



— The Schooner —
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What should I pack? That may just be our most frequently asked question. Here is a list of what you will want to bring with you on your windjammer cruise.

Pack in soft luggage; a duffel bag is perfect. The schooner has a 12-volt electrical system which means no hair dryers, electric razors, etc. There are no electrical outlets to plug into however each cabin has a 12-volt outlet and USB port for charging cell phones. Cell phone reception is spotty at best, but if you would like to bring one please use it discreetly. If you use a CPAP machine, please see the note below. Please do not bring portable TV sets or radios.

Fresh linens and blankets are provided in each cabin. If you are won over by the romance of sleeping out under the stars, you should bring your sleeping bag. We do not allow our mattresses, quilts, blankets, or pillows on deck.

Keep in mind that in May, June, September, and October, the sailing is brisk and the weather is cool. You will want to bring wool sweaters, slacks, wool socks, gloves, hat, and long johns.

What to pack?

- Sneakers, deck shoes or soft soled shoes (2 pairs)
- Wool socks (2 pairs - for June and September sailing)
- Slacks, jeans, or sweatpants (elastic waists are really comfortable)
- Shorts and shirts (both long- and short-sleeved)
- Long underwear (for June and September sailing)
- A heavy sweater or two
- Windbreaker
- Bathing suit and an extra towel for swimming
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Waterproof rain gear- a jacket and pants (Pants are as important as jackets. No rain ponchos please. They are hazardous and next to useless.)
- Flashlight or book reading light for in bed
- Binoculars, camera (batteries and memory card), sketch pad, craft projects
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)

Optional: Stadium seat/chair for back support (no metal pieces on the bottom), a solar charger or external battery for your smart phone/tablet, water bottle, wet wipes, and/or lip balm.

In our “Ship Store”, we do have warm clothing items (hats, jackets, sweatshirts etc.) and rain gear available to purchase, as well as t-shirts, baseball caps, and other items with our logo. If you’d like to order rain gear ahead of time, please give us a call with your size so we can have it here for you; it's one less thing to worry about packing. We will need at least 3 weeks’ notice for advance orders so we have time to get it in before your trip.

CPAP machine – Please let us know ahead of time if you require, and will be bringing a CPAP machine with you. We recognize that traveling with a CPAP might cause some worry because, as much as you crave adventure, breathing comfortably through the night is important. Fret not. You are welcome to bring your CPAP along. Your best option is to bring your own battery supply, a battery that works for your specific CPAP or battery you can connect your machine to. As there are many different brands and setups of CPAP machines nowadays, batteries are not something we provide, unfortunately. A lot of manufacturers make their own CPAP battery kits designed specifically for their product. The second-best option is to bring a lighter plug adapter that plugs directly into your machine. Do NOT bring an inverter, it will not be useful. You will want a cord that plugs directly into your machine and into a 12-volt socket/auxiliary outlet. Lastly, Google “camping with a CPAP” and you will find some good tips, tricks, and suggestions from folks who have found alternative “traveling with a CPAP” solutions

Note: We have found that newer models (ones that have a humidifier/heater) do not work with our battery power system. If your model falls in this category, you will want to source a battery that will work for your specific machine.

Other Helpful Hints:

- All vessels are a little damp. Pack your clothing items in small plastic bags before packing them in your duffel. They will stay dry.
- Layers are your best friend. The weather and temperature change constantly. Layers give you far more options than one heavy garment.
- Remember that May, June, September, and October, the sailing is brisk and the weather is cool so extra layers and warm clothing items are important.
- Even sailing in July and August, our warmest months here in Maine, the wind on the ocean can be cold as can evenings after the sun goes down. Having long-sleeve and long-leg pants are important.