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## ***Cayman Aggressor V***

### **Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office**

#### **Office Hours**

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#### **QUICK REFERENCE – AIRPORT, TRANSFERS & FEES**

**Recommended Arrival/Boarding/Departure – Grand Cayman's international airport (GCM), officially the Owen Roberts International Airport.** Guests arriving on Saturday from 11:30 am – 6 pm are greeted at the airport by a Cayman representative who will assist you with your luggage and getting a taxi at the dispatch station. He will be wearing a Cayman Aggressor V hat and shirt and will have the guests name on a sign. If guests are unable to locate the representative, they are to go to the taxi dispatch stand (right when you walk out of customs/immigration) and call the local boat cell number (listed above). Telephones are located throughout the airport. Cayman taxi regulations only allow tourists to be picked up from the airport by registered taxis. If you are already in Grand Cayman, please make your own way to the Cayman Aggressor V anytime after 4:00 p.m. Passengers can arrive up until the last flight Saturday evening. **Airport transfers are not included in the cost of your charter.** At the end of the charter, the Captain will assist with organizing transportation to the airport or hotel if you are extending your stay.

The Cayman Aggressor V docks in downtown George Town at the North Terminal, weather dependent. During the winter months and the occasional times when the downtown area experiences chopping seas, the Cayman Aggressor V may be moored at a local marina. Note that if the Cayman Aggressor V is not docked in town because of rough seas or weather; there is always somewhere calm you can board the yacht.

#### **FEES & TAXES:**

A port fee of \$95 pp (7 nts) or \$135 pp (10 nts) will be collected at the end of the week.

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## CAYMAN AGGRESSOR V INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with tableside service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. The yacht is equipped with hairdryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week upon request and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

## ITINERARY

Throughout the week you may dive all areas of Grand Cayman, the Russian Destroyer in Cayman Brac and the Bloody Bay Wall area of Little Cayman. The itinerary is completely dependent on the winds and weather. With all dives from the mother ship, unlimited diving is offered. Diving begins Sunday morning and ends Friday around noon when the Aggressor returns to port. The staff hosts a sunset cocktail party at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner ashore. Saturday morning check out is at 8 am. Transportation can be arranged to the Grand Cayman Airport or a local hotel in the vicinity of the yacht. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to go ashore for swimming, snorkeling and beach combing.

## WELCOME

Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" prior to traveling from [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). The Reservations Office and Cayman Aggressor V are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. There is a satellite phone onboard; however, it does not have a recorder.

We recommend you pack a swimsuit, change of clothes, medication and toiletries in your carry on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

## PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Grand Cayman, BWI. Travelers must have a passport that is valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. ***The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.***

## C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive onboard discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

## GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)

The Reservations office and the Cayman Aggressor V require each guest to complete an Application and Waiver prior to departure and boarding through the online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call an Aggressor agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding.*** Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE/EMAIL

There is a computer station and satellite phone onboard. It is possible your cell phone/email will work depending on your service provider; however, we suggest you check with your provider prior to traveling. If you need to send an email, you may use the boats email account (there is a cost). Web browsing is not available.

## INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and

interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness, family illness or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, be familiar with Aggressor cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). More information can be found on dive accident and travel insurance on Aggressor's website.

## HEALTH

The Cayman Aggressor V has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. The recompression chamber is located in Grand Cayman.

Aggressor yachts and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safe keeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession of or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in your stateroom. There is NO smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the rear of the sun deck.

## THE YACHT

The Cayman Aggressor V is a 120' yacht with a wide beam. Built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, she is diesel-powered, cruises at 10 knots and has 110-volt power onboard. Accommodations include two balcony suites, five Deluxe staterooms, each having two single beds or a king, and three twin staterooms each with two single beds, all side by side. All staterooms have climate controls, TV's and private bathrooms.

The Cayman Aggressor V sleeps 20 guests in privacy and comfort. She features a roomy, air conditioned salon and dining area, sun deck complete with a hot tub, lounge and deck chairs, stereo and CD player (has an iPod plug-in), shaded wet bar and grill, a complete photo center with a digital video and still photo editing computer. Diving amenities include Nitrox (unlimited Nitrox is \$100 per week or \$150 for 10 night trips), camera table with low-pressure air hoses, and two hot, fresh water showers. The Cayman Aggressor V staterooms each have a safe aboard to store valuables such as passports, cash, credit cards or anything else you would like to store. The yacht is not responsible any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

## FOOD

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of American feasts, barbecues and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please be sure these are noted when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Chef prepared dinners are seated and served each evening including: salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location.

