



Wings

Passport 40

House Rules

Wings is our home. We have learned that maintaining some privacy pays dividends for all concerned. When visiting us, treat the boat as if you were visiting us in Anchorage. The forward cabin is our "suite" and should be treated as our private residence. In addition, living aboard a cruising sailboat requires sensitivities that are not obvious or common to land-based life in more spacious surroundings. Without creating a complete list of rules, we'll try to provide enough to give you a sense of what we mean.

The aft berth is the guest cabin and your gear should be stored there during the day, although we realize that gear must be moved to the saloon at night. In the morning, move it to your cabin as soon as possible.

When packing, remember that space on a cruising sailboat is very limited. Pack as lightly as possible and use only soft packs, bags, or duffels. There will be few reasons for bringing anything other than day-to-day clothing.

No feet or shoes on interior cushions or wood. If you are sleeping, be sure to have some protection for the cushions.

All supports and braces are meant for balancing and not hoisting. Do not yank on them unless not doing so would allow you to fall! As a specific example, the stainless steel tubing on the dodger and bimini are not for hoisting yourself to standing, but for balance as you walk. Another example of what not to do is to pull yourself from the companionway by pulling on the binnacle tubing. Grrrrr...

When using the refrigerator door, use the handle for opening and closing. Please do not slam the door. If hardware breaks, it is unlikely that a replacement exists.

If you've been onshore, leave your beach shoes on deck, outside the cockpit. Remove sand from your feet as soon as possible and as far from the cockpit as possible. Banging shoe soles together while holding them overboard works well for cleaning the shoe bottoms.

Be sparing of fresh water. When possible, use the galley fresh-water foot pump. Fresh water is a precious commodity! We have a saltwater foot pump in the galley sink that we use for washing, and we use fresh for rinsing.

The aft toilet is YOUR toilet! Use it. Under duress, you may use ours, but not as a matter of course. We will provide training in the aft toilet's use if needed. For interesting historic reasons, sailors refer to a toilet as the "head".

Unless it's been through you first, don't put it in the toilet! Americans are not used to this practice, but citizens of other countries are, and it's a good rule for live-boards.

Everyone sits for everything. Men you must sit when peeing. Bill does.

If you are sleeping in the saloon and the aft berth is occupied, you may use either head since you have none of your own. All of your other water needs should be met in the galley sink.

Coffee, tea, wine, colored soft drinks, and juices stain the fiberglass. You may drink these liquids in the cockpit, but be very careful in placing and reaching for the drinks. If you spill, as soon as possible, drown the spilled liquid in water, even seawater, or blot it. We have some "Sippy Cups" for use in the cockpit.

Wear only approved non-marking deck shoes aboard. If your shoes create black marks on our decks, we'll expect you to remove both your shoes and the marks.

Ask before charging your electronics. If our alternative energy systems are not operating, we will need to conserve energy in every way possible.

Do not leave interior lamps ON. They use valuable energy. There are two LED interior lamps in the saloon and two LED light bars in the galley that you may leave ON and we'll point them out to you. The courtesy lights, the small red lights spread throughout the boat for night time use, have LEDs and may be left on all night if needed. The galley strips can be made to show red light, better for night use.

There are many boat chores for which you will have no aptitude, but many of your land skills transfer perfectly to the cruising sailboat. Offer to help when appropriate.

Keep the boat as clean as possible. Keep your kit stowed when not in use.