

As you know by now, my wife and I have completed our vacation cruise in The Greek Islands. The trip was planned to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We were joined for 8 or 9 day segments by each of our daughters, their husbands, and their children (eight grandchildren, aged 6 through 17), and, lastly by four friends who joined us for the last 10 days.

Our itinerary started at the Island of Rhodes and then proceeded to Samos, Paros, and Milos and returning to Rhodes 35 days later. Of course, we were able to visit many islands in between.

I am delighted to tell you that all of the planned pick-ups and drop-offs were miraculously accomplished without a hitch. We visited 22 islands, went swimming in many beautiful out-of-the-way coves and lagoons (selected by Captain Paul). We hiked up to too many monasteries and dined every evening in local taverns and/or fine restaurants throughout the Dodecanese and Cyclades Islands.

I cannot over-emphasize how much we appreciated Captain Paul's professionalism. As a skipper of my own sailing vessel in New England for the past 12 years, I am able to appreciate the need for, and importance of, careful planning and cautious sailing with a competent crew. Captain Paul stayed abreast of the latest weather forecasts via the internet and made mid-course changes as necessary to insure safe sailing. He was on top of every detail while we were underway which provided a high comfort level for me and my guests.

Our voyage was a huge success....not only because it was spent with our family and with life-long friends; it was enhanced by exciting sailing experiences, the seaworthiness of the good ship Conan, the attention to detail by Captain Paul, and especially, the wonderful cuisine so beautifully presented by Corrine, the galley chef.

We would not hesitate to recommend Captain Paul and his crew to anyone considering an extended cruise in the beautiful Aegean Sea. We have come back from our trip revitalized, with a greater appreciation and understanding of both current and historic Greek culture.

Ron and Evelyn

July 30, 2007

Captain Paul, Corrine, Zana & Duon,

Thank you for making our 50th Anniversary celebratory cruise a treasured experience. We had a week with each of our three children & their families followed by lifelong close friends; surely a design calculated for a joyous time.

To make this complicated trip happen, we took a year for planning. It met & exceeded our expectations. The cabins were comfortable, the boat solid & reliable & the food spectacular. Corrine designed delicious, and beautiful, meals each day; even during our all vegetarian week. (And she generously shares her recipes!)

Paul found coves with turquoise water that lured even me, the least enthusiastic swimmer among us, into the water. The warm clear water caresses & envelops the swimmer - everyone spent many hours "playing" in the water.

Duon & Zana met our needs with a smile - they were a delight to know.

Thank you to all for adding to the celebration, for making us feel special & taking us to places that will be kept as special memories

Evelyn

USA

Evelyn, I DID NOT THINK THAT WE COULD RELAX FOR 5 WEEKS WITHOUT GETTING CABIN FEVER... BUT, AMAZINGLY, IT WAS REALLY NOT DIFFICULT. WE LEARNED TO ADAPT... & ACCEPT THE PAINTERING. AS SAUCERS, WE APPRECIATED THE COMPETENCE & CAUTION OF CAPTAIN PAUL. THIS WAS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME FAIRY TALE VOYAGE, OUR FIRST ^{CREWED} CRUISE ON A CHARTER YACHT BUT, HOPEFULLY NOT OUR LAST ONE!

Paul

June 25 - July 5, 2007

Paul, Corrine, Zaira + Duan ~

The family experienced the first leg of the 50th anniversary charter and enjoyed every moment. It took us no time at all to abandon our everyday stresses and sink into the luxuriously pampered atmosphere of Coran. We were absolutely confident in Paul's ability to choose lovely destinations each day and in Corrine's ability to feed us royally + abundantly after all those exhausting physical exertions ~ reading, playing games, + lying on the front of the boat. We loved the snorkeling, the exciting sailing, the turquoise waters of the Blue Lagoon, the remote cove at Bosukeli, and the daily gin + tonics in the late afternoons.

Thank you for providing the wonderful atmosphere to create such an enjoyable vacation. We will think back on these lazy days in Turkey + Greece throughout our long + snowy New England winter + hope to return to see those Turkish ruins that you so highly recommended!

Debby, John, Ilanna, Rachel + Jeffrey
Massachusetts