



Challenging sailing holidays

For people with a disability

## Sailing for All!





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This is the motto of *SailWise*. Since 1976 we organize water sport activities and active water sport holidays for people with a disability. For this purpose we have three completely adapted accommodations: the two-masted clipper *Lutgerdina*, the catamaran *Beatrix* and the water sport island *Robinson Crusoe*.



### **Accessible, challenging and active**

*Through the combination of accessible accommodations and an active water sports program SailWise offers ideal opportunities for enjoyable holidays, aquatic activities, school camps or a family reunion. You can come in a group or register as an individual.*

Many friends clubs, institutions, special education groups and even rehabilitation centres make use of our facilities. This can be for a challenging group holiday to close the school year or for a day or midweek of sailing for rehabilitation purposes. But you can also come with your friends or family to enjoy a long weekend of sailing!

It is possible to make special arrangements for groups for one or several days at any of our accommodations. For individuals SailWise offers various alternatives, for different target groups, during the entire

season. Our reservation officer is more than happy to make a suitable proposal for you or give you additional information about options. Please visit our website to find out about all possibilities we offer and actual prices of standard arrangements.

#### **Normal if possible, special if needed**

This is our motto that guides the discussions with our guests about a varied and challenging program at any of our accommodations.

#### ***An active group holiday with personal attention to everybody's wishes and possibilities.***

The intention is that everybody plays an active role during our holidays. Together we will make sure that these will be challenging, intense and above all enjoyable. One moment you will be opening up new horizons, whilst next time you are just having fun in sun, wind and water, admiring

the beautiful environment. Nothing is obligatory, everything is possible.

#### **All tastes are catered for**

At SailWise the basic idea is that of possibilities, not of restrictions. We introduce people to water sports and let them enjoy themselves to the max; and on top of that, we offer you the possibility, through clever adaptations, to become skilled in the various branches of water sports – and this all in a great holiday atmosphere!

#### ***Being happily active on the water with like-minded people!***

# Accessible and sportive!

## Challenging chances to sail



*Trimaran on the waters of the Loosdrechtse Plassen near the Robinson Crusoe island.*



Holidays at the SailWise accommodations are actually more than only sailing. Strolling around in picturesque small ports, relaxing at a terrace, enjoying breakfast at the Wadden, being anchored and admiring the starry sky, sitting together around the campfire, making music or barbecuing on a raft, it's all possible!

*Having fun on the water, facing the elements, respecting each other and taking into account everyone's possibilities are the keys to a fantastic water sport holiday!*

A collective close of the school year, a day of sailing for rehabilitation purposes, taking out the boat for a sail with friends or family. Just contact us and find out about the numerous possibilities we offer.

Security and quality are of the utmost importance at SailWise. That is why every tour or activity at all our accommodations is supported by a professional and well educated crew. Each of our accommodations is fully adapted, provided with all the possible comforts and totally accessible for wheelchairs. And of course we have our NBAV-certification (assigned by the Nederlandse Branchevereniging voor Aangepaste Vakanties/Dutch Branch Association for Adapted Holidays).





*The most beautiful tours on the Frisian waters and the IJsselmeer.*

## Royal sailing on the Beatrix

***Sailing is at royal standards on board our newest acquisition, the Beatrix: a fast and stable catamaran that has been baptized by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands and put into service in 2006. This fully adapted ship meets all the requirements to be expected of a modern tailor-made vessel.***

### ***Active sailing with all comfort at hand.***

This well-organized ship has been designed especially to be sailed by people with a disability. All sails can be operated from a wheelchair. Steering is possible with a wheel from an elevated platform, as well as with a joystick. The vessel has the newest gadgets, including facilities for visually disabled persons, like Braille cards and an audio compass.

The pleasant tours on the Frisian waters and the IJsselmeer start in Elahuizen. The sailing schedule is determined jointly on a daily basis: one day it can be a long sailing trip, the next one you can be visiting some Frisian towns and have a relaxing time. Sailing at night, hiking trips, barbecuing at a small island – it's all possible. And of course all this in consultation with the guests, as water sport holidays on board the Beatrix mean a group tour where individual wishes are taken into consideration.

### ***Ideal for small groups, friends and families.***

The Beatrix offers space for 12 guests, including a maximum of 4 wheelchair users. It contains a large special toilet (adaptable in height) and has a cosy saloon with a well

equipped kitchen.

Our new accommodation in Elahuizen, It Sailhûs, is available for overnight stays. It is simple, but spacious and comfortable. And, of course, it has all the necessary adaptations.

Whoever you are, whatever your possibilities: on board the Beatrix everybody can manage!

Please visit our website to find out about all arrangements and actual prices, or ask our reservation officer.

# Ultimate sailing adventures aboard the Lutgerdina

***Then the Lutgerdina! On this two-masted clipper passengers experience the ultimate adventure on the IJsselmeer, the Wadden Sea and the inland waterways. Everyone is actively involved in navigating, hoisting the sails, sailing manoeuvres and steering the 34 meters long ship.***

Enjoying fantastic sailing, visiting scenic ports, beaching on the Wadden, being anchored under an amazing starry sky, night sailing – it is all possible. The Lutgerdina, 'Lut' for insiders, is a unique two-masted clipper that has been completely adapted for people with a disability. It is fully accessible for wheelchairs, the gangways have been broadened and practically all sails can be operated from a wheelchair. Thanks to a modern hydraulic steering

system even sailors with minimal arm- or hand function are able to steer the Lut independently.

