PACKING LIST – WARM-WEATHER LEGS

S/Y Celeste of Solent · Farr 65R

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*Everything you bring must fit in **one (1) soft bag**. There are no private cabins on Celeste, and on longer passages the crew may share bunks. Your bag is your wardrobe for the whole trip – pack light, pack smart and use packing cubes so you can find your things, even in the dark.*

Good to know before you pack

Bag	A **soft duffel bag of 40–60 litres** plus a small daypack. No hard suitcases – they cannot be stowed on board.
Berths	No private cabins. On shorter legs you have your own bunk. On long passages you take turns in the aft bunks, where the boat moves least.
Bedding	**Pillows are provided on board.** Bring your own pillowcase, fitted sheet and a thin duvet or light sleeping bag.
Safety	Lifejackets, safety harnesses and tethers are provided for everyone on board. Safety briefing before departure.
Power	**USB-A/C sockets** at sea. 220 V (EU plug) when the inverter is running.
Charging	**Power bank** – we normally charge our power banks on the boat and then charge our electronics from our own power banks (Note: *Check with your airline, but we recommend max 100 Wh (approx. 27,000 mAh), max two, always in your hand luggage. Many airlines do not allow them to be used during the flight.* AirHelp).
Watches	Watch teams with 3/6-hour watches around the clock on longer passages. Everyone takes part in sailing, navigation, cooking and cleaning.
Going ashore	We often anchor and take the tender ashore – expect wet landings.
Laundry	No laundry during the passage – only ashore when possible.
Climate	Warm with strong sun during the day. Nights at sea can still be chilly with wind and spray.

Packing list

Documents and money

- ☐ Passport – valid for at least **6 months** after you leave the destination country
- ☐ Visa and any vaccination certificates – check the entry rules for every country on the leg
- ☐ Proof of insurance – check that your travel insurance covers ocean sailing, medical care and repatriation
- ☐ Bank cards and some cash (euros/USD plus local currency)
- ☐ Flights and hotel before/after the sailing – accommodation on board is not included before or after

Clothing

- ☐ Light foul-weather gear: thin sailing jacket and trousers – for tropical squalls and spray
- ☐ Fleece or warm jumper plus a thin base layer (preferably merino) for chilly nights
- ☐ 2–4 thin long-sleeved UV shirts, ideally with a hood
- ☐ Shorts and thin, quick-dry trousers
- ☐ T-shirts and tank tops
- ☐ Swimwear, 2–3 sets
- ☐ Comfortable clothes to rest and sleep in when off watch
- ☐ Underwear and socks – merino smells the least, even in the heat
- ☐ One light set of clothes for going ashore
- ☐ Cap or sun hat with chin strap/cap clip, plus a UV buff for your neck
- ☐ Sailing gloves (fingerless are fine)

Footwear

- ☐ Deck shoes with light, non-marking soles – **no black soles**. Worn on board only
- ☐ Shoes for going ashore, e.g. trainers
- ☐ Sandals or flip-flops for shore and tender trips (not while sailing)
- ☐ Sea boots: not normally needed in the tropics – ask the skipper if the leg has colder sections

Sleeping

- ☐ Pillowcase (pillow provided on board)
- ☐ Fitted sheet
- ☐ Thin sleeping bag or light duvet – in the tropics a silk or cotton liner is often enough
- ☐ Earplugs and eye mask – so you can sleep during the day

Personal gear

- ☐ Head torch with **red** and white light, ideally USB-rechargeable
- ☐ Water bottle approx. **0.7 l** – leak-proof, ideally with a loop for a carabiner
- ☐ Polarised sunglasses, at least **UV category 3** – ideally two pairs and a retaining strap
- ☐ Spare glasses or contact lenses if you use them
- ☐ **Power bank** – we normally charge our own power banks on board and charge our electronics from them (note: check your airline's limits).
- ☐ Phone and charger with **USB-A** or **USB-C**
- ☐ Small waterproof backpack / dry bag for tender trips
- ☐ Packing cubes or mesh bags to keep your bag organised

