

The skipper/owner, Andy Cuthbertson, is an experienced boatman and diver, with many years working and diving in Scapa Flow and Orkney waters. He also does more technical trips so please ask for further details. He has a vast knowledge of the history and location of wrecks so, if there are any questions, just ask him! He is a DoT/RYA certified skipper as well as having HSE, IANTD and sport diving qualifications.

The Jean Elaine has a crewman, Mark, who makes a dam good cup of tea.

The layout of the Jean Elaine and MV Sharon Rose is designed for both day boat charters and for live-aboard. The saloon is spacious and relaxing, whilst copious deck space and a drying/changing room makes kitting up that much more comfortable.

The Jean Elaine is a large and stable diving platform and, new for 2009, has the very welcome addition of a [divers lift](#) to help you out of the water.

The usual boat charter runs from Saturday, your arrival day, to the following Saturday. Diving starts on Sunday through to Friday. Two dives a day and air are included . We can offer longer or shorter dive times. Please also ask us about long weekends.

Liveboard Accommodation

Jean Elaine is fully fitted as a self-catering liveboard charterboat, sleeping twelve divers in comfort. Duvets and pillows are provided. Below deck there is one 4-berth cabin aft and three twin berths and two single cabins forward. There is a shower room and toilet facilities.

Both boats have a large fully fitted saloon with connecting galley. The galley is fully equipped with cooker, grill, sink, crockery and cooking utensils. Ample locker space is provided for food storage. 240 volt power is available in the evenings when tied up in harbour for charging mobiles, torch batteries etc.

We also have a TV and DVD player for your use. There are a few DVD's around for your use, but you can also bring some along.

Dayboat Charters

If you prefer not to live aboard, Abyss Dive Centre can help to arrange shore-based accommodation. While on the boat you get to enjoy the added convenience and luxury a liveboard can offer.

Air/Nitrox/Trimix

Included in the price are the use of lead weights, 12 & 15 litre 232 bar cylinders. You are more than welcome to bring your own. On board are two independent 12 cu ft compressors linked to a sizeable bank. Nitrox is also available on board, although not included in charter price. Both boats are an IANTD Registered Nitrox Facility offering a full range of bottom and decompression gasses together with IANTD courses. Other gases can also be arranged on request.



Boat specifications For MV Jean Elaine

The Jean Elaine is powered by a 232HP Gardner diesel engine. The wheelhouse is fully fitted with VHF, colour echo sounder, radar and GPS.

The Jean Elaine is certified to the MCA Code of Practice Category II. This means she has had stability and safety surveys undertaken and is rated for undertaking voyages up to 60 miles offshore. The Jean Elaine is also licenced by the Orkney Islands Council to carry passengers and is regularly inspected by an independent surveyor to ensure all necessary safety equipment is onboard.

The Jean Elaine has full 3rd party and passenger liability insurance. Divers are reminded that this insurance does not cover them when diving and you should make sure that you have your own diving cover.

Above Deck



Heated Changing Room



Spacious Saloon leading onto the Fully Equipped Galley



Benches can easily store the large kit bags underneath for easy access



Home tank cylinders are included in the charter price and can be used individually or you can also twin them up

Fully Equipped Galley with a view



Galley



Below Decks – Forward



Aft Cabins

