

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO **NORWAY** AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	5.4 million inhabitants; Estimated 250 sailing and boating clubs; Estimated 70,000 members. More than 800,000 boats.
Currency with link for exchange rates	Norwegian crowns (NOK). 1€ approximately 9 NOK. Cash is seldom required, but note that some places do not accept all credit cards issued by foreign banks.
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	EU and Schengen residents do not need travel documents per se. Some form of official identity is required. Passport, National ID card etc. It is not necessary to clear customs unless you are carrying more than the allowed amounts of tobacco/alcohol that is the same as when entering by car, airplane etc. Further information can be found here: http://toll.no/default.aspx?id=3&epslanguage=en . For non-EU/non-Schengen nationals contact local police on +47 02800 and enquire about formalities. <u>Safe Sea Net</u> - This is a system mainly for entry control (customs and immigration). It is not much used for pleasure crafts though it should be used by larger boats and commercial vessels. Must be used by vessels over 300 gross tonnage. Leisure vessels under 45m loa are exempt. Telephone in Norway 07847 from abroad +47 33 03 48 08 https://kystverket.no/en/sea-transport-and-ports/safeseanet-norway/
Banned substances	https://www.visitnorway.com/plan-your-trip/travel-tips-a-z/#customs-and-regulations Note that you can declare your medicine chest in accordance with international regulations.
Boat's documents required	Ownership documentation.
Insurance	Insurance is not mandatory in Norway, but necessary when taking part in sailing regattas. Insurance documentation may also be required in marinas.
Legislation certificate of competence	Requirements for Norwegian subjects: Boats more than 8 less than 15 metres: National certificate is required if born after 1980. Boats more than 15 metres: Deck Officer D5 ("kystskipper") Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirements of their flag state. ISAF/World Sailing training may be compulsory if participating in races.
Alcohol limits – on the water and on the road	For leisure boats up to 15 metres for local sailors: 0,8/ml. (quoted locally as 0,800/100). Visiting sailors must fulfil the same requirements. On the road 0,2/ml
Legislation re life jackets	Must always be carried by passengers and crew in boats less than 8 metres while under way. Bigger boats shall always have life vests readily available for all on board.
TSS, esp. new ones	Notice to Mariners. https://www.kartverket.no/en/at-sea/efs
Military exercise areas	Does not interfere with normal boating.
Major construction sites	Notice to Mariners. https://www.kartverket.no/en/at-sea/efs
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	Still not a big problem in Norway. Farms are being planned, but few are built. Keep clear in accordance with current charts. See also major construction sites above.
Bridges	Marked in every official nautical chart, Amendments see https://www.kartverket.no/en/at-sea/efs . See also https://www.bridgeinfo.net/list/norway/clearance NB in remote places in early spring it may be prudent to allow for sagging of cables due to icing.

Fishing equipment	<p>For fishing laws see https://www.fiskeridir.no/English/Fishing-in-Norway/Sea-Angling-in-Norway</p> <p>Laws controlling fishing equipment laid out are comprehensive. Complete text in Norwegian. See Simplified summary: https://lovdata.no/dokument/SF/forskrift/2004-12-22-1878/KAPITTEL_18#§74</p> <p>If equipment is from a registered vessel the equipment shall be marked with vessel registration.</p> <p>If inside four nautical miles: To be clearly marked and with name and address at one end (if more than one).</p> <p>If outside four nautical miles, rules in accordance with international regulations: There shall be end buoys with two flags, a radar-reflector at each end and with light and light reflectors if set at night.</p> <p>If longer than two nautical miles a mid buoy shall be used marked with a C.</p> <p>Driftnets shall have a mid buoy if more than one nautical mile long.</p> <p>All buoys, markings and reflectors shall be of approved type.</p>
Habitats and other protected areas	<p>See: http://www.environment.no/Topics/Biological-diversity/Protected-areas/</p> <p>Surfers and kites have been fined in some protective areas.</p>
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	<p>When moored, the flag is taken down at sunset no later than 2100 and hoisted at sunrise - not earlier than 0800.</p> <p>Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader in the same period as the flag.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>The weather forecast is available at www.yr.no with detailed weather forecast in English and www.storm.no</p> <p>Weather forecasts for coastal areas are transmitted continuously on DAB radio and also on VHF at predefined times (both in Norwegian). Listen to the traffic channels as announced on Ch. 16.</p>
Harbours including approx number of natural harbours	<p>See www.velihavn.no</p> <p>Norske Los (Norwegian Pilot) for free downloading.</p> <p>https://www.kartverket.no/Kart/Nautiske-hjelpemidler/Den-norske-los/ Only the one for Spitsbergen is available in English. The rest are in Norwegian.</p> <p>Natural harbours are abundant and far too many to count. There are only a few places along the coast where they are far between. Natural harbours are often marked on maritime charts. Multiple coastal guides are available for the Norwegian coastline.</p>
Mooring booking facilities	<p>Individual marinas/clubs should be contacted in advance, but major marinas will accept guests as they turn up.</p>
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	<p>In the Oslofjord area there are some mooring buoys marked "OF – Oslofjordens Friluftsråd" where members have preference. Also the KNBF have some buoys along the coast. Most buoys are private and for the exclusive use of their owners or clubs.</p>
Anchoring and free access ashore	<p>Yachts can anchor anywhere they please as long as they do not interfere with ships, boats etc. Access to shore is allowed anywhere, although privately owned beaches and quays can prohibit staying. Passage on the beach, even if private, is allowed as long as reasonable distance from private housing is observed. Also you cannot camp on private ground in the proximity of the owners' houses. Away from housing and fields you may, but good sense should be observed. Beware that weather conditions may be hard and changing rapidly. Beware of tidal water. Tides are very moderate in southern Norway, but can be significant up north.</p>
Good harbour manners	<p>Norwegian harbours are expected to be quiet after 2300.</p> <p>Most marinas, cities, towns and townships have marinas marked "Gjestehavn" meant for visitors. If not marked, buoys and berths must be considered private.</p> <p>Permission should be asked before rafting alongside another boat, but it is customary to allow it unless safety dictates otherwise. When rafted out and going ashore, never cross other boats via the cockpits - always walk across the bow.</p> <p>In harbour, do not use toilet without a holding tank.</p> <p>Otherwise all you need is common sense and consideration.</p>
Safety in harbours	<p>Use common sense. Life rings are normally provided. Beware of tidal water.</p>
Rescue services	<p>"Redningsselskapet/RSS". Call coastal radio on 120.</p>

