

BRITISH
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ISLANDS

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INFORMATION SEMINAR

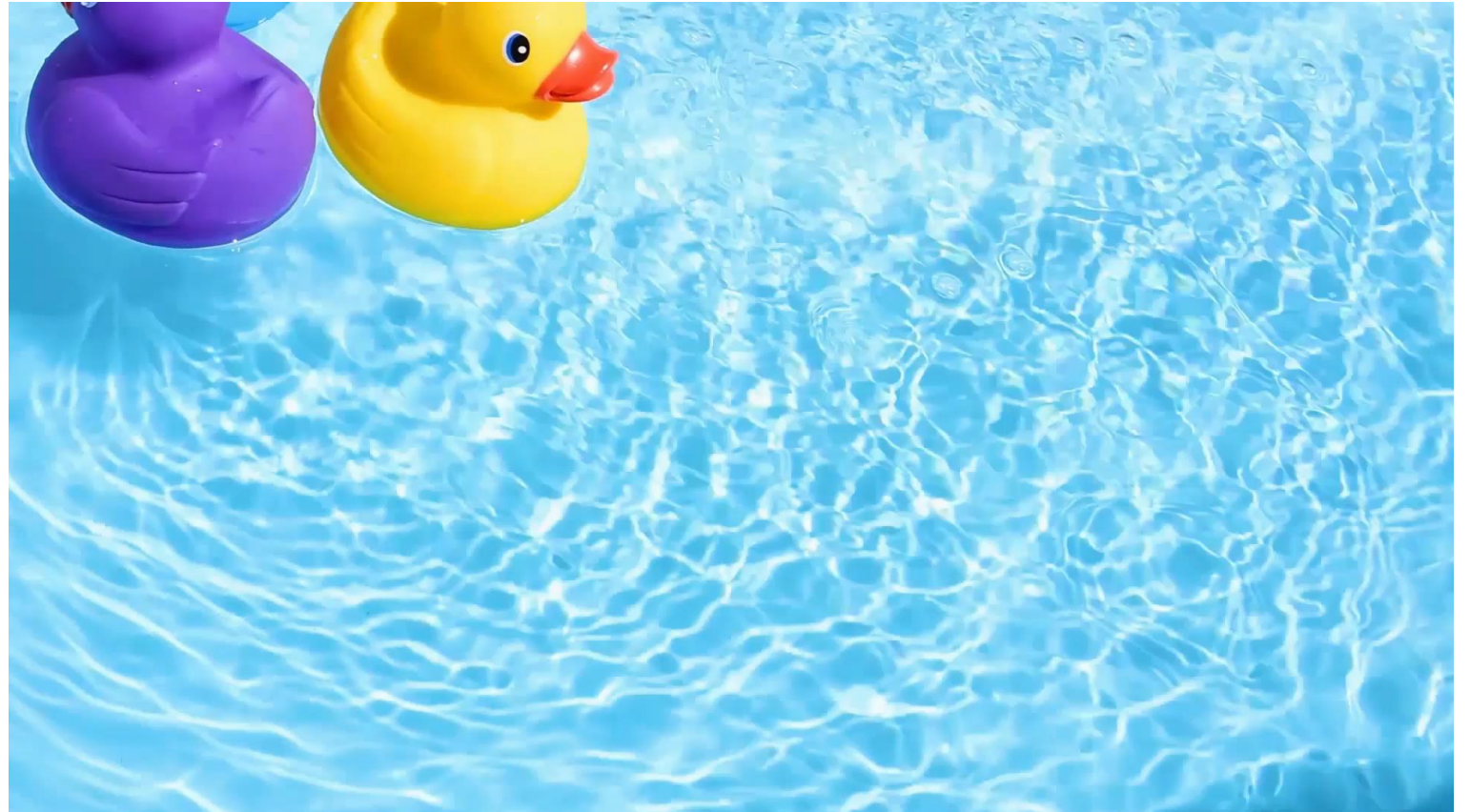


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INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Why Go To British Virgin Islands?

The British Virgin Islands, or BVI for short, are some of the most-exclusive and least-developed islands of the Caribbean, but this only adds to their appeal. The resorts, villas, restaurants and other tourist attractions in this paradise are known to emphasize spare luxury over sprawling expansion, and they attract travelers with deep pockets and a love for sailing and seclusion. Many travelers who visit come by ferry boat from another Caribbean isle, especially as some find opulent exile too hard to enjoy for longer than a day or two. And some say it's better to split your time between here, the nearby U.S. Virgin Islands and Anguilla to the east.

Others find more than enough to keep them exclusively anchored by these 50-plus islands and cays, which sadly were hit hard by Hurricane Irma in September 2017. Travelers will still be able to find evidence of the hurricane's handiwork, though BVI has done a valiant job of rebuilding. On Tortola, you'll find mountainous cliffs and chalk white beaches, characterized by changing tides and calm easterly winds. A brief sail away, sleepy Jost Van Dyke offers delicious Caribbean food and drink, one of the region's best New Year's Eve parties, as well as a few outdoor excursions like diving and fishing. On Virgin Gorda, you'll find The Baths, perhaps the most picturesque shore in the British Virgin Islands, and with good reason: It offers unique grottoes amidst gigantic granite boulders (just be mindful of the daytripping crowds). For supreme seclusion, try Anegada; its slow pace, flat terrain and sparkling sand lies almost overlooked in Caribbean Sea.

