



## **Our Style**

Many wanting to join our adventure have some prior experience of living aboard large boats. But others may not, so this section will hopefully shed light on what to expect, what to look forward to and what to be aware of.

## **Boat details**

The vessel '**Elinca**' is a 67ft steel sloop built in 1996 for the BT Global Challenge Races. More information about challenge boats can be found with a quick web search and specifics about '**Elinca**' can be found on [www.elinca.co.uk](http://www.elinca.co.uk)

## **The crew**

'Elinca' takes up to 14 people on any one voyage. The crew consists of 10 'voyage crew' plus 4 'full time crew', at least two of who will be fully qualified skippers. Full time crew also pay towards the voyage and are not 'staff' in the charter sense of the word. Your 'full time crew' will be **Clare, James, Colette** and **Jon** and they fulfil the roles of Skipper, Mate, Nature Guide and Bosun throughout the expedition. 'Voyage crew' are to be split into watches and will be fully involved in all aspects of the running of the ship under the guidance and direction of the 'full time crew'.

## **Daily duties**

All crew members are to be responsible for their share of the cooking, cleaning and sailing of the vessel. A rota will be agreed upon at the start of the voyage. Those of the crew lucky enough to be unaffected by sea sickness should be prepared to support those who become seasick in the full knowledge that their kindness will be repaid once their shipmates feel better.

Some crew may be experienced sailors, for others it may be their first time. We will endeavour to distribute sailing skills between the watches and to provide learning opportunities for those less experienced. We will strongly encourage those with experience to share their knowledge. Everyone will be expected to do some steering, sail handling and help launching and re-embarking the dinghy to the best of their ability. No prior experience is needed for these activities. All crew will take instruction from the skipper and mates and the skipper's word will be final.

## **Comfort aboard the boat**

Although the boat is equipped for the adventure and spacious enough for the number of crew, comfort is not a word often used to describe sailing. If you are unsure about the interior of a challenge 67 then we would recommend a visit to the boat or to a similar sized vessel prior to the trip. Every crew member has their own bunk and storage space in a shared cabin (2 or 3 to a cabin), but conditions are 'compact'. There are two heads (toilets) shared between the 14 crew and showers will be made available as often as possible. The boat has two heaters, one to heat each end of the boat and these will be used when necessary to ensure people and clothes remain as warm and dry as possible. There is a table just large enough to seat the crew around for meals and provide an area for socialising when not on watch. There will be facilities to play music and watch DVDs and a small library of books that we hope you will use and contribute to during the adventure. Do bring a favourite CD.

## **In port**

Although the crew will be largely free to roam at will and go on-land, there may still be jobs to do where the crew could be asked to lend a hand e.g. with routine maintenance and food shopping. The crew are all over 18, so there could be a fair amount of partying as well.

## **Alcohol**

Alcohol is not permitted at sea or at anchor except with permission from the skipper. However, we anticipate there will be a wee tippie from time to time.

## **Safety and the possibility of failure**

Safety of all shipmates is a primary concern. Ship's equipment is fully checked prior to the expedition and personal equipment items must be as specified. Safety instruction will be given at the start of the voyage and specific instructions at various stages en-route.

Everything reasonably possible will be done to ensure that the voyage happens as you might expect, but the possibility of failure and danger is implicit in any expedition. Hence it is an



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adventure! Therefore we offer no guarantees but expect that the crew sign up with their eyes open to the possibility of not achieving their goals and a willingness to accept alternatives. The skipper will not put the crew, vessel or expedition at risk for the sake of a missed flight or a lost ambition.