

# Seabirding Terms and Conditions

## Registration & Payment:

Reservations should be made in advance. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. To reserve space on any trip fill out our online registration form at Seabirding.com with your preferred trip date(s). We will let you know if space is available and if your reservation is accepted. Then you can either send a check or money order payable to Brian Patteson, Inc. or use PayPal to make a payment on our website. If you choose the latter, please be sure to let us know so we can ensure your reservation is credited for that amount. Reservations will be accepted as long as there is space on a trip, but avoid waiting until the last minute as some trips sell out, while others might have to be cancelled if they are under-subscribed (an infrequent circumstance now that we operate on our own vessel).

-For a single trip, send full payment.

-For multiple trips, send either full payment or half of the total for each member of your party. If a 50% deposit is made, the balance is due 8 weeks before the trip.

When sending your deposit by mail, be sure to enclose a note with your name and reservation date(s).

In the event that you register for a trip that is already filled, you will be placed on a waiting list pending cancellations for that trip. If you have any questions about availability, please call us before sending in your registration. We do not recommend making flight plans, motel reservations, etc. until you know that we have space on the trip you are signing up for!

Trips without a minimum number of participants two to four weeks prior to sailing may be cancelled. To avoid this circumstance make your reservations early. Do not wait until the last minute to sign up. In the rare event that a trip for which you are registered is cancelled, you will be notified at least two weeks prior to the scheduled date.

Our trip fees do not include a gratuity for the crew / leaders / spotters. Please plan to have some cash available for this. Standards for tipping are the same as for restaurants and our crew splits the money received.

## Cancellations:

**By trip registrants:** Our new policy is that all deposits are non-refundable less than 4 months prior to a departure. Cancellation for a deposit made by check or money order more than 4 months out may either receive a refund or a credit with no expiration on a future trip with a comparable itinerary from the same port of departure. There is a \$20 cancellation fee for the refund option. Deposits made by PayPal or EFT are not refundable.

Cancellations less than 4 months and more than 2 months prior to departure may receive a credit on a future trip (same port/itinerary) that is good for two years from the original date of departure. Credits issued for cancellations are non-transferable.

Cancellations less than 2 months prior to a departure result in forfeiture of deposit. Cancelling parties are allowed to transfer their reservations to another party if they do so more than two weeks prior to the departure date and the replacement party supplies us with a registration via our online form.

Within 2 weeks of a trip there are no refunds, credits, or transfers.

**By us:** If we have to cancel a trip we offer one of two options to compensate.

1. Full refund of deposit
2. Full credit on a future departure (same port/itinerary) with no expiration date, credits are non-transferable

We reserve the right to cancel a trip at any time for a variety of reasons. Occasionally we need to cancel because of weather. For most trips, a decision will not be made until the morning of the trip, as a variety of factors need to be considered to assess what sea conditions might develop or endure over the course of the day. Be aware that rain and or thunderstorms can impact our itinerary for a trip but we seldom entirely cancel a departure for either reason.

### **Weather:**

Anyone who signs up for a trip with a weather date (typical in the winter) is obligated to go offshore on the weather date if necessary or forfeit their payment.

### **Liability:**

BE CAREFUL WHILE ABOARD SHIP! Brian Patteson, Inc. acts only as the agent for the carrier of these trips and cannot be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, lost, stolen or damaged articles, seasickness, or other misfortunes resulting from participation on these trips.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

-These trips are not recommended for children under the age of 12.

-Expectant mothers should not sign up.

-The trips could be hazardous for persons with certain health problems; please inquire if you have any concerns.

-No pets are permitted aboard ship.

-Brian Patteson, Inc. cannot be held responsible for any target species not seen on any tour; we will try our best to find all of the specialties, but there are no guarantees for success. It is your responsibility to tell us what you want to see and speak up if you need help!

**Copyright 2020 Brian Patteson, Inc. T/A Seabirding  
P.O. Box 772 Hatteras, NC 27943 (252) 986-1363 brian@patteson.com**