



Pre-Arrival Information

Thank you for choosing Superior Charters for your upcoming charter vacation in the Apostle Islands!

Please be sure to review the information below with your crew prior to your arrival.

What should I bring?

Grab a duffel bag (because it's easier to stow) and fill it with the essentials!

- **Layers** – no matter the time of year, always be prepared for any weather with lots of layers
- **Shoes** – bring a set of hiking shoes for adventures on land and wear your boat shoes or go barefoot while sailing
- **Rain Gear** – we almost always promise great weather so bring your sunglasses, but just in case, be prepared with a raincoat and pants
- **Linens** – bring your own sleeping bag, towels and don't forget your favorite pillow
- **Toiletries** – sunscreen, bug repellent, toothpaste, chapstick, motion sickness pills, you know, all the essentials
- **Provisions** – you supply the food, drinks, and seasonings. Just ask and we can suggest some local purveyors
- **Other items to bring along** – Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and a mask (face coverings are required at some marinas and local businesses, so come prepared!)

What should I leave at home?

- **Pets** – Unfortunately, our favorite family members are just not allowed on any of our boats
- **Hard-sided coolers** – They are too big and bulky to store on the boat and scratch the bejeezus out of the floors and interiors
- **Fishing pole** – Lake Superior has great fish...that you can buy already caught and cleaned at Bodin's in town
- **Kayaks and SUPs** – There's just no safe space to stow this gear on board and towing can cause damage
- **Sticky Fly Strips** – We don't like flies either, but these sticky strips are gross and cause damage to the pretty boat interiors
- **Cigarettes and Cigars** – There's no smoking on any of boats – no exceptions!
- **Tents** – We don't allow camping on the islands when renting our boats, who wants to sleep on the ground anyway?

About our Yachts

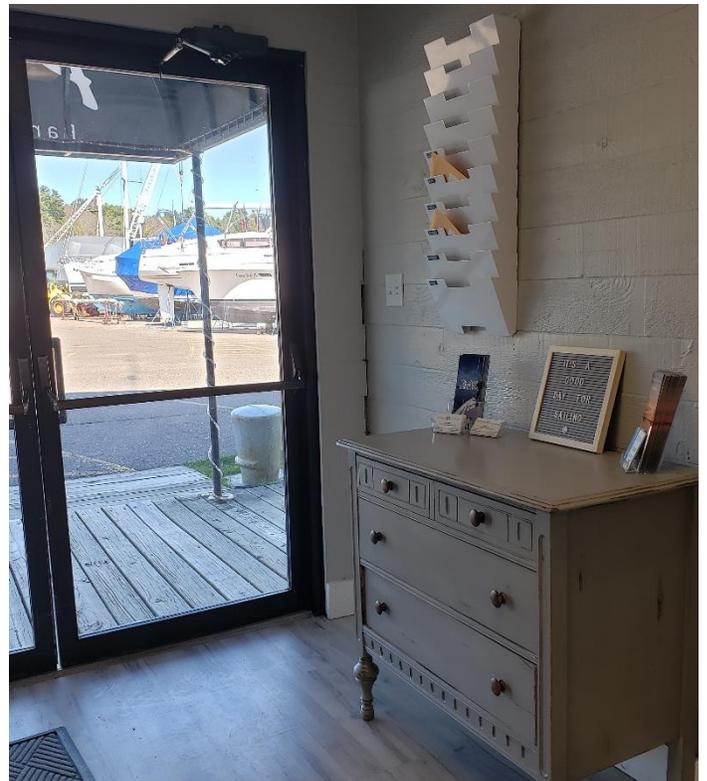
- **Galley** – Boats are equipped with all the galley gear you would need to prepare your meals while aboard including pots/pans, dishware, glassware and utensils. Feel free to bring your own disposable paper products to use on board.
- **Refrigeration** – All boats will have either an icebox or refrigerator to keep your food and drinks cold while on charter. Most charterers will stock with an ice block to keep things cold as well.
- **Heads** – All boats are equipped with marine toilets so the boats can be completely self-sufficient while out sailing.
- **Complimentary Hospitality Kit** – On each boat, we supply marine head paper, paper towels, trash bags, dish soap and sponge, all-purpose cleaner, aluminum foil and salt/pepper.
- **Power supply** – While dock-side in the marina, the boat will be hooked up to shore power which will provide AC power to the boat. While away from the marina, only DC power is available, so any AC appliances or equipment will not function when out of the marina.

