

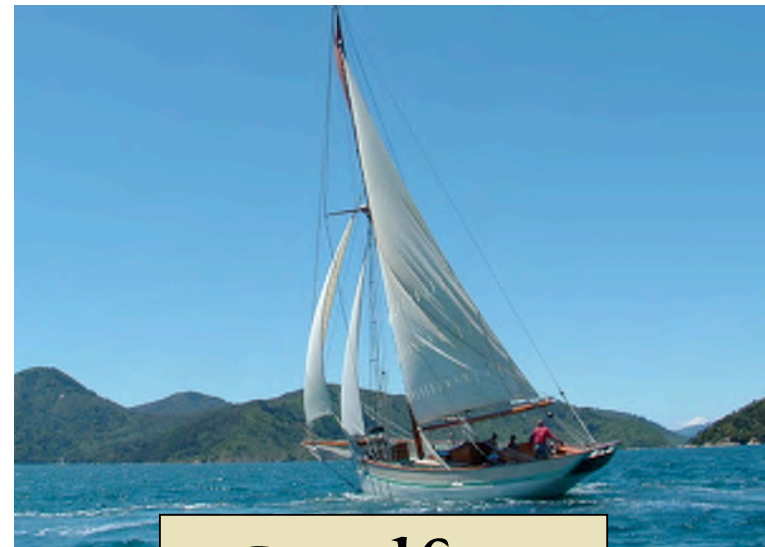


Steadfast Traditional Sail

Sailing on Steadfast can be pretty exciting at times, but more often it is an experience of taking one's ease in the midst of astounding natural beauty. Wilderness beckons the intrepid spirit, and Steadfast heeds the call! Dolphins, penguins, gannets, and shags are just some of the regular visitors to our travelling home-on-the-sea, as we sail in search of new vistas. An ever-changing panorama of islands, headlands and bays fills the eye with beauty and a sense of presence, here, far from the clamour of the modern world. When the sun goes down, a peaceful and secluded anchorage provides the perfect setting for a relaxing meal with friends.

Steadfast's skipper and crew take pride in offering an experience of cruising under sail that is beyond the ordinary. Service is high on our list of priorities, and meals are a synthesis of gourmet and plain old delicious home cooking. And as former wine producers, we can also appreciate the pleasure of a good drop! Passenger accommodation is simple but elegant in seven single berths, and the general accommodation is generous and full of character. Participation in setting and handling sail is heartily welcomed, but not expected.

In addition to her regular cruising programme, Steadfast is also available for private or corporate charter. With her traditional block and tackle rigging, she is ideal for team building events, and the spacious main saloon can comfortably seat twelve. Steadfast is also a great venue for family gatherings and retreats. Join us for a quiet adventure!



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"After watching a brief demonstration on how to pull on a rope, we all join in to get the big mainsail up (haul and tail, haul and tail), and now we're standing back, looking up, and marvelling at the huge spread of canvas spread aloft. Getting the staysail up is a much quicker affair. Then the skipper eases out the mainsheet and turns off the engine, as the ship heels over to the breeze and gathers way across the harbour."

Silence is one of the things that makes sailing so naturally enjoyable, revealing all the little sounds that we don't hear when the engine is running. And the movement of a 40 tonne gaff cutter – whether powering along under a fresh breeze, or ghosting in light airs – is truly a wonder to behold.

Steadfast can usually be found sailing around the Marlborough Sounds, D'Urville Island, and Tasman Bay. She also breaks out for extended cruising in New Zealand and the South Pacific during the winter. Her current Cruising Programme can be found on our website, or call Laurence for further details.

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