Source: https://travel.usnews.com/British_Virgin_Islands/



7 NIGHTS & 8 DAYS ITINERARY

Day #1 (See #1 on chart next slide) Check in at 6:00 p.m. Stay overnight at Hodge's Creek Marina and get to know your boat. You can relax and walk. Grab a bite to eat or swim at the hotel pool and use the resort facilities.

Day #2 (#1 to #2: 8 NM – 1 ¼ hour) (#2 to #3: ¼ NM – 15 mins) (#3 to #4: 8 NM – 1 ½ hours) Set sail to the Baths Marine Park for a snorkel or hike to Devil's Bay through the maze of giant boulders on the beach and grab a bite at Top of the Baths on the way. Make for North Lee Bay, Fallen Jerusalem, for amazing swimming and snorkeling among vibrant marine life. End the day at Virgin Gorda's "North Sound" and enjoy drinks and dinner at the Leverick Bay Resort and Marina.

Day #3 (#4 to #5: 14 NM – 2.5 hours) Sail to the low-lying coral island of Anegada to see flamingos, salt ponds and white sandy beaches. Try the native lobster and rum smoothies at the Reef Hotel or conch at Big Bamboo, Loblolly Bay.

Day #4 (#5 to #6: 24 NM – 4 hours) Visit Monkey Point, Guana Island, for amazing snorkeling and turtle spotting. The National Park moorings are still there.

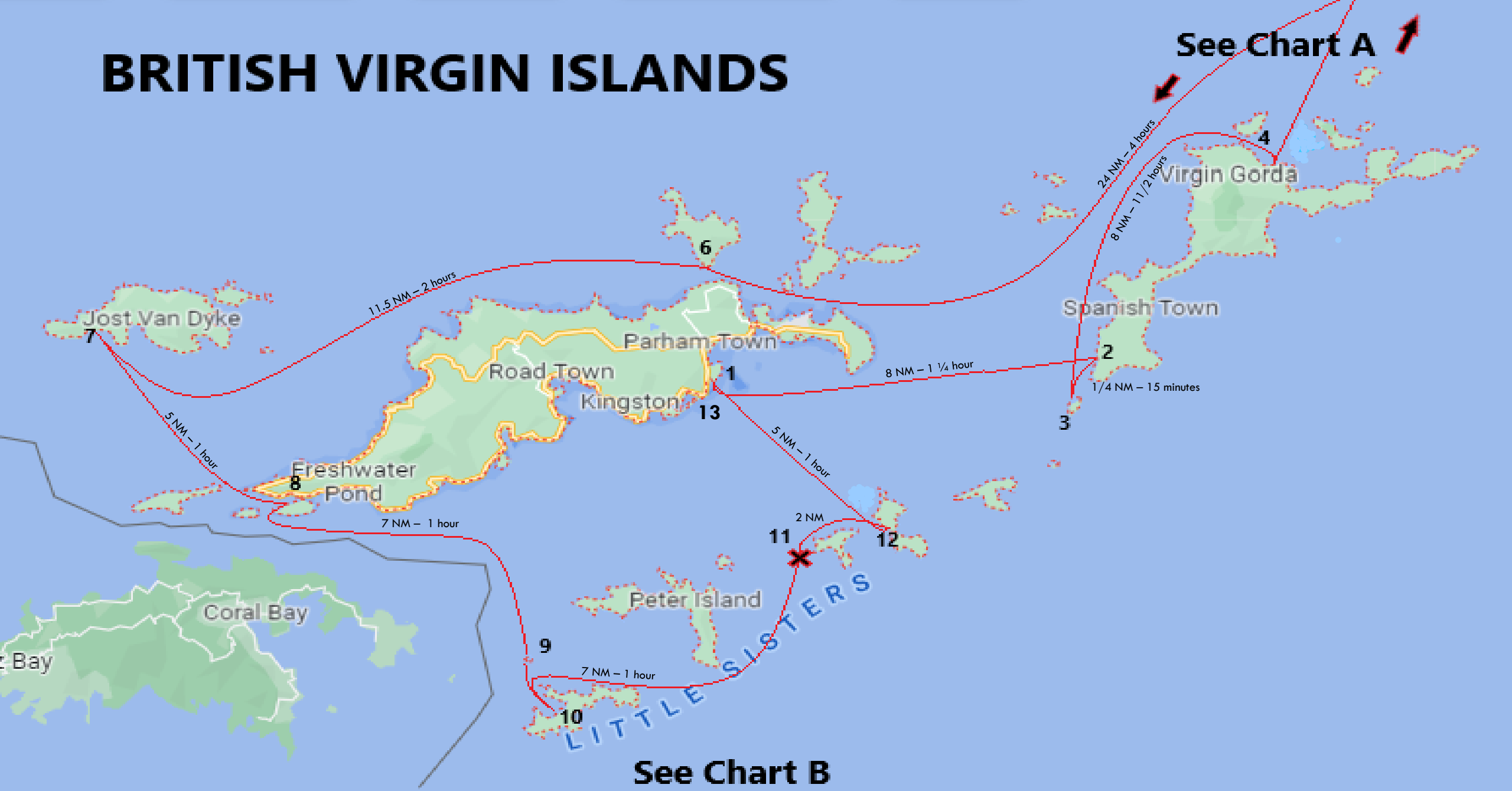
Day #5 (#6 to #7: 11.5 NM – 2 hours) Make for Sandy Cay National Park and anchor off White Bay, Jost van Dyke, to visit the array of famous bars. Visit the Soggy Dollar Bar to try their infamous painkiller cocktail, or head to Foxy's and Corsairs at Great Harbour.

