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FLORIDA SAILING & CRUISING SCHOOL

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Announcing . . .

**A SPECIAL 3-DAY CHARTER GETAWAY!
MAY-OCTOBER, 2010***

Pay for (2) Days and get the 3rd Day Free!

We know that sometimes you only have a few days for a getaway!

**charter must begin on or after 5/1 and end on or before 10/31/10.*



Sail-Away to Sailing School in May!!

10% off per person for All Sailing Courses in May!

All sailing courses come with the ASA (American Sailing Association) certification!

Take advantage of last-minute openings in our sailing school schedule and save!

Call today to reserve your dates!!

NEW! "Summer School" Special

June, July, August, September & October, 2010



**Take 10% off per Person
on all Sail & Power Courses!***



**Class must begin on or before 6/1/10 and end on or before 10/31/10. Summer is a great time to go "back to school" in Southwest Florida! Especially when class is held on a beautiful Sail or Power Yacht!*

Take advantage of this one-time offer and call us soon to schedule a course!

Charter Yacht of the Month

“Sweetness II”

2001 Mainship 43 Double-Cabin Trawler

Equipment includes: Twin diesels, Generator, Radar, GPS, Auto pilot, Central vac, Electric stove, 2 cabins, 2 heads, full-size sleeper sofa, washer/ dryer, TV, stereo, Dinghy, 8hp outboard and more!



Charter Rates per Week:

Winter: \$4587

Summer: \$3668



New to Our Fleet . . .

. . . Hunter Passage 42

“Fortuitous”

Double-cabin layout, full electronics, generator, lovely!

AND

. . . Sea Ray 40 Motor Yacht (2007) – loaded!

“Keim Away II”

Twin Cummins diesels, generator, flat-screen TV’s, stereo, washer-dryer, chartplotter & much more!

Both Yachts Will Be Available June, 2010! Watch for details!





From the E-Mail Boat

Editor's Note: The letter and photos below were sent to Captain Bill Rigby following one of his recent sailing classes. It looks and sounds like he had some very happy students!

Dear Bill,

As for the sailing adventures and coursework, we totally enjoyed every minute -- from the brief but wonderful encounter in the gale on Monday to all those tacks and jibes (safely, of course!), the leisurely lunches under auto-pilot in the harbor, learning to chart on the porch of the Platinum Club, the many interesting and educational encounters with other friendly boaters, and the Tahiti-like paradise of Pelican Bay and Useppa Island. In fact, ALL of our interactions with Southwest Florida Yachts have simply been top-notch.

It was absolutely the right decision for us to do this course together this year, and we are now looking forward to so many sailing possibilities in the future.

Look forward to crossing paths again, wherever that may be!

Dan and Aidan
*S101-104 class
Island Packet 31*



Capt. Bill and his students



Dan & daughter, Aidan



Aidan on the bow!

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration Ends this Year!

CHARTER SPECIAL

Summer (5/1-12/14): 2 Free Days with a 3-Day or longer Charter!



SCHOOL SPECIAL



Sail and Power Students Who Graduate From Our School in 2010

Will Receive a Free Nautical Gift by Weems & Plath.

Some restrictions apply. Charters & Classes must end on or before 12/31/2010.

YACHT SALES AND BROKERAGE

*Barb Hansen is a licensed Florida Yacht Salesperson.
Call Barb to make an appointment to see any of these lovely yachts or to discuss any other vessels you may have an interest in owning. <http://www.swfyachtsales.com/> All of these yachts are available for private or charter yacht ownership. Ask for details!*



FOR SALE

**2006 Silverton 43 Sport Bridge
Twin Engine, Double Cabin Yacht
\$379,000**

A beautiful yacht!

Twin Volvo Diesels, Kohler 10kw generator, 2 cabins, 2 full heads with Vacu-flush toilets, 2 flat panel color TV's, DVD player, Stereo with CD player, Raymarine GPS and Autopilot, Refrigerator/ freezer, electric stove, microwave oven, wet bar on bridge, West Marine RIB dinghy with 6 hp Mercury outboard, and everything you need to cruise!

Just Listed!

**2003 Gemini 34 Performance Cruising 105MC Catamaran
\$135,000**

Available for placement into our
charter program!

This vessel is one of our most popular charter yachts!

Draft: 18"! Twin diesels, A/C, Stereo with CD player, GPS, Autopilot, Solar panel, windlass, double-spreader rig with Lazy Jacks, new dinghy with outboard and much more!



2003 MAINSHIP 390 TWIN ENGINE TRAWLER

A nice clean yacht! Reduced! \$179,000

This yacht is already chartering very well in our fleet.

She may be kept in the charter program or private use.

Twin Yanmar 240 HP diesels, Kohler 8 kw generator, Air Conditioning with heat, refrigerator, stereo with CD Player, new flat screen color TV with DVD player, GPS, Autopilot, and Radar!



A Gift from the Sea

By Barb Hansen

Recently I was on the phone with a man and we were discussing plans for his family's one-week yacht charter vacation. Every day was planned to the max.

I suggested he might not be able to keep such a schedule due to weather or other factors. But he told me he had been an officer in the U.S. Navy. He had everything planned down to a five-minute timetable.

It seems everybody wants to carry their busy lifestyles over into their vacation on the water. Hurry is their mantra, their default position. Hurry to the office, hurry to pick up the kids, rush home, eat dinner, homework, hurry.

Oh my. I'm not a paragon of the virtue of patience but one thing I think I have learned in 25 years in the yacht chartering business is that cruises can be ruined by schedules that are too ambitious.

Sometimes the weatherman has some timely advice. Winds are up. Waves are high. A storm is coming. Stay in port. That kind of advice always trumps a schedule.

But, even when safety is not a consideration, it's good to remember that sometimes doing something is not as much fun as just doing nothing. Keeping to a schedule can lessen the fun and spontaneity of cruising. It can make the family-man-skipper the bad guy even though he wants everybody to have a great time.

Lately I have been reading an essay about A Gift from the Sea, a book written by Anne Morrow Lindberg, wife of the man who first flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

She wrote, "The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. Patience, patience, patience, is what the sea teaches. Patience and faith. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach – waiting for a gift from the sea."

Sometimes your gift from the sea is a placid cove with the perfect spot to anchor-up. There is room for just one boat. Yours. You "own" it. It's wonderful. Herons, egrets and spoonbills are wading on that flat over there. A family of manatees comes over to investigate. Oh, look, there's a pod of dolphins.

Sorry. Your schedule tells you to keep moving. Awwwww, Dad, do we have to?

Patience doesn't come easy for many of us. Through the ages men and women of wisdom have counseled patience. Patience is wisdom. Patience is virtuous. Okay. But still we'd rather check things off on our to-do lists. I know somebody who confessed to adding tasks to his to-do list so he could experience the pleasure of checking them off, too.

Patience is a good thing, we say. But we still prefer to rush through the day by repeating inner voice truisms that have no relationship to the task at hand. Time is of the essence. Get 'er done. Do something.

Successful cruising is not like that.

Auguste Rodin, who sculpted "The Thinker," said, "Patience is also a form of action."

You could check it off.



Take some time off for a relaxing cruise soon!

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