

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO NORWAY AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	5 million inhabitants; Estimated 250 sailing and boating clubs; Estimated 70,000 members.
Currency with link for exchange rates	Norwegian crowns (NOK). 1€ approximately 9 NOK. Se http://www.x-rates.com/table/?from=NOK&amount=1 Cash is seldom required, but note that some places do not accept all credit cards issued by foreign banks.
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	EU and Schengen residents do not need travel documents per se. Some form of official identity is required. Passport, National ID card etc. It is not necessary to clear customs unless you are carrying more than the allowed amounts of tobacco/alcohol that is the same as when entering by car, airplane etc. Further information can be found here: http://toll.no/default.aspx?id=3&epslanguage=en .
Banned substances	http://www.visitnorway.com/en/about-norway/travel-facts/before-you-go/customs-and-regulations/ Note that you can declare your medicine chest in accordance with international regulations.
Boat's documents required	Ownership documentation.
Insurance	Insurance is not mandatory in Norway, but necessary when taking part in sailing regattas. Insurance documentation may also be required in marinas.
Legislation certificate of competence	Requirements for Norwegian subjects: Boats more than 8 less than 15 metres: National certificate is required if born after 1980. Boats more than 15 metres: Deck Officer D5 ("kystskipper") Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirements of their flag state.
Alcohol limits – on the water and on the road	For leisure boats up to 15 metres for local sailors: 0,8/ml. (quoted locally as 0,800/100). Visiting sailors must fulfil the same requirements. On the road 0.2/ml
Legislation re life jackets	Must always be carried by passengers and crew in boats less than 8 metres while under way. Bigger boats shall always have life vests readily available for all on board.
TSS, esp. new ones	Notice to Mariners. http://www.statkart.no/en/Kart/Nautical-Publications/Notices-to-Mariners/
Military exercise areas	Does not interfere with normal boating.
Major construction sites	Notice to Mariners. http://www.statkart.no/en/Kart/Nautical-Publications/Notices-to-Mariners/
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	Still not a big problem in Norway. Farms are being planned, but few are built. Keep clear in accordance with current charts. See also major construction sites above.
Bridges	Marked in every official nautical charts, Amendments see: http://www.statkart.no/en/Kart/Nautical-Publications/Notices-to-Mariners/ NB in remote places in early spring it may be prudent to allow for sagging of cables due to icing.
Habitats and other protected areas	See: http://www.environment.no/Topics/Biological-diversity/Protected-areas/ Surfers and kites have been fined in some protective areas.
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	When moored, the flag is taken down at sunset no later than 2100 and hoisted at sunrise - not earlier than 0800. Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader in the same period as the flag.
Weather forecast	The weather forecast is available at www.yr.no with detailed weather forecast in English and, www.storm.no Weather forecasts for coastal areas are transmitted continuously on DAB radio and also on VHF at predefined times. Listen to the traffic channels as announced on 16

