

Welcome Guide of The Coaster – Popeye’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.

Entrance from the quay is solid and reliable. Living/kitchen has large ceiling windows for extra light and bay windows just above the waterline. The sofa can be converted into an extra (double) bed. When you want to eat in, you can easily cook in the fully equipped kitchen. Lovely bedroom in the bow of the ship, with luxury bedding and linen. Separate bathroom with toilet & shower.

All 3 Cabins can be joined to one large living space (fits 4 – 10 people). Terrace on deck with a wonderful view. Caution: please take care of little children because of the surrounding water and the tide. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

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.

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. When not respecting our house rules and causing complaints of our neighbors, a direct end of your stay and withdrawal of a deposit will be effected, so please be aware of your environment and keep it nice😊

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. 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 (1pm for €25 supplement)

Check-out time: until 11am (1pm for €20 supplement)

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: The 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.

Central heating system

We use a carbon neutral pellet heating system. You can hear the pellets fall in the heating system when it's quiet;-)

Sometimes an alarm is triggered if not enough pellets fall in the heating system. It need to be set off and on again. Please let us know if this is the case as we can do this remotely!

Condensed water

It's natural that on some places some condense water can come from the ceiling sometimes, so don't panic;-)

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 tot 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:

Popeye's Cabin: From the living room via the glass frontdoor or from the bedroom via the rope ladder to deck.

Olive's Cabin: Via the entrance door or via the in-between doors to the front apartment by using the key next to door and take the front door there or use the rope ladder in the front bedroom tot the deck.

Captain's Cabin: 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 to the 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. 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

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 neighbouring garages like the one of The Red Apple (Wijnbrugstraat 22) or under the Markthal, when preregistered online at their website www.parkereninmarkthal.nl from only €12,50 per day!

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.

The Jacuzzi @ deck terrace – usable until 10pm

To get the best out of your stay AND get lazied after a long day of sightseeing, we offer a unique experience by using our Jacuzzi, usable year-round at a nice water temperature of 37-40 degrees Celcius. We calculate €30 per selected day (if available). It perfectly seats max. 5 persons and is great to enjoy Rotterdam nights. 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!

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 Wally, 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 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 she's is reshaped to its present size: 30 cm heightened, 5 metres lengthened and a different front and rear, so quite different. Its maximum load was 172 Ton or 172 cars. Her actual length is

28,50 metres and 5,22 metres wide. The Coaster sailed between Denmark, Sweden and Germany. And its freight was mainly wood.

In 1978 she stopped served as a business ship. She was bought by a Dutch guy and used for the Sea Scouting and unfortunately was neglected, see pics.



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 weight of the motor is 14000 pound. The reversing clutch weights 2400 pound.



A big hole without any perspective remained....the build up could start....



The ship all looked ready to sail but wit hits new motor it could sail; you can check the video:

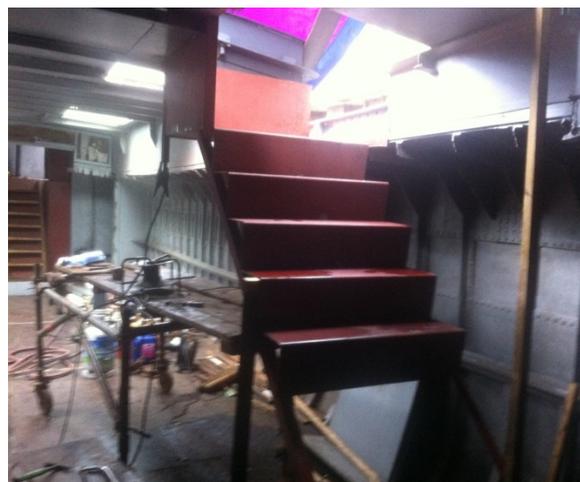
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The motor makes 1200 tours max. And ca. 700 tours at half power. It's a semi-slow, used a lot at ships of type "Spitsen" that sailed from Belgium and The Netherlands to Southern France with loads. Average it took 4 weeks and 56 waterlocks had to be passed, some of them with a 10 metre difference. The DK6 is a very trustworthy motor. The Coaster can sail at ca 10 knots (= 16 km per hour) at half power.



It was painted but a lot inside still needed to be done. Walls needed to be torn down and a new entrance was made.



The front end of the ship was cleaned and painted. Preparations for the rear Cabin what in Spring 2020 finally will be realized. On the picture you can see a lot of rafters. Our Coaster has so many as it is also eligible to sail through light icy waters.



Then the portholes were made.



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



And after that water resistant panels were set.



Then the heating and water system was built in so nowadays we heaten carbon neutrally.



In January 2020, the current owners bought the ship with the aim of making the ship one of the eye-catchers of the Wijnhaven and expand it with a new steering hut in combination with a third Cabin in the back. In Spring 2020 solar panels will be put at the roof of the new steering hut.

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 that 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. .