When you take the lift to go to the lower deck, you enter the attractive saloon with an open kitchen. This is where the meals are jointly prepared and consumed. At other moments, it is the place to exchange the 'tall stories' of the day.

***A holiday aboard the Lutgerdina is more than just listening to the murmuring sound of water and feeling the wind blowing in your hair.***

The Lutgerdina offers space to a maximum of 20 guests (30 in case of day trips), including a maximum of 7 wheelchair users.

There are 4 double huts available and 3 that accommodate 4 persons – all with hot and cold water and heating. A hoist, height adjustable beds and spacious adapted shower and toilet facilities guarantee your comfort.

A holiday aboard the Lutgerdina is more than just listening to the murmuring sound of water and feeling the wind blowing in your hair. The Lut offers you the unique experience to forget about your day-to-day worries and enjoy an active and unforgettable time with like-minded people.

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## Unique possibilities at the island Robinson Crusoe

***A visitor of our island in the waters of the Loosdrechtse Plassen will never feel as lonely as the legendary Robinson Crusoe, as the water sports centre named after him is bubbling with activities! The island is an excellent accommodation located at a unique spot. It is the perfect place to be introduced to the various branches of water sports.***

You can sail in various types of ships and with different instruments: from a catamaran to a small roll-on/roll-off boat which is even accessible for an electric wheelchair, and from steering with a helm to joystick control. Other activities are surfing, rowing, canoeing and water skiing.

What makes the island unique is the fact that the water sports equipment has been fully adapted, as far as necessary, for various types of disabilities. There is even a hoist on the jetty to facilitate the transfer from wheelchair into the boat. So everybody is welcome at Robinson Crusoe!

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The residential accommodation is also fully adapted and accessible for wheelchairs; it houses a maximum of 23 guests in case of activities longer than one day. There are single rooms as well as rooms that can fit several guests, all with beds that are adjustable in height. Adapted sanitary facilities are amply available and equipped with the necessary services, such as shower stretchers, height adjustable toilets and a movable hoist.

From the house – that has a professional kitchen and a spacious living area with a fire place – you can enjoy a fabulous view over the large terrace, adjacent sports field, the private port and the Loosdrechtse Plassen.

The evenings give you the possibility to sit and talk over the events of the day in good company at the camp fire or fire place.

The aquatic activities are supervised by a team of enthusiastic, experienced and well educated instructors. Together with the crew they guarantee a safe and above all an unforgettable stay at one of the most beautiful water sport accommodations in the Netherlands.

***Exciting night sailing trips, regattas, a tour to picturesque Breukelen or Loenen aan de Vecht, canoeing at sunrise – all these activities are within reach from the Robinson Crusoe island.***

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# General information

## Group bookings

At all our accommodations it is possible to organize, in consultation, special arrangements for one or several days, with or without catering. We are very happy to offer you these tailor-made services. Don't hesitate to contact our reservation officer to be advised on the various possibilities and get a tailor-made proposal.

## Prices of group bookings: what is included?

The prices of group bookings are based on the rent of the accommodation and sailing costs (including fuel costs and fees for ports & bridges). A team to guarantee safe conditions is standardly available at the accommodation. At the Robinson Crusoe island SailWise also provides sufficient and competent water sport instructors. The base price for group bookings does not include meals and drinks. However, in case of daily arrangements we can take care of catering for additional costs. In case of arrangements for more than one day, catering is not a standard option (but can be organized in consultation). In all cases, taking care of the crew and instructors (if applicable) is on the account of the customer. Please refer to our website for a full review of our prices and conditions.

## Individual registration

Of course it is also possible for people with a disability or chronic disease to register as an individual for one of our challenging water sport holidays. In high season as well as in early and late season we offer various possibilities that are appropriate for different target groups. We have special (mid)week arrangements e.g. for people with non-congenital brain damage, overforties, people who are ADL-independent, youth (aged 16-26 years), physically/sensory handicapped people and of course special weeks for mentally handicapped individuals.

***All our accommodations are equipped with more than enough life jackets that meet the most recent regulations. There are also comfortable and waterproof sailing jackets and trousers available for all guests.***

In case of individual registrations an enthusiastic team of volunteers will guarantee support/ADL-help if necessary. Our volunteers come well prepared: they follow a compulsory training and receive ample information beforehand. They all fully commit themselves to create the conditions for an unforgettable holiday!

## Individual registration: what is included?

The prices of individual bookings are based on full board, including assistance in daily care by volunteers, fuel and other sailing expenses and cancellation costs.

Not included are the following: extra drinks and excursions, travel and luggage insurance (we advise you to arrange this) and transport to and from the pick-up point in the Netherlands.

Please refer to our website for a full review of our arrangements, actual prices and conditions.

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## Complaints?

SailWise, its staff and all volunteers involved do their utmost to offer you an as enjoyable stay as possible at our accommodations. However, if you are not satisfied you can make use of our complaints procedure which can be sent to you on request. Please also refer to our website.

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*Additional information*

Please visit our website and feel free to contact our reservation officer in case you require additional information.



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