Day #6 (#7 to #8: 5 NM – 1 hour) (#8 to #9: 7 NM – 1 hour) (#9 to #10: 1 ¼ NM) Sail to Soper's Hole, Frenchman's Cay, Tortola for eating at Omar's Café & Fussion. Sail around to the Indians Marine Park for snorkeling, near Peter Island, and overnight anchor at Norman Island's mooring balls at The Bight, Kelly's Cove, Privateer Bay and Soldier Bay or anchor in deep water at Benures Bay.

Day #7 (#10 to #11: 7 NM – 1 hour) (#11 to #12: 2 NM – ½ hour) Explore the caves on Norman Island before sailing to Rhone Marine Park to snorkel over the steamer wreck, RMS Rhone that sank in 1867. Head to Cooper Island for snorkelling or Hallovers Bay.

Day #8 (#12 to #13: 5 NM – 1 hour) After breakfast onboard, set sail back to Hodge's Creek Marina. Take group pictures, wave farewell and disembark before 9:00 a.m.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



See Chart A

See Chart B

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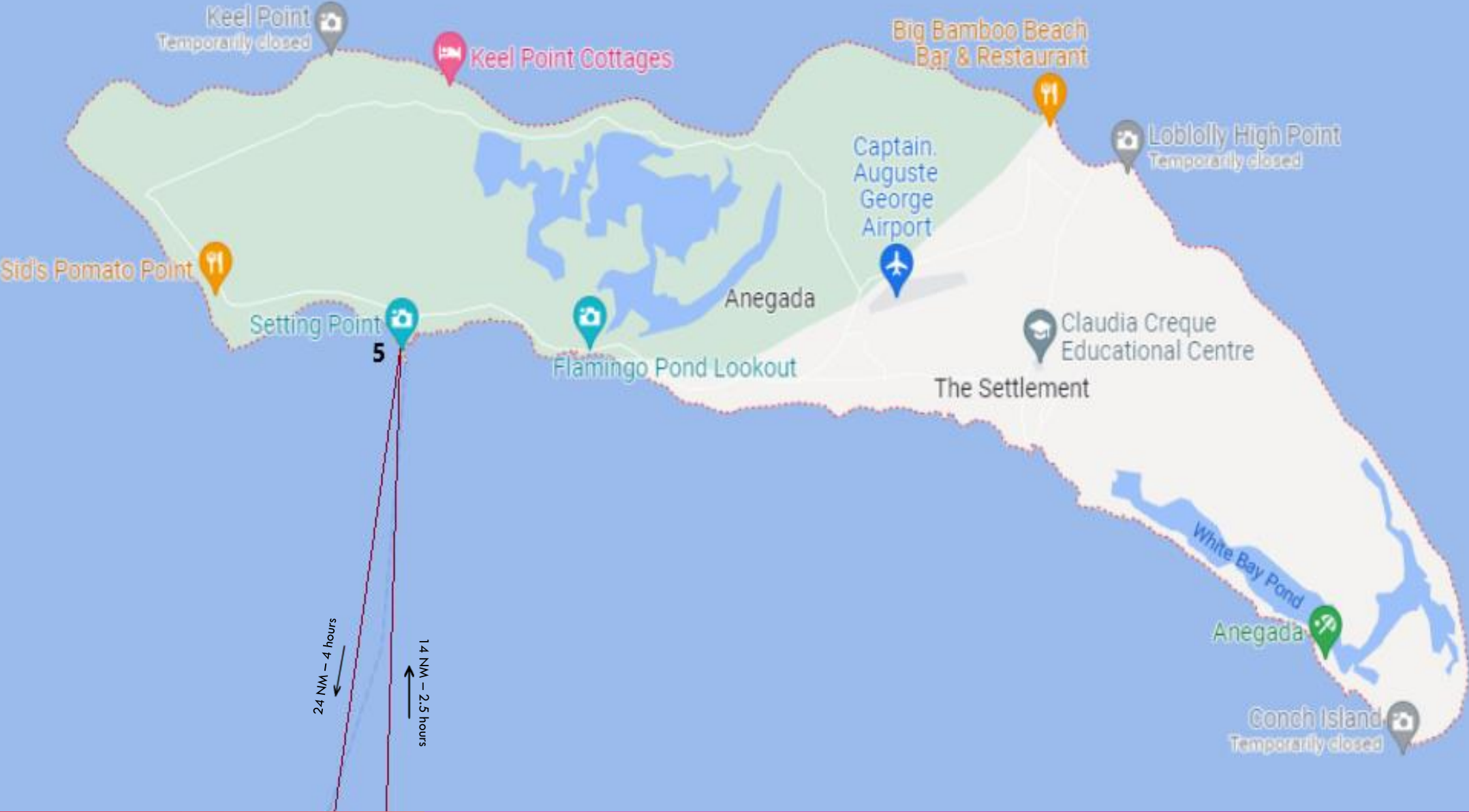
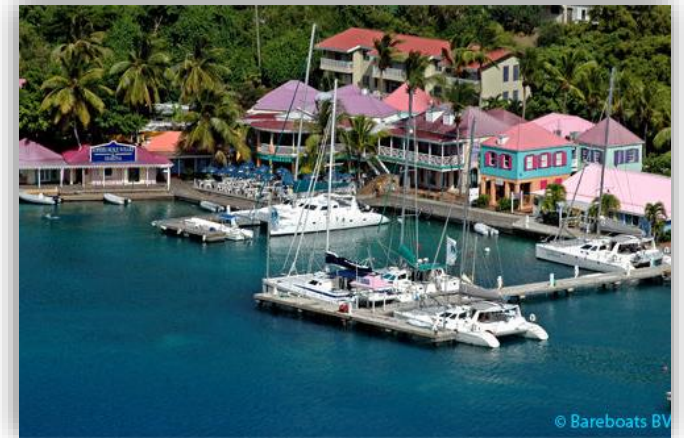


