

MILE CATCHER



**International Sailing
Schools Association**



MASTER THE ART OF REMOTE SAILING

Join us for an unforgettable liveaboard Milecatcher, where you will have the unique opportunity to fully immerse yourself in the world of sailing while living aboard one of our exceptional vessels. Experience the thrill of sailing in the stunning Sea of Cortez with Sail in Mexico's Milecatcher Programme. This unique liveaboard opportunity allows you to fully immerse yourself in the world of sailing while living aboard one of our exceptional vessels. Our expert skippers will guide you through a hands-on curriculum designed to develop your sailing skills and confidence on the water.

The Milecatcher Programme focuses on practical experience, ensuring you spend ample time sailing and honing your techniques. While formal prerequisites are not required, prior sailing experience is recommended to help you make the most of this programme.

Embark on exhilarating passage planning exercises as you develop the skills to meticulously plan and navigate longer journeys. Consider various factors such as weather patterns, safety considerations, and provisioning to ensure successful passages across open waters. Your safety at sea is of utmost importance, and our experienced skippers will teach you essential emergency procedures, proper use of safety equipment, and how to identify and mitigate potential hazards.

Night Sailing and Watches

A key feature of the Milecatcher Programme is the chance to participate in night sailing. This involves learning to navigate under the stars, managing watch rotations, and understanding how to operate a vessel in different conditions. Night sailing enhances your confidence and skills, allowing you to experience the unique tranquility and beauty of the Sea of Cortez after dark.



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Programme highlights:

- Practical Focus: 100% hands-on training to maximize time on the water and advanced navigation techniques, using modern chart plotters and radar.
- Passage Planning: Learn to meticulously plan longer journeys considering weather patterns, safety, and provisioning.
- Sailing Skills Development: Improve your sailing techniques, including navigation, sail handling, and teamwork. If weather permits and the crew is keen, we'll teach you how to safely deploy, fly and stow a spinnaker.
- Safety Procedures: Understand essential emergency procedures and proper use of safety equipment.
- VHF Radio Proficiency: Gain skills in effective communication with other vessels.
- Liveaboard experience: Immerse yourself in the sailing lifestyle while living aboard a comfortable yacht throughout the course.
- Sea of Cortez exploration: Discover the breathtaking beauty of the Sea of Cortez, known for its crystal-clear waters and diverse marine life.
- Expert instructors: This course is delivered by our head instructor, Roberto, who has sailed over 20,000nm and been teaching for nine years. In addition to being a certified ISSA instructor, he holds a Masters in Maritime Law and Law of the Sea from the United Nation's World Maritime University.

What to Bring:

- Clothing that will protect you from the sun, sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses, light jacket or fleece for cooler temperatures, long pants or comfortable shorts, additional layers for warmth, as temperatures can drop at night
- A headlamp or flashlight for navigating on deck
- Non-slip shoes with white or light-colored soles
- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Personal toiletries and medications
- Soft-sided luggage or duffel bags (avoid rigid suitcases that are difficult to stow)



LA PAZ AND BEYOND

During this milecatcher programme, you will have the opportunity to explore some of the most captivating destinations in the Bay of La Paz, go ashore, do some hikes or swim and snorkel. Please note that this itinerary is tentative and may be adjusted based on weather conditions, wind patterns, and taking into account how everyone is feeling on board.



Balandra is a true natural gem known for its crystal-clear turquoise waters and iconic rock formations, including the famous mushroom-shaped rock. This stunning bay provides a serene setting where you can enjoy swimming in the calm waters or relax on the pristine sandy beaches. It does not always provide the most comfortable anchorage to spend the night and at sea, beauty does not come before safety.



Ensenada Grande is a popular anchorage surrounded by dramatic cliffs and breathtaking landscapes. The tranquil atmosphere and awe-inspiring views make it an ideal spot to unwind and appreciate the beauty of your surroundings. There may be opportunities to enjoy a hike here.

Nestled between two islands, Caleta Partida is a secluded bay that was once the crater of a volcano. The channel that separates the two islands is an ideal example of why a prudent sailor must always have the tide in mind, a topic we will spend quite a bit of time on.



El Candelero is a picturesque cove known for its dramatic rock in the middle of the bay, where the snorkeling tends to be quite a treat. Anchor here and take in the awe-inspiring surroundings. You can hike along the coastline, discovering breathtaking viewpoints, or simply relax on deck, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and stunning vistas.

