# **Island Escapes Boat Charters**

All Island Escapes Boat Charters guests will be picked up and dropped off at the Norwalk Town Boat ramp at Veteran's Park and Marina, located at 42 Seaview Ave. Norwalk, CT 06855

(Unless other arrangements are made ahead of time.)

## **Directions from I-95 Northbound:**

Take I-95 Northbound to Exit 16 (Norwalk - East Ave. exit).

Make a right on to East Ave. and continue straight until you reach a stop sign at the end of East Ave. (That is Seaview Ave. – you will be facing a marina)

Turn right on to Seaview Ave. and continue past a large park to the first traffic light. Turn left at the light and then turn into the first driveway / road on the left before the bridge. (If you go over the bridge, you have gone too far.)

You will see a boat ramp on the right and parking is on the left (Parking Zone #2039 on the Park Mobile Parking App.).

Please make sure you pay for parking since constable checks area regularity. Your charter boat will be down the left dock towards the end.

## **Directions from I-95 Southbound:**

Take I-95 Southbound to Exit 16 (Norwalk - East Ave. exit)

Make a left on to East Ave. and continue straight until you reach a stop sign at the end of East Ave. (That is Seaview Ave. – you will be facing a marina)

Turn right on to Seaview Ave. and continue past a large park to the first traffic light. Turn left at the light and then turn into the first driveway / road on the left before you go over the bridge. (If you go over the bridge you have gone too far.).

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# **Rules and Policies**

- No smoking of any kind is allowed on board our boats.
- No shoes are allowed on board. You may stow them in your bags or in our cabin.
- Bathroom use while aboard our boats are equipped with a marine toilet (head) that you may use while on board. However, we ask that you use the provided marine toilet paper only, and do not dispose of paper towels, sanitary napkins, tampons, wrappers, or wipes in the toilet, as these items will clog and damage the system.
- Child safety children under the age of 12 will be required to wear a life vest on board. We have life vests to provide but feel free to bring your own comfortable fitting one for your child.
- Safety briefing and waiver all guests will be given a safety briefing before departure and will be asked to sign a standard waiver acknowledging the risks inherent in boating and water sports.
- No red wine, red fruit juice, ketchup, or tomato sauce is allowed while on board.
- No pets of any kind are allowed on our boats.
- No glass bottles, glass containers or cups please use plastic containers or plastic drinking cups only.
- No sharp objects are allowed on board (knives, box cutters, etc).

<u>Reservations and Cancellations</u> - Reservations are required and should be made as far in advance as possible. You will be asked to provide a deposit at the time that your reservation is made. All deposits are fully refundable if your trip is cancelled at least 7 days prior to your scheduled date. Reservations cancelled within less than 7 days from your scheduled trip are subject to the forfeiture of your deposit. At our discretion, we can also reschedule cancelled reservations (and transfer your deposit) to a later date if our schedule allows.

<u>Weather policy</u> - Our weather policy focuses on your enjoyment as well as your safety, and the safety of our crew. We will not cancel a booked charter if it is cloudy or drizzling. If you choose not to proceed with your trip for this reason, your deposit will be forfeited. However, in the event of high winds, thunderstorms, or other unsafe weather conditions, we will cancel the trip and refund your deposit. The decision to cancel will be at the discretion of our Captains. If forced to cancel due to weather, we will of course try to rebook your tip for a later date if you so choose.

<u>Motion sickness policy</u> - We will do our best to provide a comfortable ride for you while on our boats. However, we suggest that you do not book a Charter with us if you are prone to sea sickness or have a history of sea sickness. If you become seasick while on board and we are forced to return to port, you will remain responsible for the full cost of the charter booked. If you become sick while on board (vomit, etc.), you will be charged an additional \$500.00 cleaning and sanitation fee.

Damage Policy - We expect that all customers will treat our vessels with respect while on board. You will be responsible for any damage to our vessels (punctured or ripped seats, damaged fiberglass, etc.) and will be charged accordingly for repairs.

By making your reservation and submitting a deposit you have acknowledged that you have read the above Rules and Policies and agree to the terms therein.

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# Agreement & Waiver

Ahoy - Welcome Aboard! After deposit/payment and registration, guests will be welcomed by your Captain and Mate. After settling in, and prior to leaving the dock, guests will be given an overview of safety protocols and procedures, risks inherent in the activity, and brief cruise itinerary.

Charter Type and Duration (ie. Sunset Cruise; Lighthouse Tour; Anchorage; Wedding Ceremony, etc.):

Charter Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS**

Customer Acknowledges that some, but not all, of the risks of participating in watercraft activities include:

- Decking can be wet and slippery resulting in falls in the cockpit and/or cabin areas;
- Changing water flow, currents, wave action and wakes from other boats can cause falls and/or or injuries;
- Falling while launching watercraft and/or while accelerating and slowing is possible;
- Collisions with the following: other watercraft, man-made or natural objects, submerged or otherwise;
- Being hit or entangled in mooring lines;
- Equipment failure;
- Wind, inclement weather, lightning, variances and extremes of wind, weather, and temperature;
- Customers sense of balance, physical coordination, reaction time, ability to swim and/or follow directions;
- Collision, capsizing, sinking or other hazards which results in wetness, injury, exposure to the elements
- Drowning and/or death;
- Injury from props and/or propellers, including accidental death or dismemberment;
- The presence of insects, marine life forms, and other wildlife; and
- Heat or sun related injuries or illness including sunburn, sunstroke, or dehydration.

Customer agrees to assume responsibility for all the risks of the activity, whether identified above or not. Customer agrees that his/her participation in the activity is voluntary. Customer assumes full responsibility for themselves for any bodily injury, accident, illness, paralysis, death, loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of any accident that may occur while participating in the activity.

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Customer does hereby remise, release, and forever discharge Island Escapes Boat Charters, Boat Owner, Boat Owner's agents, servants, successors, heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives, and Boat Captain and/or Operator, of and from all, and all manner of, actions, causes of action, suits, proceedings, debts, dues, contracts, judgments, damages, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or equity, which Customer ever had, now has, or which Customer's heirs, executors, administrators or personal representatives hereafter can, shall, or may have for or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever arising out of this Agreement; out of the use, misuse, or activity on or about the boat; or in any way arising out of the rental relationship and/or agreement between Customer and Island Escapes Boat Charters, Boat Owner, and Boat Captain. Customer has read and understands all of the terms, conditions, risks and rules set forth above, and agrees to all terms without reservation.

#### Lost Items Aboard

In no event will Island Escapes Boat Charters be liable for any loss or damage incurred to customers personal property while on board the vessel.

#### Watersports, rafts, floats and paddleboards

Watersport, paddleboard, and raft use is voluntary and is without coast when aboard. User/Customer agrees to pay in full for watersport equipment loss or damage (replacement cost), including lost paddle cost.

Signature at the end of this document affirms that a safety briefing has been provided by the Captain of the vessel and that I have been informed of, and agree to, the above Acknowledgement, Agreement & Waiver:

Customer name:	Signature:	Date:
Customer name:		
Customer name:	Signature:	Date:
Child's name: Guardian's name: Guardian Signature: Date:		
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