Pyrotechnics - legislation re carrying - if flareguns (Very pistols) permitted - if so is licence required? - procedure for disposal	There are no formal requirements except in races, regattas and rallies where ISAF/World Sailing regulations apply. Good practice is at the discretion of the skipper. Old/out of date pyrotechnics shall be delivered to stores that sell them (all major boat chandleries).
Staying during the winter	Contact local harbours regarding availability. Be aware that some harbours especially in the Oslofjord and other areas freeze in the winter. Along the west coast and northern parts, this is generally not a problem. Beware of customs regulations. Also VAT and tax regulations are enforced – Norway is not a member of the European Union and regulations apply as below. Info at: http://toll.no/default.aspx?id=3&epslanguage=en Foreign boats, owned by a foreign national, not living in Norway may be left as follows: 1) For up to six weeks per year without notice to customs – use by owner only 2) If you want to leave the boat and leave the country this is by application only. Application is for one year at the time, max. two years. Reapplication before expiry. Application form in English here: https://www.toll.no/contentassets/2fdaddde88974b7f872356e54574d8f1/rd-0027e.pdf This is not limited to the EU. Crew must adhere to immigration requirements
Antifouling regulations	Antifouling for sale in Norway is strictly regulated. Washing of boats in marinas are limited to designated areas with waste water collection. No specific regulation for visiting boats.
Fuel availability	Diesel is available In most Norwegian harbours. In many bigger marinas petrol is available as well. Marine diesel is coloured green in Norway and is cheaper than road diesel. It contains no bio-diesel. Road diesel follows the European EN590 norm currently containing 7-8% bio-diesel (increasing). Pure diesel is labelled B0 (B-zero)
Gas and electricity systems available – necessity for adapters	Bottled gas in the most common systems available. Press-on propane is readily available from most petrol stations (tank exchange or new tanks). Threaded industry standard (American standard) is available in some shops (e.g. Tess). Vending machines for press-on and threaded propane tanks are common. LPG Norge outlets will be able to fill most gas bottles. Gas for camping may be found in major sports/outdoors stores rather than marine stores. Exchange <u>Camping Gaz</u> refills are not available in Norway.
Repair and maintenance facilities	Spares and equipment are widely available in all major towns/cities. Ask around. Slipways and yards dedicated to the fishing fleet may also be able to help.
Pump out stations for sewage and oily water	Holding tanks for sewage can be emptied to the sea when the boat is more than 300 metres from shore or outside regulated areas (e.g. inner Oslo Fjord). Use common sense, and empty only when not in conflict with delicate areas. Keep distance to beaches, marinas etc. Along most of Norway's coastline this is not a problem, because most areas used for cruising is close to open waters.
Pump out stations – type(s) of nozzle used in the country	Pump-out stations are common in major marinas. Suction fittings on deck are used.
Public transport	Trains: www.vy.no
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	Marine Stores/Chandleries are readily available in major cities. They are mostly well stocked, including charts and pilot books.
Shopping hours	Most shopping centres: 1000-2000. Grocery stores 0700-2300 some places. Specialist shops: often approx. 0900 – 1700. Large variations. In typical tourist places some shops open on Sundays. Local grocery stores in smaller places are often a long distance from harbours and have shorter opening times. Make sure you have sufficient supplies to get from one big city to the next. It may be a considerable distance on the Norwegian coast.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	Norwegian Sailing Federation: https://norgesseilforbund.klubb.nif.no/ +47 21029710, Royal Norwegian Sailing Club (KNS): http://www.kns.no/ +47 23275600 www.knbf.no (Norwegian Boating Federation) Rescue/Redningsselskapet www.redningsselskapet.no (coastal rescue service).

Tick borne diseases	Ticks are a problem. Some carry TBE (mostly in the south) and some Lyme Disease (borrelia). Precautions not to be bitten should be taken. Contact medical services if bitten or symptoms.
Legislation re visiting with pets aboard	For regulations see: http://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/animals/travelling_with_pets/
Practical Advice and Misc. Information	Safety zones oil installations: 500 metres from fixed and floating oil drilling and production installations International regulations apply. Some lights are explicitly approved. LED is not an issue if rules of visibility range, colour and sectors are obeyed. Carry a small amount of cash in local currency. KNS Marina: Member of International Council of Yacht Clubs. Updated official sea charts available from www.norgeskart.no .

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