Harbours including approx number of natural harbours	<p>Net based harbour pilot http://www.havna.com Write the name of the harbour you seek in the field "søk havn".</p> <p>Norske Los (Norwegian Pilot) for free downloading. http://www.statkart.no/Kart/Nautiske-hjelpemidler/Den-norske-los/ Only the one for Spitsbergen is available in English. The rest are in Norwegian.</p> <p>Natural harbours are abundant and far too many to count. There are a few places along the coast where they are far between. Natural harbours are often marked on maritime charts. Multiple coastal guides are available for the Norwegian coastline.</p>
Mooring booking facilities	Individual marinas/clubs have to be contacted
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	In the Oslofjord area there are some mooring buoys marked "OF – Oslofjordens Friluftsråd" where members have preference. Also the KNBF have some buoys along the coast. Most buoys are private and for the exclusive use of their owners.
Anchoring and free access ashore	Yachts can anchor anywhere they please as long as they do not interfere with ships, boats etc. Access to shore is allowed anywhere, although privately owned beaches and quays can prohibit staying. Passage on the beach, even if private, is allowed as long as reasonable distance from private housing is observed. Also you cannot camp on private ground in the proximity of the owners' houses. Away from housing and fields you may, but good sense should be observed. Beware that weather conditions may be hard and changing rapidly. Beware of tidal water.
Good harbour manners	<p>In Norwegian harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2300.</p> <p>Most marinas, cities, towns and townships have marinas marked "Gjestehavn" meant for visitors. If not marked, buoys and berths must be considered private.</p> <p>It is courteous to ask permission before tying alongside but this should never be refused unless the maximum number of boats permitted to raft out in a particular harbour has been reached. When rafted out and going ashore, never cross other boats via the cockpits - always walk across the bow deck.</p> <p>In harbour, do not use toilet without a holding tank.</p> <p>Otherwise all you need is common sense and consideration.</p>
Safety in harbours	Use common sense. Life rings are normally provided. Beware of tidal water.
Rescue services	"Redningsselskapet/RSS", use VHF channel 16 and call Rescue Service. (Norwegian "Redningsselskapet or "Redningsskøytene"). Alternatively telephone 06757. Services are free for members.
Pyrotechnics - legislation re carrying - if flareguns (Very pistols) permitted - if so is licence required? - procedure for disposal	<p>No formal requirements except in races, regattas and rallies where ISAF regulations apply. Good practice is at the discretion of the skipper.</p> <p>Old/out of date pyrotechnics shall be delivered to stores that sell them (all major boat chandleries).</p>
Staying during the winter	<p>Contact local harbours regarding availability. Be aware that some harbours especially in the Oslofjord and other areas freeze in the winter. Along the west coast and northern parts, this is generally not a problem. Beware of customs regulations in order avoid VAT and tax problems. Info at: http://toll.no/default.aspx?id=3&epslanguage=en</p> <p>Foreign boats, owned by a foreign national, not living in Norway may be left as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for up to six weeks per year without notice to customs – use by owner only 2) If you want to leave the boat and leave the country this is by application only. Application is for one year at the time, max. two years. Reapplication before one-year expiry. Application form in English here: http://www.toll.no/no/verktoy/skiema/midlertidig-etterlatelse-av-fartoy-soknad/ <p>This is not limited to the EU.</p> <p>Crew must adhere to immigration requirements</p>
Antifouling regulations	Antifouling for sale in Norway is strictly regulated. Washing of boats in marinas are limited to designated areas with waste water collection. No specific regulation for visiting boats.

Fuel availability	Diesel is available In most Norwegian harbours. In many bigger marinas petrol is available as well. Marine diesel is coloured green in Norway and is cheaper than road diesel. It contains no bio-diesel. Beware that road diesel may contain 5-8% bio-diesel (increasing).
Gas and electricity systems available – necessity for adapters	Bottled gas in the most common systems available. (Gas for camping and Press On propane is readily available). Threaded industry standard (American standard) is available in some shops (e.g. Tess). Gas for camping may be found in major sports/outdoors stores rather than marine stores. LPG Norge outlets will be able to fill most gas bottles (more info will come). Note that exchange bottles of the trade name Camping Gaz (butane) are not available.
Pump out stations for sewage and oily water	Holding tanks for sewage can be emptied to the sea when the boat is more than 300 metres from shore or outside regulated areas (e.g. inner Oslo Fiord). Use common sense, and empty only when not in conflict with delicate areas. Keep distance to beaches, marinas etc. Along most of Norway's coastline this is not a problem, because we are near open waters. Pump-out stations are common in major marinas.
Pump out stations – type(s) of nozzle used in the country	Norwegian pump-outs use a conical nozzle which fits most deck pump out fittings
Public transport	Trains: http://www.nsb.no Otherwise use google
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	Marine Stores/Chandleries are readily available in major cities. They are mostly well stocked, including charts and pilot books.
Shopping hours	Most shopping centres: 1000-2000 (18). Grocery stores 0700-2300 some places. Specialist shops: often approx. 0900 – 1700. Large variations. In typical tourist places some shops open on Sundays. Local grocery stores in smaller places are often a long distance from harbours and have shorter opening times. Make sure you have sufficient supplies to get from one big city to the next. It may be a considerable distance on the Norwegian coast.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	Norwegian Sailing Federation: www.seiling.no / +47 21029710, Royal Norwegian Sailing Club (KNS): http://www.kns.no/ +47 23275600 www.knbf.no (Norwegian Boating Federation) Rescue / Redningselskapet www.redningselskapet.no (coastal rescue service).
Tick borne diseases	Ticks are a problem, and a few per cent carry borrelia. Precautions not to be bitten should be taken. Contact medical services if bitten or symptoms.
Legislation re visiting with pets aboard	For regulations see: http://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/animals/travelling_with_pets/
Practical advice	Safety zones oil installations: 500 metres from fixed and floating oil drilling and production installations Chandleries and spares: Spares and equipment are widely available in all major towns/cities. Ask around. Slipways and yards dedicated to the fishing fleet may also be able to help. Navigation lights: International regulations apply. Some lights (e.g. Lupolight) are explicitly approved. LED is not an issue if rules of visibility range, colour and sectors are obeyed. Carry a small amount of cash in local currency.

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