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Charter Sails

The Premier Charter Sailing Company Serving New York and New Jersey.

Real men and women can not limit themselves to movement and speed across solid ground alone. Adventurous souls must have the rise and fall of the tide, the currents, the wind, the smell of fresh ocean air and the sounds of the shoreline. The need to be on the water and to move across its ever changing surface is an innate part of the human condition. But, for many of us humans, the challenges of owning and maintaining a sports car or two is as far as we're able to go. Throw a boat into the mix and life's delicate balance of time, finances, and domestic harmony is likely to be disrupted beyond acceptable levels.

Enter Charter Sails, NJTA sponsor and member Captain Frank Muratore.

You can charter a vessel and a licensed captain, and very smartly satisfy your desire for propulsion on the water. The wind, the current, the smells and sounds of the sea - they're all along for the ride too. No extra charge. And the challenges of owning a boat, as well as navigating one... well, they're not your concern! What could be better?



Charter Sails has been offering private, captained charters for up to six passengers since 2003. A sailor since 1983 Capt. Frank wanted to share his love for the sport with others. "Help crew, learn to sail or just relax" became the mantra for Charter Sails. Guests are encouraged to ask questions, raise a sail and take the helm for a true sailing experience. Capt. Frank's personal vessel is a Catalina 34, *Prime Time*. She departs seven days a week, May to October, from Monmouth Cove Marina, located in Port Monmouth (Middletown), New Jersey.

The New Jersey coastal area is one of the most beautiful on the northeastern seaboard. You can set a course to sail the waters of Sandy Hook and Lower New York Bays, as well as off shore along the Jersey coast. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Verrazano Bridge, the Manhattan skyline and the historic Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Full day charters to the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor are available. Through their affiliate companies Charter Sails offers the only sailing catamaran in the area and vessels departing from Highlands have easy access to cruise the beautiful Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers. Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks are offered and customers can bring any food and (adult) beverages they like.



Catalina 34, *Prime Time*

Are you interested in formal sailing lessons? Capt. Frank is also a certified American Sailing Association (ASA) sailing instructor. Formal class instruction leading to ASA certifications from basic through advanced sailing courses are available through his affiliate company, the Tracey School.

If sailing is not your thing or if you have a larger group, Charter Sails offers several alternative charter possibilities. You can charter a 30' power vessel for up to six or a 70' ocean going cruiser, *Skylarker* (pictured below), for up to 49 passengers for cruising, private parties or fishing excursions.

Charter Sails has an ample variety of vessels and cruises to entertain a large group or just that special someone. And each vessel carries all USCG required safety equipment and is fully insured.

70 foot Gulfcraft, *Skylarker*



Pricing varies per vessel, number of passengers and length of cruise. *Prime Time* offers a two hour, "Introduction to Sailing", for \$275.00 for up to 4 passengers. Check out the web site for pricing details.

Here's a suggestion for club members, we (the NJTA) could consider a drive to the harbor and a sunset cruise as a possible activity for the 2018 season (May through October).

"There is nothing like a cruise, especially under sail." Well said. Particularly when there's a Triumph waiting in the marina parking lot for a spirited drive home.

Contact Information

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