Ocean Cruising Club Cookie Policy

We use cookies on all our websites to improve performance and enhance your user experience. Below we explain how we do that.

Contents:

1. What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files which a website may put on your computer or mobile device when you first visit a site or page. The cookie will help the website, or another website, to recognise your device the next time you visit. Web beacons or other similar files can also do the same thing. We use the term "cookies" in this policy to refer to all files that collect information in this way. There are many functions cookies serve.

All cookies that the OCC website uses are anonymized, including the login cookie which stores a user ID and not the username. Most cookies won't collect information that identifies you, and will instead collect more general information such as how users arrive at and use our websites, or a user's general location.

2. What sort of cookies does the OCC use?

Generally, our cookies perform the following functions:

2.1. Essential cookies
Some cookies are essential for the operation of our website. For example, some cookies allow us to identify members and ensure they can access the member only pages. If a member opts to disable these cookies, the user will not be able to access all of the content available, for example pages which have a two-way interaction such as completing a form or submitting a search request.

2.2. Functionality and Performance Cookies

We use Microsoft Azure website analytics to help us monitor our website traffic. Analytics will monitor site functionality and identify which pages are being used and which are not. For example, we might use performance cookies to keep track of which pages are most popular, which method of linking between pages is most effective, and to determine why some pages are receiving error messages.
This allows us to provide a high quality experience by customising our offering and quickly identifying and fixing any issues that arise.

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2.3. Behaviourally Targeted Advertising Cookies

The OCC does not use cookies to serve you with advertisements.

3. Does anyone else use cookies on the OCC websites?

Marine Traffic puts cookies onto a user's device whenever a user accesses the OCC Fleet Map. These cookies will not result in advertising on the OCC websites, but may result in targeted advertising being posted elsewhere e.g. Facebook and Google search results.

If you are based in the European Union and would like to learn more about how advertisers use these types of cookies or to choose not to receive them, please visit www.youronlinechoices.eu. If you are based in the United States and would like to learn more, please visit http://www.aboutads.info/choices/.

4. Can a website user block cookies?

As we've explained above, cookies help you to get the most out of our website.

The first time you accessed our website you should have seen an overlay which explained that by continuing to access our site, you are consenting to our use of cookies. However, if you do wish to disable our cookies then please follow the instructions on our "How to Manage Cookies" page.

Please remember that if you do choose to disable cookies, you may find that certain sections of our website do not work properly as described at 2.1.

5. Do we track whether users open our emails?

Our emails using Constant Contact may contain a single "web beacon pixel" to tell us whether our emails are opened and verify any clicks through to links within the email. We may use this information for purposes including determining which of our emails are more interesting to users, and to query why users do not open our emails. The pixel will be deleted when you delete the email. If you do not wish the pixel to be downloaded to your device, you should select to receive emails from us in plain text rather than HTML.

6. More Information

More detail on how organisations use cookies is available at www.allaboutcookies.org.

How to manage cookies

As we explain in our Cookie Policy, cookies help you to get the most out of our website. If you do disable our cookies you may find that certain sections of our website do not work, as described above at 2.1.

How to enable and disable cookies using your browser:

Google Chrome

- Click the spanner/wrench icon on the browser toolbar

- Select Settings

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- Click 'Show advanced settings'

- In the "Privacy" section, click the 'Content settings 'button

- To enable cookies in the "Cookies" section, pick 'Allow local data to be set', this will enable both first-party and third-party cookies. To allow only first-party cookies pick 'Block all third-party cookies without exception'

- To disable cookies, in the "Cookies" section, pick 'Block sites from setting any data'

- Note there are various levels of cookie enablement and disablement in Chrome. For more information on other cookie settings offered in Chrome, refer to the following page from Google: http://support.google.com/chrome/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=95647

Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0, 7.0, 8.0

- Click on 'Tools' at the top of your browser window and select 'Internet Options'

- In the options window navigate to the 'Privacy' tab

- To enable cookies: Set the slider to 'Medium 'or below

- To disable cookies: Move the slider to the top to block all cookies

- Note there are various levels of cookie enablement and disablement in Explorer. For more information on other cookie settings offered in Internet Explorer, refer to the following page from Microsoft: http://windows.Microsoft.com/en-GB/windows-vista/Block-or-allow-cookies

Mozilla Firefox

- Click on 'Tools' at the browser menu and select 'Options'

- Select the Privacy panel

- To enable cookies: Check 'Accept cookies for sites'

- To disable cookies: Uncheck 'Accept cookies for sites'

- Note there are various levels of cookie enablement and disablement in Firefox. For more information, refer to the following page from Mozilla: http://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/Enabling%20and%20disabling%20cookies

Opera

- Click on 'Setting 'at the browser menu and select 'Settings'

- Select 'Quick Preferences'

- To enable cookies: check "Enable Cookies"

- To disable cookies: uncheck "Enable Cookies"

- Note there are various levels of cookie enablement and disablement in Opera. For more information on other cookie settings offered in Opera, refer to the following page from Opera SoRACware: www.opera.com/browser/tutorials/security/privacy/.

Safari on OSX

- Click on 'Safari' at the menu bar and select the 'Preferences' option

- Click on 'Security'

- To enable cookies: In the 'Accept cookies' section select 'Only from site you navigate to'

- To disable cookies: In the 'Accept cookies 'section select 'Never'

- Note there are various levels of cookie enablement and disablement in Safari. For more information on other cookie settings offered in Safari, refer to the following page from Apple: http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?path=Safari/3.0/en/9277.html

- All other browsers

- Please look for a "help" function in the browser or contact the browser provider.