Hygiene and health

- ☐ Wash bag with eco-friendly soap and shampoo – everything goes straight into the sea
- ☐ High-SPF sunscreen – cream or stick, **no spray**
- ☐ Lip balm with sun protection (at least SPF 50)
- ☐ Quick-dry towel (microfibre dries faster than cotton)
- ☐ Your own medication for the whole trip, plus a list or prescription
- ☐ Seasickness medication / patches (Scopoderm – prescription only in many countries)
- ☐ Rehydration salts or electrolyte tablets
- ☐ Insect repellent for going ashore in the tropics
- ☐ Wet wipes (biodegradable)

Optional

- ☐ E-reader/Kindle and headphones – download books and podcasts before you leave
- ☐ Knee pads for working on the foredeck
- ☐ Carabiners to hang your bottle and small items by your bunk
- ☐ Dry bag for electronics
- ☐ Mask and snorkel (choose short fins) – must fit in your own bag
- ☐ Logbook if you are building sea time (e.g. IYT/RYA) – our skipper and first mate will sign it :-)

Provided on board – no need to pack

- Lifejacket, safety harness and tether
- Pillow
- Ship's medical kit
- Charts, pilot books and reference literature

Leave at home

- Hard suitcase
- Spray sunscreen – it settles on the deck and cushions
- Black-soled shoes that leave marks – or you'll be scrubbing the marks off yourself ;-)
- Lots of cotton clothing – it dries poorly in humid air
- Jewellery and valuables you don't need
- Laptop and other large electronics, unless you really need them – dry storage is limited

Packing tips

How to pack

- Your things stay in your bag for the whole trip. Pack in packing cubes or dry bags so you can find things quickly.
- Keep your passport, medication and a change of clothes in your hand luggage.
- Make a list of what you check in, in case your bag goes missing.

Sun and heat

- Expect a lot of direct sun on deck. Long-sleeved UV shirts and thin trousers protect better than sunscreen during the hottest hours.
- Bamboo, viscose or light merino smell less than synthetics.
- A sun hat with brim and chin strap protects face and neck – loose caps blow overboard.

Nights and squalls

- Even in the tropics, night watches can feel cold in wind and spray. Keep a fleece and a thin base layer close at hand.
- Thin, breathable foul-weather gear is enough. Check it is waterproof before you go – hose it down or sit in a puddle.

Footwear

- Deck shoes need good grip and soles that don't mark the deck. The deck gets hot in the sun, and shoes protect your toes.
- Socks in deck shoes and trainers prevent smelly shoes – salt water and sweat are a bad combination.
- Keep one pair of shoes for the boat and one for shore, so no sand or mud comes on board.

Sleeping in the heat

- Bunks may be shared on long passages. Your own fitted sheet and a silk sleeping-bag liner are more hygienic and feel less sweaty.
- Earplugs and an eye mask make it easier to sleep between watches, even at midday.

Power and charging

- The sockets on board are USB-A/C (check the cable for your phone – it is a good idea to bring both types, as we have a mix of USB-A and USB-C sockets)
- 220 V is only available when the inverter is running.
- A power bank and a dry bag for your electronics make life easier.

Being considerate on board

- There can be up to 14 of us on board with no private cabins. Keep your things in your bag, not spread around the boat.
- Shirts on in the saloon, at the chart table, at meals and when cooking – it keeps the cushions clean. On deck, shirtless or bikini tops are fine.
- Don't walk around in just your underwear – wear sleep shorts or similar when off watch.
- Go easy on the fresh water and use eco-friendly products.

Going ashore by tender

- We often anchor and take the tender ashore. Landings can be wet, so pack your phone, wallet and passport in a small waterproof bag.
- Use insect repellent and wear thin, long clothing ashore at dusk.

Health

- Tell the skipper in advance about any medical conditions, allergies and medication.
- There is a ship's medical kit on board, but bring your own medication for the whole trip.
- Take seasickness medication in good time, before you feel unwell. Drink plenty of water – electrolytes help in the heat.

Tips for women

- Leggings or yoga pants work well for sleeping, under waterproof trousers and during the day.
- A sports bra or comfy top beats a regular bra – you may end up wearing it around the clock.

A warm welcome aboard! Questions about packing? Contact the skipper for your leg.