

Private Charter FAQ's

How many people does the boat hold?

Up to 45 passengers, plus the captain and crew

What is the private charter cost of renting the boat?

Yankee Clipper charters for \$390/hour Monday through Thursday, and \$550/hour Friday through Sunday. This rate applies to all time the boat spends away from its dock in Downtown Newburyport. So if you wanted to be picked up at a different location and dropped back off there, the charter rate would apply from the boat's departure from its dock until it returns there. The hourly rate can be prorated for any length of time you desire.

Is there a roof overhead? What if it rains?

There is a roof overhead for 90% of the seats, and passing showers or light rain is not a problem. In cases of heavy or unsafe weather conditions, the captain makes the final determination as to whether the boat leaves the dock or not. If we cancel due to weather or safety conditions, you will receive a full refund. If you cancel and the boat is prepared to go, you will receive a full credit for another time.

What is the seating like?

We have eight restaurant style booths, each of which holds up to six people. There is a central aisle that runs the length of all the seating, and some open space forward of the tables. Our website has several photos that show the layout of the boat. www.harbortours.com

What's on board for food and drink, and what can we bring ourselves?

As we hold a liquor license, you may not bring your own alcohol; however, you can bring anything else, i.e., food, soft drinks, etc. We do sell soft drinks and water but you are welcome to bring your own. Beer and wine are \$8 each, and other specialty alcoholic drink prices may vary. On our public trips, small bags of snacks such as chips, pretzels, etc, are available. For private charters or public trips, you are always welcome to bring any food items you like.

Can we do “open bar?” on our private charter?

Yes, either open bar or cash bar is fine. You can pay the bar tab at the end of the trip if you want an open bar.

Where does the boat go?

We will take your group wherever you would like to go, up to 3 miles offshore. A typical charter of 2.5 hours gives us enough time to go out to the ocean, up and down the coast of Plum Island and Salisbury Beach, and then up the Merrimack River to Maudslay State Park. If the tide is right, we can also take you into the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge behind Plum Island; however, that is a “high tide only” destination.

What about catering my event?

We can refer you to some excellent local caterers for your event, or you are welcome to cater it yourself or use any catering company.

Can I decorate the boat for my event?

Absolutely. Depending on the schedule of trips that day, you may have up to an hour where the boat might be at the dock before your departure time. This is not a guarantee but most people have enough time to customize the boat before their trip begins.

What are my options for music on board?

Yankee Clipper has an excellent sound system which can accommodate your own playlist (bring it on your iPhone, etc) or you can leave it to the crew to make sure your group is happy with any music you would like. Sirius XM radio is also available, and we have a wireless headset for anyone who would like to address the entire boat during the trip.

How do I reserve a time slot for my charter?

Email your top three dates and time slots to info@harbortours.com so we can make sure to pencil you in. Email is our preferred method of correspondence to avoid miscommunication. We will do our best to accommodate your first choice. To secure your spot, a minimum 50% deposit is required using MC/Visa or via check made out to Yankee Clipper Tours, 35 Pine Rd., North Hampton, NH 03862. The balance is due no later than ten days prior to the charter date.

Is there a bathroom on board?

Yes

Can you accommodate wheelchairs?

Yes, we can accommodate up to 3 wheelchairs, but the rest room is not wheelchair accessible.

Do you allow dogs?

We love dogs; bring them along!

Feel free to email us with any other questions you may have! We look forward to hosting your event!