

The Coaster – Olive’s Cabin

Welcome Guide



Welcome aboard of De Coaster!

This ship sailed the open seas before it was renovated and converted into three light, comfortable cabins with a beautiful view and wonderful terraces. The forward cabin is named Popeye’s Cabin, Olive’s Cabin is in the middle and Captain’s Cabin, which also comprises the steering cabin, is found at the aft part of the ship.

The ship can be accessed via the gangway situated at the Wijnhaven. The ship’s interior is surprisingly light thanks to the large ceiling windows and bay windows above the waterline. The cabins have a comfortable double bed as well as a convertible sofa that can be used as an extra double bed, a well equipped kitchen, with a dishwasher and microwave oven, and a comfortable bathroom with a shower and toilet.

From the terraces (and from the steering cabin in Captain’s Cabin), there’s plenty of room to enjoy the spectacular views of the harbor and the architecture that Rotterdam is famous for.

If you’re staying as a group, the cabins can be joined into one large accommodation for 4-10 people.

Please be aware that our ship is located in the city centre and we have a lot of neighbors nearby with whom we want to maintain a good relationship, so NO PARTIES, no nudity outside and please keep volume down in daytime and after 10pm be super silent outside. Aboard of our ship 2 outside cameras and a sound sensor are installed for safety and monitoring reasons.

In this guide, we will give you some essential information to make your stay in Rotterdam enjoyable and exciting.

We wish you a great stay!

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Safety

Children should be watched closely at all times when you are aboard De Coaster, as well as during embarking and disembarking.

Unfortunately, the ship is not accessible for wheelchair users.

A life buoy is located on outside wall of the Steering Cabin.

All cabins are equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as fire extinguishers. Fire blankets are located below the kitchen sink.

Smoking is not allowed indoors. If you wish to smoke outside, please use the ashtrays. Never throw cigarettes or ash into the water.

Please review the emergency exit routes for your safety:

Popeye's Cabin: Exit via the front door from the living room or via the rope ladder from the bedroom.

Olive's Cabin: Exit via the main door or via the double doors between Olive's and Popeye's Cabin. The key is hanging right next to the door. From Popeye's Cabin, exit via the front door from the living room or via the rope ladder in the bedroom.

Captain's Cabin: Exit via the escape window above the bed, via the stairs to the steering cabin or via the main door.

Privacy:

Please do not attempt to open the double doors between the Olive's Cabin and Popeye's Cabin, unless there is an emergency.

Practical info

Check in / Check out

Check-in time: from 4pm(early check-in on request)

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

Self-service check-in:

The entrance to Olive's Cabin and Captain's Cabin are found at the aft (rear) side of the ship. Please unlock the steel door and after that it's the left door. To open this one you need to have a code which will be sent to you before your arrival by email by us/Nuki. To lock the door just push once on the triangle of the keypad or from inside turn the not or push on it. At checking-out please set the lock again on the door.

Wifi

Select network: De Coaster. The password is "Marina2020!"

TV-Beamer

On the ceiling a digital beamer & an android-TV is installed and usable to watch TV, Netflix or something else and can be connected with the provided HDMI cable that ends in the wooden closet next to it. The remote controls of beamer and Android-TV are located on top of the decorative fireplace. When using these direct these to the ceiling as the devices are located there. We also provide a mini-bluetooth keyboard for you to use...can be practical.

(Central) heating system

We use a carbon neutral pellet heating system. You may hear the pellets fall into the heating system when it's very quiet. Sometimes an alarm is triggered when not enough pellets fall through, no worries it's no reason for panic 😊 Please let us know if this happens so we can reset the system; normally we can do this remotely.

Next to this we have a decorative fireplace that also is able to heat, usable in extreme cold.

Condensation

Condensation is a natural phenomenon on board. You may occasionally see water droplets coming from the ceiling. This is nothing to worry about.

Terrace: Please only use the terrace deck directly above your Cabin. Only on explicit approval of your neighbours other terraces can be used. We friendly invite you to give access to your terrace to other guests in your absence. Simply indicate availability of your terrace to other guests by sliding the signing boards in the entrance hall for dayparts they are welcome. Use the parasol only with no or few wind and close it after usage or when you're gone.

Public transport

You can reach the tram stop, metro- and railway station "Blaak" in less than 5 minutes on foot.

Waste

Please don't flush tampons, strong tissues, condoms and other waste through the toilet as this may clog the wastepipes and may cause overflowing. A waste bin is provided in your bathroom. Full waste bags can be dropped at the nearby waste containers at the opposite site of the water next to the Regentessebrug, the bridge with the 4 Lions on it.

OPTIONAL SERVICES – Bookable via our webapp in advance

Parking

If you wish to park on the street near De Coaster, you can get a discount when you preregister your licence number with us. Parking on the street costs EUR 19,50 per day. Alternative parking options are the parkings at The Red Apple (Wijnbrugstraat 22) or under the Markthal (when preregistered online only €12,50 per day, check <https://parkereninmarkthal.nl/en/>).

Breakfast

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

Lunch

We also offer an extensive lunch package on the boat consisting of mixed sandwiches, hot croquettes, fresh fruit juices and fruit, yoghurt, milk and some sweets. Cost: €15,- per person, a minimum of 3 persons applies

The Jacuzzi @ deck terrace – usable until 10pm

If you want to relax after a long day of sightseeing, we offer the unique experience of our private jacuzzi on the deck terrace. It can be used year-round and comfortably seats up to 5 persons. The water temperature is 37-40 degrees. Cost: €30 per day. Please make your reservation at least one day ahead. Caution: never use glass in or around the jacuzzi.

Usage after 10pm is prohibited, just as nude bathing; always wear swimwear...you're visible from streetlevel and from the skyscrapers around you☺

Meet Walli, our cozy electric boat

Float around with Walli, an old authentic small boat with a convenient and quiet electric motor. Wally seats a maximum of 4 persons. Cost: €45 per day. Caution: never take the small boat onto the river Maas.

History



De Coaster was built in 1909 at 'Gebroeders Coops' shipyards in Hoogezand, The Netherlands. She was originally destined to be a sailing ship for a German company. Her original name "Henry" was later changed to "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 its 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.





The entire ship was isolated with 8 cm thick sandwich panels.



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. .