Chart B



TORTOLA

- ★ Tortola is the largest and most populated island of the British Virgin Islands.
- ★ Mount Sage is its highest point at 1,740 feet above sea level.
- ★ It has a surface area of 21.5 square miles with a total population of 23,908, with 9,400 residents in Road Town.
- ★ The island is where many offshore companies are based that do international business. Financial services are a major part of the country's economy.
- ★ The British Virgin Islands are under the British rule. The U.S. dollar is preferred as its official currency due to its proximity to and frequent trade with the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.



THE BATHS

- ★ The Bath is known as a beach area on the island of Virgin Gorda among the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean.
- ★ The Bath is one of the BVI's major tourist attractions where many tourists come for swimming and snorkeling.
- ★ There are two restaurants on The Baths. They are called, "Top of the Baths" and "Mad Dog Bar & Restaurant".
- ★ The Baths has many boulders to walk through. It was developed by the volcano. The Baths was formed by granite that eroded into piles of boulders on the beach.

Watch The Baths on video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_pVtq4iF3U



FALLEN JERUSALEM

- ★ Fallen Jerusalem is a remote island of the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean, located to the south of Virgin Gorda.
- ★ This island was named after the destroyed city because it has the large number of oversized volcanic boulders that are scattered over the island. This island looked like the ruins. It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1959.
- ★ This island is popular for swimming and snorkeling. There are a lot of fishes and coral reefs to see underwater.



VIRGIN GORDA

- ★ Virgin Gorda is the third largest island of the British Virgin Islands.
- ★ Leverick Bay Resort and Marina is located in Virgin Gorda, the third largest of the British Virgin Islands. Known as the newest seaside recreational complex, Leverick Bay Resort and Marina, is lapped by the pristine waters of a magnificent blue lagoon best known as “North Sound”.
- ★ Saba Rock is a small island of the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean, approximately an acre and a half in size. The island contains a small hotel, restaurant, bar, and gift shop. A dock is available for day visitors and a large mooring field accommodates yachts staying overnight.



ANEGADA

- ★ Anegada is the second largest of the British Virgin Islands. It is the northernmost of the British Virgin Islands (BVI), a group of islands that form part of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands. It lies approximately 15 miles (24 km) north of Virgin Gorda.
- ★ This island is a flat and low-lying coral island of The British Virgin Islands. Its highest point is only about 28 feet (8.5 m) above sea level. This island is only formed by coral and limestone.
- ★ This island is populated by 285 people (2010 Census). Most of them live in the a village called, “The Settlement”.
- ★ There were many Caribbean flamingoes on this island until they were vanished in 1950. They were hunted for feathers and food. The flamingoes are reintroduced and repopulated on this island today. So far, there are 200 flamingoes protected on this island.



GUANA ISLAND

- ★ Guana Island is one of the few remaining privately owned islands in its part of the world, Guana has seven white powder-sand beaches and 850 acres (3.4 km²) of tropical forest, mountains, hills, and valleys. The island is mostly natural preserve and has a small resort.
- ★ In the 18th century, two Quaker families came to Guana as part of what was called "the Quaker Experiment" which lasted for about forty-five years in the BVI. They used African slaves and cultivated sugar cane. When they were recalled to the United States and England, they left behind two cannons still on Guana today.
- ★ Beth and Louis Bigelow of Massachusetts purchased Guana in 1934. With the help of local men, they built six stone cottages and developed a reputation as creative pioneers. Their guests - professionals, intellectuals and world travelers - came for months at a time, attracted to the simple but rich life.



