

Lighting

Percy Hunter believed that *'Oil lamp lighting imparts a certain mellowness, a special warm cosiness, to a yacht's cabin, compared with which storage battery lighting is cold and harsh, and is in any case not in the sailing tradition'*.

The oil lamps are set up correctly by the staff before the boats are let out. Tilt the glass aside to light the wick. The light will never be brilliant: turning up the wick will not make it brighter, it will just produce more soot, grease and fumes.



Although we strive to keep Percy's traditions alive, it is now becoming almost impossible to obtain spare parts for the oil lamps, particularly for the 2- and 3-berth boats. They are now being replaced gradually by wide-angle LED lights in each cabin.

As a bonus, a battery on board allows a USB port to be fitted for charging mobile phones and the like. This port is discreetly located on the bulkhead below the light and towards the side.

Unfortunately it is not possible to fit a large enough battery on Wood class boats to allow a USB charging point to be fitted.



Each cabin of all the boats now has a metal disc in the cabin top for a small LED light with a magnetic base. The boats are provided with these lights but please remember to leave them on the boat at the end of your holiday.

