

## Welcome Guide of The Coaster – Captain's Cabin



Welcome aboard of the Coaster!

This sea ship is renovated and converted into 3 light and comfortable cabins with a beautiful view and wonderful terraces. Popeye's Cabin is the front one, Olive's Cabin the middle one and at the rear is the Captain's Cabin in combination with the steering hut.

Our industrial, sturdy steel historic Coaster is recently renovated and converted into 3 cozy and comfortable apartments with lots of daylight (roof windows) and with a beautiful view of the old harbor and the new Rotterdam skyline.

From the wheelhouse you have a 360 degree view of the ports and all the typical Rotterdam high-rise buildings around you. Through the portholes at the bottom of the ship, you can look out at the old ships in the water and the modern Rotterdam skyline. Industrial and tough on the outside, comfortable and cozy on the inside.

The space below has many small windows on the sides, the so-called portholes. In addition, there is an escape hatch above the bed; In the morning you can get out of bed and have coffee on the upper deck and enjoy the sunrise on the large and largely covered bench☺

You can control the atmospheric indirect LED lighting on the ceiling with your voice and with the Google hub tablet. For example, say "Ok Google, turn on the red lights" and it works. The ceiling lamp above the table can be operated with the small round button on the pole in the middle of your Cabin.

Nespresso cups and tea are available in a kitchenette, just like a kettle, combi microwave, 2 induction hobs with extractor hood above, a mini dishwasher (with tablets) and a sandwich maker.

In the bathroom you will find towels and shampoo + shower gel. You turn on the ventilation with the right button. You can control underfloor heating with the thermostat in the bathroom itself. Both above and below in your Cabin you have air conditioning and heating. You control this via 2 separate white thermostats that hang on the wall next to the bathroom sliding door; the top is that of the air conditioner (which can also serve as air heating), the bottom one of the central heating. The electricity for this is generated in a completely sustainable manner by means of the 14 solar panels on the roof of the wheelhouse and on the foredeck.

On both sides of the bed you will find storage space for your own belongings. You can also store things in the wardrobe with hangers and under the couch downstairs.

When renting 2 or 3 Cabins, there is an internal passage allowing a stay of up to 10 guests. See also our other advertisement or contact us.

In good weather terrace on the deck! Your terrace is the part behind the wheelhouse. The larger deck on the midship belongs to Olive's Cabin, but if you'd like to take advantage of it, check out the signs hanging in the landing between Olive's and Captain's Cabin or these available that afternoon or evening. We ask guests of Olive's Cabin to have their terrace used by other guests in their absence, but if they do not want this, it is not permitted to sit here.

Caution: please take care of little children because of the surrounding water and the tide. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Please be aware that our ship is in the city centre with a lot of neighbors nextdoor, so please behave accordingly and don't make a lot of noise outside and after 10pm be super silent outside. For safety reasons and to maintain our house rules outside cameras and sound sensors are installed on our deck.

Old meets new: The Coaster is situated in the heart of Rotterdam, between the river Maas and the trendy neighborhoods around Meent and Market. The ship is moored at Wijnhaven, between the historic ships of the Old Harbor. Very close to the vibrant center, with lots of exciting modern architecture as well as hip & trendy cafes, restaurants and shops.

Another tip for your next visit to Rotterdam: Stay at one of our Wikkelboats just opposite of The Coaster at the Wijnhaven: [www.wikkelboat.nl](http://www.wikkelboat.nl). Totally different experience to stay on these tiny houseboats made of cardboard.

We wish you a great stay!

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## **Practical info**

Check-in time: from 3pm (earlier on request)

Check-out time: until 11am (later on request)

The entrance is safe and solid, but parents with small children should be aware of the risks of water all around. For wheelchairs, The Coaster unfortunately is not accessible.

## **Self-Check-in**

We work with a digital access lock from Nuki. Before your arrival you'll get an email of us or Nuki with the information needed. You can either use their app or use the keyboard next to the door and put in the received code. To lock the door just push on the not (inside) or on the triangle of the keyboard (outside).

## **Public transport**

We are within 5 minutes walking distance from tramlines, subway (metro)station and railway station Blaak.

## **Wifi**

Router: De Coaster

Wachtwoord: Marina2020!

## **Onboard**

Please don't enter your neighboring Cabin by the emergency double locked doors; these are only to be used in emergencies OR if you've rented both Cabins. In the middle Cabin, Olive's Cabin, the central heating and waste water systems are located.

**Security onboard:** In all Cabins smoke detectors and carbon sensors are installed. A fire blanket is located below the kitchen sink and a smoke extinguisher is located next to the kitchen block. Smoking is NOT permitted inside, only outside and please use an ashtray or mock and don't throw it in the water.

## **Escape routes are as stated below:**

Via the escape window above the bed to deck OR via the stairs to steering hut OR the in-between door tot the middle (Olive's) apartment or directly tot he deck outside via the left door.

**Cooking:** In the kitchen we have induction plates for you to use. Please don't leave empty pans on a powered induction plate! Usage of microwave and coffee machine should work for itself;-)

**Waste:** Please don't throw any tampons, strong tissues, condoms and other rubbish in the water system/toilet as it easily can overflow and break down the waste system. Use our waste bins instead. Full waste bag(s) can be put on the deck of the ship so we will take it away.