Upon Arrival for your Charter

Complimentary boarding is available any time **after 7:00 p.m.** the night before your charter begins. All charterers should pick up your arrival information from the Superior Charters welcome station inside the north entrance of our building. You will find your welcome envelope in corresponding boat file hanging on the wall. Once you see your envelope, your boat is ready for boarding! If you arrive after 10:00 p.m., please note it is very important to be quiet when loading gear onto the boats. Please keep this in mind as a courtesy to other sailors aboard neighboring boats.

What's in my envelope?

- **Map** - Your boat will be noted on the map, so find your way aboard. The lights and refrigerator will be on for you.
- **Inventory Sheet** – Find all the safety gear and important equipment on board.
- **Briefing Checklist** – Complete prior to your dockside briefing or check out training.
- **Off-Board Checklist** – Choose either the Clean Sweep option or clean your own boat upon completion of your charter.



Marina Facilities

Port Superior and Pikes Bay Marinas are in the same harbor, two miles south of Bayfield. Shore facilities (showers and restrooms) are available while you are docked in the marina. Please use those facilities where your boat is located.

For boats berthed in Pikes Bay Marina, the shore facilities are located in the club house at the top of the hill overlooking the marina. To gain access to the clubhouse and on-shore restrooms/showers, guests will use a key fob that will be provided in their welcome envelope.

For boats berthed in Port Superior Marina the shore facilities are located on the south side of the Ship Store building. To gain access to the facilities, guests will use a key code provided on their boat map in their welcome envelope.

Dockside Briefing

You will be assigned a time for a dockside briefing the first morning of your charter, which will be indicated on your welcome envelope. You will be provided a checklist to make this process as efficient as possible. We do ask that only the skipper and first mate be present for the briefing to enable social distancing. You should plan to review every item on the boat, as it is easier for us to assist you before you even leave the marina. We do offer a Priority Boarding option which allows for a briefing the night of boarding for a \$125 fee. Please contact our office to schedule this option in advance.

Instruction or Captained Charters

If you are receiving instruction or have arranged for a Captain for your charter, a meeting time will be noted on your welcome envelope. Please be ready to start your adventure at that time so we can get you on your way. Captains will try to respect social distancing, where not possible, face masks may be used.

Provisioning for Captains

Be prepared to provide meals for your Captain/Instructor while you're on the water. Also plan to bring snacks and beverages, including drinking water for your trip. Keep your meals simple and hassle-free, as most people want to enjoy their vacation, instead of working in the galley.

Sleeping Quarters

For privacy and safety reasons, your Captain is to be provided one of the private cabins on the boat you charter. Keep this in mind as you're planning your accommodations.

Gratuity for your Captain

We are often asked about the policy of providing a gratuity for your Captain. Although not required, our Captains are independent contractors and appreciate a gratuity if you feel the experience exceeded your expectations.

Sailing in the Apostle Islands

The Apostle Islands is a wilderness cruising grounds of 22 islands. Twenty-one of the islands are within the Apostle Islands National Park. For 2021, the National Park Service is making some changes to their operations. This includes no tours of lighthouses, although volunteers will be available on Sand, Stockton, Raspberry, Michigan and Manitou to provide tours and informative talks. Outdoor spaces can be enjoyed by visitors, but social distancing should be respected while on trails and beaches. The vault toilets on the islands are going to be available to visitors, but remember to bring your own hand sanitizer, as this may not be available.

Communications in the Islands

The Apostle Islands is a wilderness cruising grounds. Cell phone signal has increased in the past few years, to offer a larger service area, but should not be relied on. All boats are equipped with marine VHF radios. Superior Charters monitors the VHF on channel 16 during business hours. While in years past, Superior Charters has had access to a community managed 'Long Range Radio,' this device is no longer being serviced and is not usable. Cell phones should be the primary source of communication with the Superior Charters office. The US Coast Guard has a station in Bayfield and monitors channel 16 for emergency purposes only.

Before and After Your Trip

The Bayfield peninsula is a beautiful place, that's why we live here! If you want to extend your stay in the area, a great option is **Windseeker Rentals** who offer private vacation rentals in the area. They are great hosts and can help craft your Bayfield adventure. Local retail shops appreciate your business and are ready and open for customers. Please note that some businesses are working to provide a safe environment for their staff and customers and may ask you to wear a mask or limit the number of people inside a store. Please be patient with us as we all are working through the details. Check out our favorites **Bayfield Wine & Spirits, Kelly & Crew, Silverwaves Jewelry, Howl** and **Apostle Islands Booksellers**. The restaurants and bars in town are also opening up and would love to have you visit them for either take-out or dine-in at some locations, including **Manypenny Bistro, Copper Trout, Wild by Nature Deli, Wonderstate Coffee, Adventure Club Brewing and Copper Crow Distillery**.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call us at (715) 779-5124 or email us at Sail@SuperiorCharters.com; our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week during the charter season.