JOST VAN DYKE

- ★ Jost Van Dyke is an island at the northern tip of the British Virgin Islands. It is the smallest of the four main islands of the British Virgin Islands, measuring roughly 3 square miles.
- ★ Like its neighbor islands, it has a mountain and it was formed by the volcano. Majohnny Hill is the highest point on the island at 1,053 ft.
- ★ In 1815, 21,000 pounds of cotton was produced annually on 140 acres of this island. There was a population of 428 (25 whites, 32 free persons of color and 371 slaves). By 1825, cotton production was declined to 17,000 pounds, while the population was increased to 506 (34 whites, 76 free persons of color and 397 slaves).



THE INDIANS

- ★ The Indians are the small islets in the west of the small British Pelican Island and east of the US Flanagan Island.
- ★ In accord to their name, their shapes of the rocks look like Native American's head dress from a distance.
- ★ Much marine life can be found in the waters around the Indians and they are also the second most popular dive site in the British Virgin Islands after the wreck of the RMS Rhone.
- ★ The shallow water areas of the Indians are located where many cruisers come for snorkeling and several mooring balls are available there for day use.



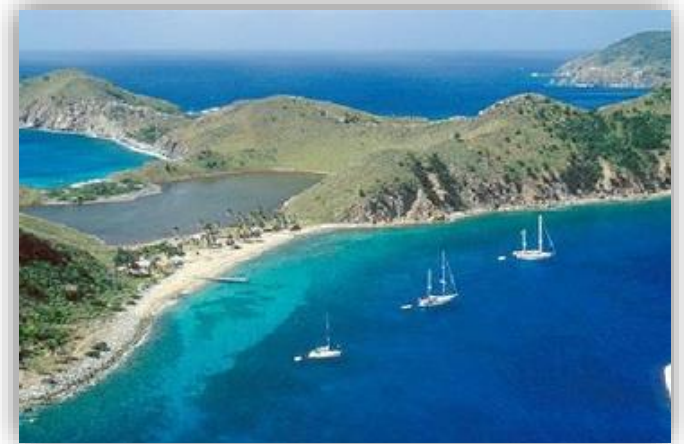
NORMAN ISLAND

- ★ Norman Island is an island at the southern tip of the British Virgin Islands. It is one of the islands known as a part of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous pirate novel, *Treasure Island*.
- ★ This island is remote and privately owned by Henry Jarecki. Its area is about 600 acres and it is wide about 2.5 miles.
- ★ Norman Island is a popular destination for cruisers and other tourists because of caves and cliffs outside the western edge of the Bight. The caves are so popular for snorkeling. Inside the cave, it is like night dive.
- ★ It was used by the pirates for hiding their Spanish golds. Some of them were recovered by British seamen. Some rumors say there may be more golds hiding somewhere.



SALT ISLAND

- ★ Salt Island is one of the British Virgin Islands located about 4.7 miles southeast of Road Town, the main town on Tortola. It is named after its salt ponds, which were once an important resource.
- ★ This island is known for the shipwreck of the Royal Mail packet steamer, RMS Rhone. She was sunk in a hurricane on October 29, 1867. She was pushed back by hurricane to Salt Island while attempting to head to safety at sea.
- ★ The shipwreck of the RMS Rhone is one of the best scuba diving sites in the Caribbean. Some of the underwater scenes in film *The Deep* were filmed in and around the wreck.



COPPER ISLAND

- ★ Cooper Island is a small island of the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. There are five privately owned properties on the island, plus a small beach club resort.
- ★ Cooper Island Beach Club has 12 hotel rooms, a restaurant, rum bar, coffee shop, solar powered brewery, and gift shop.
- ★ Facilities are open to guests, day visitors and yachts using the nearby moorings. Manchioneel Bay has 30 mooring balls available for the vessels up to 60 feet.
- ★ This island is a popular destination for cruisers and tourists visiting The Baths on Virgin Gorda, and day boat charters from Tortola, St. Thomas, and St. John.
- ★ The island is located near "wreck alley", a popular wreck diving site in the British Virgin Islands where several ships have been deliberately sunk as dive sites. There is a local dive store near the beach club renting tanks to certified scuba divers.



OUR CATAMARAN



EXTERIORS



Cockpit



Outdoor Table



Forward seating



Cabin Top and Deck



Sailing underway



Stern

CABINS AND HEADS



Cabin



Head with hot shower unit

MAIN GALLEY & SALOON



Main Galley



Saloon



YOUR CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE



YOUR CAPTAIN



Captain Tom Peets

SAILING EXPERIENCE

- ASA 104: Bareboat Chartering
- International Proficiency Certificate
- Sailboat and Powerboat Ownerships
- Many Sailing Race Trophies
- 10+ Years Bareboat Chartering
- Advanced Coastal Cruising
- Sailing Instruction
- Offshore Cruising
- Boater Safety Certificate
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certificate
- Food Handling Safety Certificate

“I am the co-founder of Cape Cod Deaf Sailing. I was born into a keen sailing family and frequently raced with my brother in sailing regattas as a crew trimmer in which we shared numerous trophies. Since 1986, I did extensive bareboat chartering off the coast from Maine to Maryland. I sailed with my friends as a crew member from Bermuda to Maryland and from North Carolina to Florida. Cape Cod is where my heart finds the art of sailing with my passion to share with the world. I am an avid sailor, photographer and chef with a predilection for adventures.”

