



Rotary Scout – More information

Rotary Scout has galley facilities consisting of a gas oven and two hot plates. There are two sinks for washing up – there is no hot water. Washing up water must be heated on the stove. There is sufficient working top space – and plenty of cupboards. There is no fridge, so bring a cool-box for perishables, and use long-life milk.

Bear in mind that in the evenings we will be tied up alongside, in either Gordon's Bay or Simonstown – so you'll be able to get to shops.

Keep your meals simple – supper may well be something you bring along to heat up. Breakfast can be cereal and/ or french toast. Frying bacon is not recommended – it spatters all over the place and you'll have to clean the galley ready for inspection before you leave. Lunch could be hot dogs. Bring fruit with you.

There are lights aboard after dark. There are bunks for 6 people in the saloon and forward cabin. The rest sleep on the floor – bring a blow-up mattress or thin foam hiking mat if you don't get a bunk. Discuss this with your group beforehand.

The Head (toilet) is not the conventional flush type. You have to pump by hand to clear the bowl. How to do this will be demonstrated to you. There is no shower aboard... you will be allowed to use the Club ablution facilities when tied up alongside.

You will be expected to help with a few chores on the boat before we go sailing. Rotary Scout is run by a dedicated group of unpaid volunteers, and you will help them clean the boat before you get on the water... you might scrub the deck, or grab a cloth and polish the bright-work. This will only take an hour or so – and then the adventure begins!!

No previous sailing experience is needed. You don't need to be able to swim, but tell your skipper, and he/ she will recommend you wear a lifejacket or harness.

Safety is our main concern. You will receive a full safety briefing before going to sea – and all the safety equipment will be shown to you.

We keep a close watch on weather conditions, and your sailing trip may have to be cancelled if the weather looks bad.

We look forward to welcoming you on board Rotary Scout soon!!