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Welcome to The Moorings BVI



“Welcome to Tortola, arguably the most famous sailing destination in the world. Throughout the BVI, you’ll find sheltered harbors, sun-soaked beaches, pirate bars, and jaw-dropping shipwrecks. Give island life a go, and you won’t want to leave. Relax and bask in the spectacular scenery; taste the French-Caribbean fusion cuisine; and explore the tiny villages scattered along the shores. During your vacation, the whole team will be doing their best to assist with whatever needs you will have. Enjoy your stay!”

Ted Funston, Base Manager





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TORTOLA BASE MARINA

The Moorings Tortola base, located in the island's capital of Road Town, is a 30-minute ride from the airport. A massive operation with over 300 yachts, offering bareboat, skippered, power, and crewed charters.

THE MOORINGS YACHT CLUB HOTEL

Located on The Moorings base, [The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel](#) invites you to stay a few days on land. All rooms have air-conditioning, a refrigerator, and coffee bar. To book your stay or check pricing and availability at The Moorings Yacht Club Hotel, please contact a The Moorings Vacation Planner or request a room online.

Check-in is at 14:00, and check-out is at 11.00.

AMENITIES

- Free Wi-Fi available throughout
- Swimming pool with lounge chairs and umbrellas
- Lounge area
- Reserve meeting rooms and dining areas for private events
- Amara Spa - A beautiful sanctuary within Tortola base, always ready to help one relax in to vacation mode. Find out more about the spa online [HERE](#).

- 1 Hotel Reception, Taxi, and Transfers
- 2 Customer Service
- Yacht Sales
- ATM
- Sail Caribbean Divers
- 3 Moorings Yacht Club Bar and Pool
- 4 Moorings Yacht Club Restaurant
- 5 Charlie's Restaurant
- 6 Island Roots coffee shop
- HIHO (Island Boutique)
- 7 Shower, Restrooms, and Amara Spa
- 8 Chart Briefings / Conference Room
- 9 The Moorings Market
- 10 Bounty Boutique
- 11 Staff and Maintenance Area
- P Parking
- 1 2 Entrance / Exit
- 1 Inner Harbour (Dock slip 1 - 25)
- 2 Dock Houses
- A Dock A (1 - 24)
- B Dock B (1 - 34)
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TIME DIFFERENCE

The British Virgin Islands observe EST (Eastern Standard Time), so -4 hours UTC/GMT

The Moorings
Wickhams Cay II
Road Town
Tortola
British Virgin Islands

Charters start daily at 12:00 noon and end at 11:00 am.

Sleep aboard options are possible. Please contact the sales team to book!

RECEPTION OFFICE HOURS

7 Days a Week

October – July
7:00am - 11:00pm

August – September
8:00am - 10:00pm

LATE ARRIVALS

If you arrive after office hours, a sign will be left at the gate with security, on the office door and also on the yacht with the client's name and booking number.



TEAM CONTACT NUMBERS

Customer Service +1 284 393 2405
(7:00 to 23:00 daily)

Technical Support +1 284 346 0300
(8:00 to 17:00 daily)

VHF ch. 12 - the base,
in line of sight

TRANSFERS

The Moorings can assist with arranging your transfers, so kindly send us your travel details in advance. If you pre-book a transfer, the local driver will be advised of your name and arrival time, and carry a The Moorings sign to identify himself to you at the pick-up location.

Transfers should be booked and paid in advance, your vacation planner can assist you with this. There is no sharing taxis in the BVI, the price of the ride is always per person:

From Tortola airport (EIS) to the base; 30-minute ride:

- From \$16 USD per person for one-way transfer

Transfer from base to the ferry / Road Town centre:

- From \$8 USD per person one-way

It is also possible to make a transfer booking from St. Thomas, on request with your Holiday Planner.

Transfer from base to Cane Garden Bay Beach:

- From \$12 USD per person one-way

RENT A CAR

In the BVI, the rule is to drive on the left side of the road, however, all the steering wheels are on the left side of the vehicle or fellow drivers, so don't be surprised by frequent stops without a warning. With that in mind, be careful to leave enough space between cars if you are driving.

There are a couple of rent-a-car companies on the island, our Customer Service would be happy to help you arrange for a pick-up and drop-off directly at the reception:

[Hertz.com](https://www.hertz.com) [Avis.com](https://www.avis.com)

UPON ARRIVAL

CHECK IN PROCEDURE

When you arrive at the marina, please go to the Moorings reception where our team will help to check you in. Please ensure you have the following items ready:

- Passport or identity card for every crew member
- Original skippers qualification or licence (if you hold one)
- Mobile phone number that works in the BVI
- Credit card for payment of your yachts security deposit

Please ensure all pre-departure tasks have been completed prior to your arrival to avoid any delays.

SAILING LICENCE

Although no sailing licenses are required for cruising in the BVI, you will need to fill out our [sailing resume](#) to see if you have the experience to charter a yacht with The Moorings. If you have a sailing certificate, we strongly recommend that you take this on vacation with you too.

EMBARKATION TIME

Your boarding time is at 12:00 noon. We thank you for your patience and understanding whilst waiting to board your yacht. Please ensure you have left your mobile phone number with our reception team who will contact you as soon as your yacht is ready.