## **OPTIONAL SERVICES – (only payable in cash / by online payment request upon/before arrival!)**

### **Parking**

You can either park your car on the street for a discounted fee by preregistration of licence number by us. Costs then are €19,50 per day, starting at check-in day from 4pm till 11am check-out day. Alternatively you can park at one of the neighboring garages like the one of The Red Apple (Wijnbrugstraat 22) or under the Markthal (from €12,50 per day only when preregistered online at [www.parkereninmarkthal.nl/en](http://www.parkereninmarkthal.nl/en)).

### **Breakfast**

We offer the optional possibility to use the perfect (inter)continental breakfast buffet at our neighbor Ibis Hotel for only €15,- per person per day. Interested? Let us know and we'll register you.

### **Lunch**

We also offer to bring an extensive lunchset which consists of mixed sandwiches, hot croquettes, fresh fruit juices and fruit, yoghurt, milk and some sweets. Price is €15,- p.p. when minimal 3 persons.

### **Jacuzzi @ deck terrace – only usable until 10pm**

Of course, after a long day of enjoying Rotterdam, you still want to enjoy it with your loved one / friends. The jacuzzi on the deck between the 2 deck terraces is ideal for this. With a capacity of max. 5 people and a water temperature of 37-40 degrees, the icing on the cake. Costs: € 30 per selected day (if available). We ensure that you have all privacy that evening and the jacuzzi is yours ;-). Please be aware that you need to reserve at least 1 day before and usage is on request only and supplementary. Usage will then also be exclusively to you and no other guests are allowed to use it. Please don't use glass in and around the jacuzzi!

There are 2 windshields on either side of the jacuzzi. You can roll it out and click it into place. After use, please put it carefully back in the tube, trying to prevent folding by keeping it tight when rolled up.

To prevent neighbor disturbance usage of the jacuzzi is only permitted until 10pm at night, so use it before that time 😊

### **Meet Walli, our cozy electric boat**

Float around with Walli, an old authentic small boat with a convenient and quiet electric motor onboard, but you can also peddle yourself, good as a daily exercise 😊 Costs per selected day: €45.

## The History



The Coaster is built in 1909 at the yacht of 'Gebroeders Coops' in Hoogezand, in the North of The Netherlands. Originally built as a sailing yacht for a German sailing company. Her name was "Henry" and a bit later she was renamed as "Ella".



In 1955, Ella underwent significant transformation to her present dimensions. She was heightened 30 cm and 5 meters were added to her length. With a new front and rear added, she looked quite different. Her maximum cargo capacity was 172 tonnes or 172 cars. De Coaster is now 28,5m long

and 5,22m wide. The ship sailed between Denmark, Sweden and Germany, transporting mainly wood.

The ship left service in 1978 and was then sold to a Dutch man. It was used by the Sea Scouting, but unfortunately, was neglected (see photo).

In 2007 the ship was bought by new owners. Then it was one of the only left Coasters made in Groningen. Seven years of renovation started.

At land the ship's propellers appeared to be missing and the motor also needed replacement: a DK6 Beaudoin was chosen to be the "new" motor.



The engine weighs 14000 pounds! The reversing clutch weighs 2400 pounds!



Now, the ship could finally be restored to its former pride...



With it's new engine installed, it could finally sail again! Check out the video on Youtube: De Coaster.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kg6ugTLoniU>

The engine's maximum rpm is 1200. This type of engine is called "semi-slow" and was used often in "Spitsen" ships that carried cargo between The Netherlands, Belgium and the south of France. A trip like that could take up around four weeks and required the passage of 56 locks, some of them with over 10 m of lift. The DK6 is considered a very trustworthy engine. De Coaster can sail at approximately 10 knots (= 16 km/h) at half power.





At this time, the ship's hull was painted, but there was still a lot of work to do on the inside. Walls had to be torn down, and a new entrance had to be created.



The bow of the ship was cleaned and painted. The aft forward end of the ship was cleaned and painted. Then, preparations were started for the work on the aft steering cabin, now Captain's Cabin. Work on this final part was completed in 2020.

This picture shows how many rafters are in the ship's hull. De Coaster has so many that it is suitable to sail through light icy water.



Then the portholes were made.



The whole ship was isolated with sandwich panels of 8cm thickness.

Then, water resistant paneling was installed.



A carbon neutral water and heating system was built in.



In January 2020 the current owners bought the ship with the goal to renovate the ship even further and made it more luxurious and expanded it with a new steering hut in combination with a third Cabin in the back. In Spring 2020 solar panels were put at the roof of the new steering hut and front deck.

In January 2020, the current owners bought the ship with the aim of making the ship one of the eye-catchers of the Wijnhaven. Below some pictures of what the ship looked like before the renovation and of the renovation itself.

This is what the ship looked like at the time, the wheelhouse had to be completely replaced.



The deck didn't look very attractive to be seating on. The deck windows were not walkable either.



The stern was rather neglected; the engine room was quite rusty and the stern below was used as a storage room. We would like to make a third small apartment of this i.c.m. a larger wheelhouse that is still in proportion to the ship. With a team of about 30 people, we spent almost 4 months working hard on rusting and painting the ship, upgrading the two existing apartments, realizing luxurious deck terraces with facilities such as an outdoor kitchen, jacuzzi, outdoor shower, water and power points and solar panels. .