## BEVERAGES

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your special brand from the U.S. or last duty free point. Due to local regulations; the bar will be closed while the boat is in port. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

## PACKING

Please plan to travel light, as on all liveaboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for your time on shore.

## **REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN**

Some sunscreen ingredients are not safe for corals; these include oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. Research indicates that these chemicals can cause DNA damage to corals, promote viruses in corals, and contribute to the bleaching of corals. So that we can help protect our reefs, and because some dive destinations have banned these chemicals, we encourage our guests to choose and use a sunscreen that is "coral safe".

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital presentation or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard as well as fish identification books for reference.

## **CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION**

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100<sup>th</sup> dive, please let us know so the staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the Reservations Office prior to traveling so the staff is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

You will be diving in water that averages 82°F in the summer months and approximately 78°F in the winter months. Most guests make as many as 5 dives each day, so some sort of protection is needed. A 1-3mm wetsuit or shorty is recommended year round, however some people prefer a 5mm in January/February. All diving is from the mother ship.

## **DIVING**

The staff of the Cayman Aggressor V, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a buddy of your choice, or dive with one of the staff members. The yacht offers up to five dives per day (2 on the last day) including night dives.

The Cayman Aggressor V provides 80 cubic ft. tanks, weight belts and weights. The stern and platform area is very spacious. The boarding ladders were designed for convenience to allow divers easy entries and exits. Enjoy fresh water showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel. All diving onboard the Cayman Aggressor V should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned no decompression dives.

## **DIVING SUPERVISION**

You've chosen a LiveAboard vacation for the diving freedom that it offers. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive starts with a dive briefing from the yacht staff. However, as a certified diver, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your own dives within the limitations set forth by the briefing. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers. They will also have staff in the water offering support, u/w photography and videography, and critter spotting services as well. On some dive sites a staff member will offer to lead a group and assist them in locating specific points of interest. However, the yacht does not offer direct supervision of dives. If you start out with a group, as long as you and your buddy remain in contact with each other and are ok – you may follow your own dive plan. Divers who desire more personal attention and structured/supervised dives should consider taking one of the yachts numerous specialty courses. An underlying skill featured in all of specialty training is planning, executing, and debriefing after your dive in order to build a more confident diver.

## **DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS**

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, buoyancy compensator, dive computer, dive light, mirror, safety sausage, Dive Alert and/or other safety devices. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

## **CONSERVATION LAWS**

The yacht does not allow spear fishing or collecting of any kind.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of Aqualung rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night- lights. If any of your dive equipment fails while onboard, the staff will loan you equipment free of charge.

## **CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES**

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography, Master Diver and more. Open Water Certification Courses & Check-Out Dives are offered as well. A list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

## **PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

The Cayman Aggressor V offers a complete digital photo facility including a PC for downloading photos. The photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. Photo equipment is available to rent separately or as a complete set up. The Cayman Aggressor V has a strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

*Please refer to our web site, [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.*

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD**

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Cayman Aggressor V to share with family and friends. Video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and crew) are USD \$65 per person.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique onboard, which sells a selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, and miscellaneous items. One day during the week, the staff will have a 'boutique day'. The Cayman Aggressor V accepts cash, Visa, & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, traveler's checks, AMEX or Discover Cards.

## **FRIDAY**

Friday morning, the Captain or assistant will collect payment for purchases made throughout the week. After lunch, the Cayman Aggressor V returns to George Town to provision and fuel for the following week. This is your opportunity to go duty-free shopping or sightseeing. The Cayman Aggressor V hosts a sunset cocktail party Friday evening at 6 p.m. Dinner is not served onboard which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The George Town area has many fine restaurants that are in walking distance from where the yacht docks.

## **GRATUITIES**

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account Friday morning, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made using cash, Visa or MasterCard.

## **CHECKOUT**

Check out is Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be offered prior to departing. The staff will assist with arranging transportation to the airport or to your hotel in the George Town area. (transportation costs not included in price of charter)

## **ADVENTURE LOGS**

Each week we post the log of the previous charter on the website and facebook. Please feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) and go to the Adventure log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.