YOUR FIRST MATE



Captain Troy Stilwell

SAILING CERTIFICATIONS

- ASA 101: Basic Keel
- ASA 103: Coastal Cruising
- ASA 104: Bareboat Chartering
- ASA 105: Coastal Navigation
- ASA 106: Advanced Coastal Cruising
- ASA 107: Celestial Navigation
- ASA 114: Cruising Catamaran
- ASA 119: Marine Weather Endorsement
- ASA 120: Radar Endorsement
- USCG Affiliated Captain Diploma
- International Proficiency Certificate
- 10+ Years Bareboat Chartering
- Boater Safety Certificate
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certificate
- Food Handling Safety Certificate

“Near the border of Maine, USA, I was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. When I was 3 years old, my parents and I sailed on Northumberland Strait for lobster fishing with his friends. I grew up and I knew nothing about sailing. I obtained the sailing certifications from American Sailing Association (ASA) in November 2010. Every summer, I work and volunteer at the sailing club for disabled sailors. I also teach sailing lessons to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing people. For more than 10 years, I chartered different sailboats in California, New England and France. I mostly teach online ASL classes at my college in Toronto, Canada.”

YOUR FIRST MATE



Captain Dave Staehle

SAILING EXPERIENCE

Sailing Certificate
10+ Years Bareboat Chartering
Advanced Coastal Cruising
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Boater Safety Certificate
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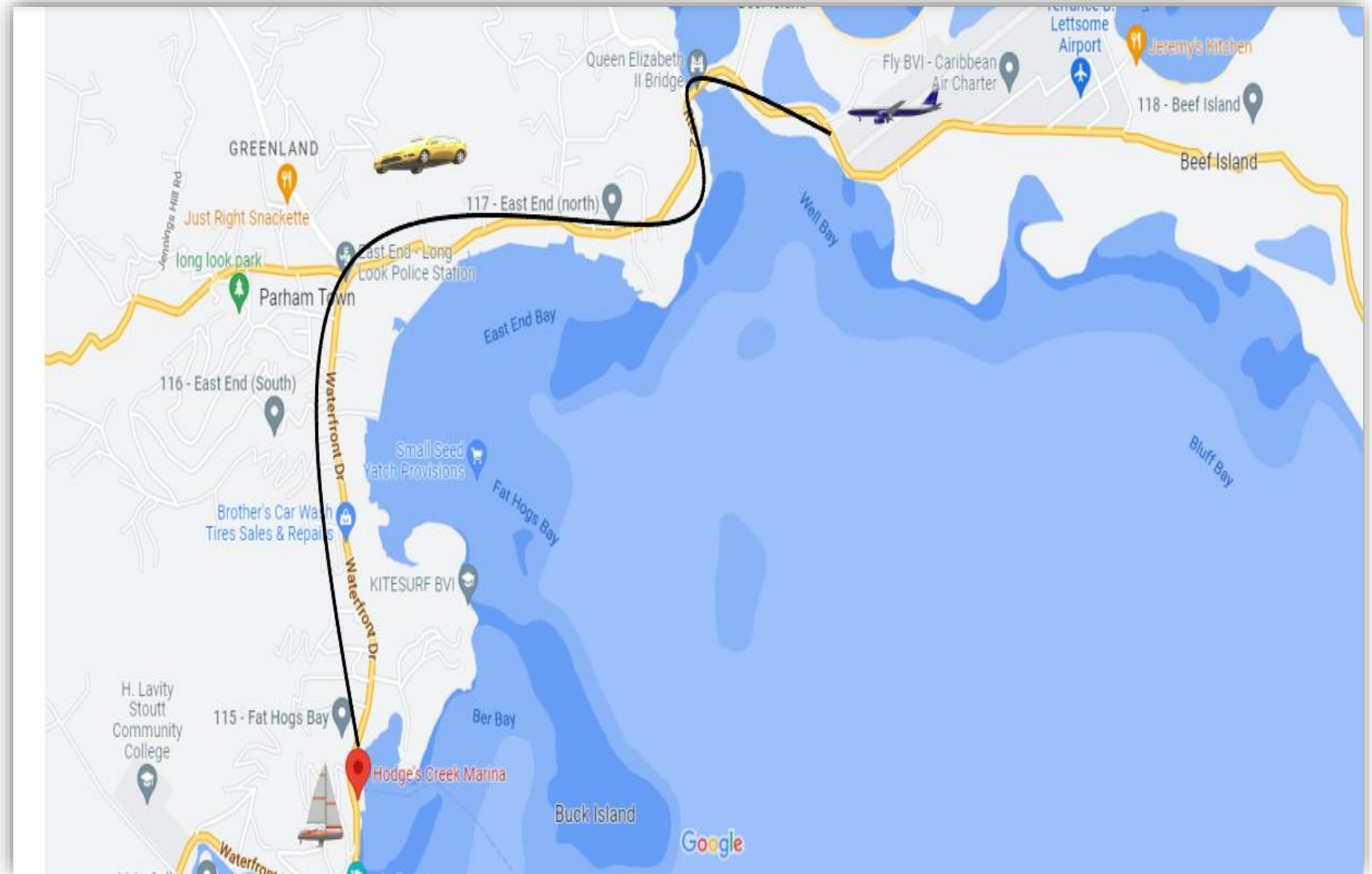
“I am the co-founder of Cape Cod Deaf Sailing and I reside in Maryland. I have an extensive experience as a camp director of Camp Mark Seven in Old Forge, NY. I discovered the world of sailing for the first time when I got my first sailboat model as a gift from my father at the age of 10. Later, I founded Deaf Sailors Club in Maryland. It ran for four years. I took a sailing course to earn my certification. Along with Tom Peets and our friends, we frequently sailed off the coast of Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland and Rhode Island. Tom Peets and I delivered a sailboat from Bermuda to America. New England Coast is truly a sailor's paradise where I find well-suited with my love for sailing.”

