

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 send check or money order payable to **Brian Patteson, Inc.** You can also use PayPal to make a payment on our website, if you do this, please make a note on your registration form and send us an email indicating your trip preference. **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 total for each member of your party. **If a 50% deposit is made, the balance is due one month before the trip.**

When sending your deposit, be sure to enclose a completed and **signed** registration form.

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. A Sunday trip that is cancelled for lack of participants may sometimes be used for a weather date if Saturday is sufficiently enrolled. We also may offer to run a trip with six or less participants on our smaller vessel, the **Skua**.

Our trip fees do not include a gratuity for the crew / leaders / spotters. Please plan to have some cash available for this.

Cancellations:

Cancellations will be accepted and refunded minus a \$10 handling fee (per person) up to one month before a scheduled trip date. Following that, cancellations will be refunded only if a replacement can be found (usually from a waiting list) and are also subject to a \$10 per person handling fee. If the cancelling party can supply its own substitute, the handling fee will be waived. We will not issue refunds for payments made via PayPal, instead you will have a credit towards a future trip with us.

Weather:

Weather sometimes prevents us from going offshore. This is sometimes a judgment call the morning of the trip. In the event we are completely weathered out, you will receive a full refund. If we are forced to return to the dock early by weather, you may or may not receive a pro-rated refund depending on the distance traveled.

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. Brian Patteson, Inc. also reserves the right to cancel an advertised weather date if for any reason the boat becomes unavailable on that date.

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:

- Brian Patteson, Inc. reserves the right to change boats if for any reason the advertised vessel becomes unavailable.
- 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!