Los Islotes: Prepare for an incredible wildlife encounter at Los Islotes, a rocky outcrop inhabited by a playful colony of sea lions. It's a unique opportunity to connect with marine life in its natural habitat and create unforgettable memories.



Other notable locations in the Bay of La Paz include Caleta Lobos, Ensenada Ballena, and Ensenada Gallo. Caleta Lobos offers a peaceful anchorage with beautiful surroundings, while Ensenada Ballena is known for its stunning beach and turquoise waters. Ensenada Gallo usually gifts us with plenty of marine turtles.



If weather conditions permit, the night watches work well and time allows, we will venture as far north as San Francisquito and San Jose Islands, Puerto Los Gatos, Agua Verde, ultimately reaching the stunning Loreto Bay.

San Francisquito Island features a perfect crescent-shaped bay with pristine beaches, while San Jose Island boasts several unique anchorages, including one with a deep mangrove and another with an abandoned salt flat.

Puerto Los Gatos is renowned for its dramatic red cliffs and Agua Verde is another gem along our route, known for the laid back pace of its small fishing community and the stunning landscapes.

Finally, we will explore Loreto Bay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Whether you seek tranquility or wish to discover untouched natural wonders, these destinations offer unmatched experiences in the captivating Sea of Cortez.

THE SAILBOAT

During your Milecatcher, you will have the opportunity to sail on a high-performance yacht designed with excellence in mind, the Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 44i. Our sailing vessel combines exceptional performance with technical qualities, ensuring an enriching learning environment for all participants. With its elegant lines and adaptable interior space, this yacht captivates from every angle, making it the perfect platform for your sailing education.

On the water, this yacht truly shines. Its innovative design and optimized hull deliver excellent performance for both coastal cruising and longer passages. You will experience firsthand how its efficient propulsion system and agile handling make sailing an exciting and pleasurable adventure. Whether you're navigating along stunning coastlines or embarking on an exhilarating journey across open waters, this yacht offers exceptional speed, stability, and responsiveness.

The spacious cockpit and deck create an exceptional sailing environment, prioritizing safety and comfort for all participants. The layout features comfortable seating, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the sea breeze after a day of learning. The ergonomically designed helm station allows for easy maneuvering and control, ensuring that you can practice your newly acquired skills with confidence.

Throughout the course, you'll find that comfort is a key focus, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the learning experience. The thoughtful design of the yacht ensures that you can unwind and recharge, encouraging a love for sailing that may inspire you to pursue prolonged adventures on the open water. Embrace the joy of sailing, knowing that each moment spent aboard has the potential to spark your passion for future journeys at sea!



LIFE ON BOARD



Equipped with a well-appointed galley and a cozy salon, the yacht ensures convenience and comfort throughout your course. The galley includes all the necessary amenities for preparing delicious meals at sea, allowing you to enjoy culinary experiences while learning about life aboard. The salon serves as a bright and inviting space where you can gather with fellow participants to share stories or unwind after a day of sailing.



Accommodations include multiple comfortable cabins, each meticulously designed to provide privacy and relaxation. The onboard facilities are designed with your comfort in mind, ensuring that you have everything you need for an enjoyable stay while you focus on honing your sailing skills.

Whether you are seeking to master the basics of sailing or enhance your knowledge in a supportive environment, this yacht offers the perfect combination of elegance, comfort, and performance. Join us on this unique journey and set sail towards becoming a confident sailor in one of Mexico's most beautiful sailing destinations!

This version emphasizes the learning experience while highlighting the comfort and performance of the yacht used during the course.





DETAILS

MILECATCHER

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: THREE

PRICES:

5D/4N: USD\$6,840.00

FULL BOARD: USD\$9,210.00

7D/6N: USD\$9,160.00

FULL BOARD: USD\$12,470.00

9D/8N: USD\$10,790.00

FULL BOARD: USD\$15,020.00

BOOKING TERMS

To confirm booking, a 50% deposit payable by bank transfer or credit card, in MXN, USD, CAD or EUR is required.

Remaining 50% is payable at least thirty (30) days prior to date of embarkation.

Payments made in MXN shall be made at the exchange rate published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* on the date the payment is made.

INCLUDES

Sailing instructor, fuel, Starlink internet,, national park passes, gratuities and VAT.

"Full board" option includes, in addition to the above, cook, meals, non-alcoholic beverages

NATIONAL PARK

Leave only footprints, take only memories.

(No shell, rock or plant collecting)

Protect the wonders below, let starfish and coral glow.

(No touching the sealife)

Silence is the melody of the sea, let nature's symphony be.

(No loud music)



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