

## Pi Squared

Yacht Charter



# OFFSHORE 2009

## (Inc the Rolex Fastnet Race)

### *The Pinnacle of the Offshore Calendar*

The Fastnet race is run in alternate years. It is the most famous offshore yacht race in the world, first run in 1925, when 7 yachts came to the start line off Ryde IOW to race to the Fastnet Rock off Ireland and back to Plymouth. The modern race, over a course of 608 miles, starts at Cowes and attracts over 200 entries.

### *Pi Squared - A First 47.7*

The First 47.7 is an ideal boat for this race. Strong and stiff, they make excellent offshore racers being exciting to race whilst still offering spacious accommodation for the whole crew. Pi Squared is a 'Racing Rig' version, sporting a taller mast. Her rig is complete with the latest in sail technology; carbon and kevlar laminate sails.

### *The Offshore Crew 2009*

You do not need to be an experienced racer to join our Offshore crew, but you do need to be a competent sailor, happy to be at sea for periods more than 24 hours. Full training will be provided during the early part of the campaign to ensure that everyone onboard is able to play a full and active role within the team.

### *The Package*

Our package is designed to give crew members the best chance of a safe, enjoyable and successful campaign, by making sure that everyone plays a full role onboard.

The Package includes:

- 2 x Training Weekends
- 4 x Qualifying RORC Races and Entry Fees
- Fastnet Race and Entry Fee
- All Food Onboard
- Onboard Accommodation
- Use of Safety Equip & Wet Weather Gear
- Embroidered Crew Jackets / Shirts
- Professional Skipper and Mate

### *The Training*

Our race campaign is prefixed by two training weekends, during which the entire crew will be trained in on the safe handling of yacht as well as how to race her effectively.

The first weekend will be basic skills training, during which you can refresh your sail handling and trimming skills; emergency procedures and drills also form a major part of this weekend.

During the second weekend, we will simulate a race, with at least one night passage, ensuring that the boat continues to be raced hard even at night. Again, this will help you develop your skills.

Then our campaign starts with the first of 4 offshore races. Crew training will continue during each of these races to ensure that, by the start of the main race, we have a well prepared and competent crew.

ISAF Offshore Race Crew course, whilst not included within our package, can be organised, on request. It is recommended that all crew take this course.

### *Itinerary*

The dates of the training weekends will be agreed once the entire crew has been selected, but it is envisaged that these will be during March and April.

The Qualifying Races are as follows and have been selected to ensure a Saturday morning start and finish by Sunday evening.

<b>Cevantes Race</b>	Sat 2nd May
<b>Trophee Guillaume</b>	Sun 3rd May (back early Monday)
<b>De Guingand Bowl</b>	Sat/Sun 13th & 14th June
<b>Channel Race</b>	Sat/Sun 6th and 7th July
<b>Fastnet Race</b>	Sun 9th August, returning to Berth in Southampton Sun 16th August

### *The Costs*

The cost of this package is £2,450. Payment of a deposit of 20% is required to secure a berth, with the remainder paid in stages, by agreement.