**WHERE, HOW
AND WHAT TIME
WILL WE MEET?**



Where, how and what time will we meet?

Meet us at Hodge Creek Marina at 6:00 p.m. When you arrive at Terrance B. Lettsome Airport on Beef Island, BVI, you can take a taxicab to Hodge's Marina, just a ten-minute ride from the airport.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY & SAFETY RULES



YOUR SAFETY IS OUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR SAILBOAT

- 3 B-I Fire Extinguishers (small) or 2 B-II fire extinguishers (big)
- Fire blanket for stove
- First Aid Kit / thermal blanket
- Disinfectant wet wipes
- PDF lifejackets
- Light/smoke Flares
- Spot Satellite Messenger
- Sail Plan
- Mobile phones / DCS - VHF radio
- Marine Weather
- Dinghy with outboard engine
- Automatic/manual Bilge Pumps
- Wood cones
- Emergency tiller
- Emergency anchor (backup)



Will you sign a liability waiver?

Like any kind of a transportation, there is always risk involved. You will be requested to sign our liability waiver form after boarding on the first day. This is for you to be responsible and acknowledge your own risks. Be assured that we are trained professionally and experienced to ensure the safety of you, our guests, and our sailboat. Unfortunately, there is always unforeseen risk which we have no control over of being sudden ill, injured or killed by accident, disease, natural disaster, terrorism, war and crime.

Travel Medical Emergency Insurance

Please be encouraged to buy your Travel Medical Emergency Insurance Policy! It will help protecting you from a financial trouble if you seek urgent medical care overseas. Some insurance companies are not covering the costs of Covid-19 medical emergencies. Some of them will charge you very high for adding covid-19 medical emergency insurance. Please double check with your travel medical insurance company before buying the travel medical emergency insurance policy. The U.S. Medicare may offer the insurance but please check with The U.S. Medicare office at first before you will fly.



YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE RESPECTED AND PROTECTED

- If you have any health condition and you don't wish to share it with us, your privacy will be respected. The copies of our medical forms and envelopes will be distributed to you and the guests. You can fill out the medical form and put it in the envelope and seal it. Keep it in your cabin or give it to your partner.
- If you are unconscious, we will give your sealed envelope to the doctor or EMS paramedic.
- We urge you to share your information with us if you have any food allergies. For your safety, we (including our guests) must know immediately. Please bring your extra Epi-pen if possible.



An open suitcase is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The left side contains a red bag, a pair of pink sneakers, a pair of red sneakers, a book titled 'EMONY, SHICKET! BATHING "Shouldn't You Go to School?"', a white power strip, and a coiled white cable. The right side contains a dark blue t-shirt, a blue t-shirt, a blue t-shirt, a pair of blue jeans, a black and white zebra print shirt, and a pair of black shoes with wooden soles. The text 'WHAT THINGS WILL YOU NEED TO BRING?' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the suitcase.

