'must see' villages and remote beaches."
Laura Cumming, USA. (June 2005)

http://www.odysseysailing.gr/yachts/crewed_sailing_yachts/beneteaufirst.html