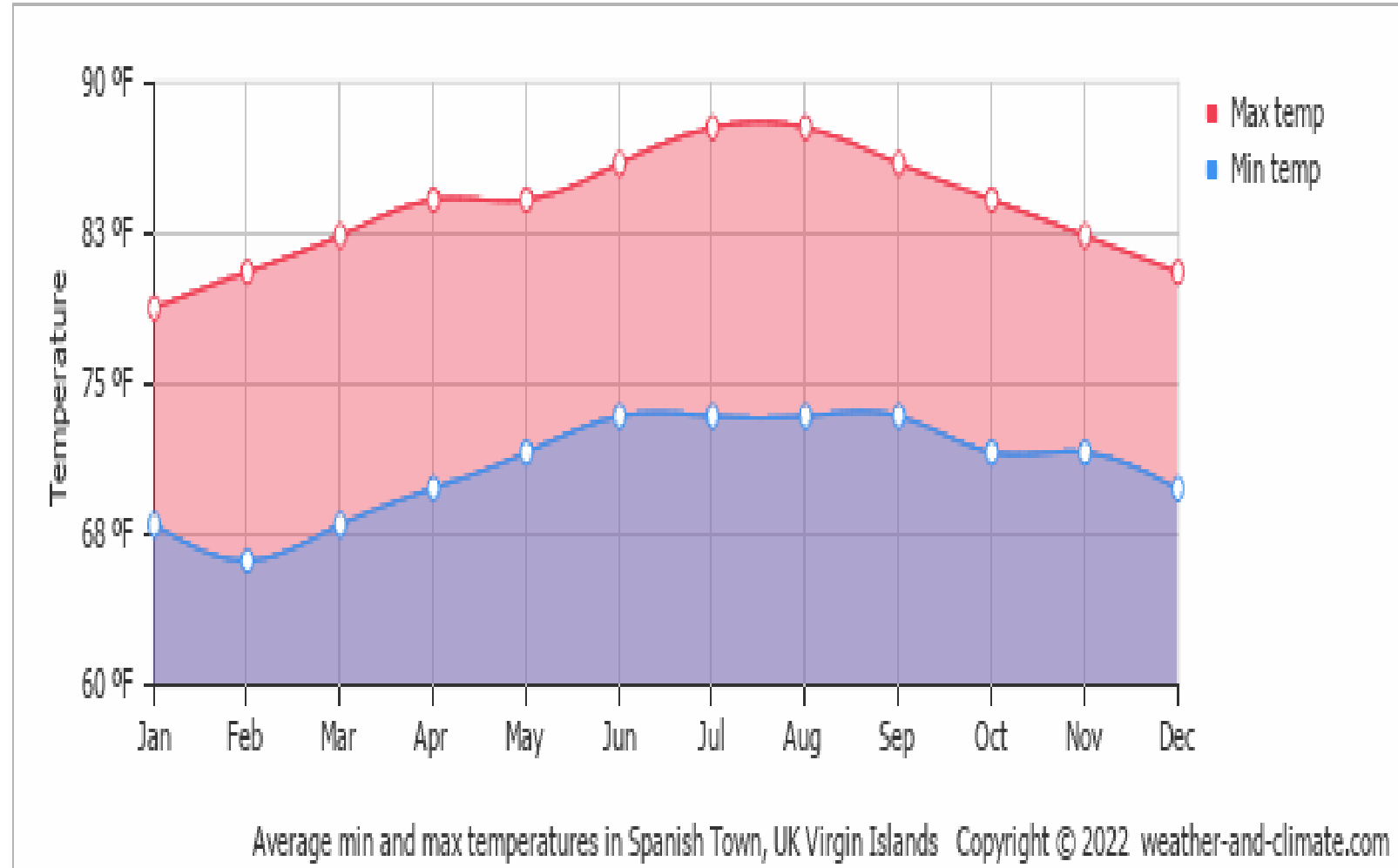
**WHAT THINGS WILL YOU NEED
TO BRING?**

THE WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Climate in BVI in March

Average weather in March in Anderson (Tortola), UK Virgin Islands
The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Anderson in March is 20.0°C (68°F). The amount of rain in March is normal with an average of 55mm (2.2in). This makes it the driest month of the year. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 28.0°C (82.4°F).

Average day and night temperature in Anderson (Tortola) in fahrenheit



WHAT TO PACK FOR A HOLIDAY IN BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS IN MARCH?

It's best to travel light in a month of March because it is the driest climate of the year. It is good idea to wear summer clothes there because it is warm 80 F all year. Please bring your sunhat, sunglasses and sun lotion. Bring more T-shirts, comfortable and decent shorts, one or two light tops for the evenings. Swim shorts, speedos and bikinis are **MUST** for lovely beaches, but its best to bring a sarong or light covering for sun protection. Sunhats, sunglasses and, especially, sunscreen is essential. While going to church, dining at luxury restaurant and some establishments may require conservative clothing. (<https://weather-and-climate.com/anderson-tortola-vg-March-averages>)

What to bring for sailing in March?

Wind jacket for sailing	Sun lotion
T-shirts	Beach Towel
Shorts	Sandals
Flashlight or headlamp	Sunglasses
Deck shoes	Sunhat





PROVISIONING PLAN

ENJOY MEALS AND DRINKS ONBOARD

- In the month of January before sailing, we will send out copies of the provisioning forms to all of you to fill out. We will collect them from you by deadline date and we will follow what you wish to eat and drink onboard. After that, we will give you a week schedule for different meals.
- We will provide fresh water, milk, coffee cream, sugar, natural sweeteners, American coffee, regular tea, soft drinks and fruit juices.
- If you wish to go out to eat onshore, please let me know. This is for saving the food from wasting.
- Please bring your own snacks.
- We will not be responsible for providing alcohol beverages. You are more than welcome to bring them on your own. Please be responsible drinker and respect for other passengers too.



FOOD MENU FROM OUR CRUISE ON FRENCH RIVIERA LAST MAY 2023



Cinnamon Toast Quinoa



Lentil Soup & Garlic Bread



Zucchini Pasta



Dal



Margarita Pizza



Cheese Blintze



Baguette & Jam



Chicken Pesto Sandwich

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?