An evening sleep aboard is available and can be organized in advance of your arrival to the base with your vacation planner. Boarding time is brought forward to 6pm the evening before your charter start date. This means you can settle into your yacht and set sail the following day. Please note that availability is limited, and evening starts may not be possible during peak travel dates.

OUT OF HOURS ARRIVAL

If you provide arrival details later than 23.00, we always try to have our Customer Service Staff available. In case of out-of-hours arrival, the security will make sure to show you to your boat.

AREA & YACHT BRIEFINGS

Enjoy more time on the water by watching the required safety briefing [HERE](#) and chart briefing [HERE](#) prior to your arrival from the comfort of your home. Feel free to share the links with your fellow crew and start to build your perfect week.

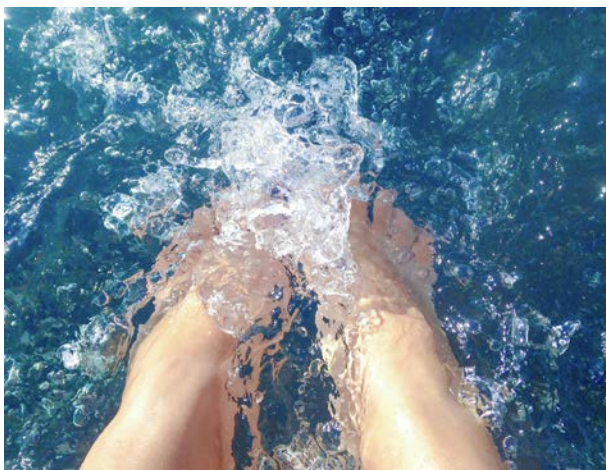
After viewing this, take note of any outstanding questions and discuss these with our teams upon arrival at our base. You will be advised of your briefing time upon embarkation.





WHAT TO DO WHILST WAITING FOR YOUR BOAT

- Provisioning
- Explore Road Town
- Take an island tour
- Explore the beach with a taxi or island tour
- Discovery scuba dive
- Visit the spa
- Relax by the pool
- Have lunch in one of our restaurants



PROVISIONING

You can pre-order your food and drink provisions in advance of your arrival. Please visit our online portal [HERE](#). Please note provisioning orders must be submitted 5 days prior to your arrival.

If you miss the cut-off date or forget to add an item to your order, there are plenty of local stores available. Please see the useful information section of the guide for further details.

You can also stock up on-site:

The Moorings Market

Open from 8:00 - 19:00 daily
weekends until 20:00

Nearby provisioning options:

Rite Way shop - 5 min. walking distance
Open Sun-Thu from 6:30-21:00

OneMart - 10 min. walking distance
Open from 7:00 - 22:00 daily

Bobby's - 10 min. driving distance
Open from 7:00 - 24:00 daily

After choosing the goods you will need for your charter, the shops offer delivery to the boat. You will need to provide your contract number to the 3rd party provisioning store, and they will advise of their arrival time and inquire with the front desk about the location of your vessel. Also, consider that you will not find any supermarkets on the islands, so make sure you have all the provisions you need before departure.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

A storeroom is available at the base which can be used to store luggage while waiting for your yacht to be ready. If you are leaving your luggage for the duration of the week, please remember to collect your luggage before departure. The Moorings cannot take any responsibility for any eventual damage or loss to the items left in storage.

COOL BOXES

All The Moorings catamarans are equipped with one cool box per yacht.

BARBECUE

All yachts are equipped with a barbecue, the type of grill may differ between electric or charcoal depending on the type of yacht you are chartering. If required, feel free to order some briquettes and fire starters at the store! While in use, please move your dinghy to the bow and have a bucket of water handy.

The base does not provide charcoal nor lighter fluid. If there are any leftovers from the previous charter, these will be offered to guests free of charge. Otherwise, guests will have to purchase the items themselves. Please do not dispose of charcoal or any other items in the ocean.

MUSIC

All The Moorings yacht stereos can be paired to your device via Bluetooth. We recommend having your music downloaded in case you are sailing in an area without good Wi-Fi signal.

YACHT DAMAGE WAIVER AND SECURITY DEPOSIT

Our yacht damage waiver can be added any time prior to you leaving the marina. The pre-paid, daily amount reduces your liability in the case of damage caused to the yacht or the loss of equipment on board.

A security deposit is required for all charters. The amount will vary based on the size and type of yacht being chartered, please consult our terms and conditions for further information [HERE](#).

A pre-authorisation will be taken against a credit card and will be released when the yacht is returned to base without damage.





You can pre-order our optional extras in advance of your arrival. Please ask our reception team on arrival if there is something you have forgotten.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPS)

SUPs are light and easy to manoeuvre which makes them a great option when exploring the coastlines and heading to the beach from your yacht.

KAYAKS

Our kayaks provide the freedom to explore our bays and beaches plus can be great fun. Ensure you are wearing your life vests and see our swim safe policy for further guidance.

SAFETY NETTING

For those travelling with children, we do suggest adding safety netting to your yacht. This is a chargeable extra and must be organised in advance of your arrival to the base.

FISHING GEAR

Available at select bases. A fishing licence will also be required. Ask your Vacation planner for more details

NOODLES

A great option for relaxed, and easy floating near your yacht.



BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE BASE

- Please ensure you have all the kitchen equipment and bedding you require. Extra bedding and some cooking utensils are available upon request.
- Check out fins from boxes on the dock. We have a range of sizes available, however, these are limited, so we request that you take only what you will use. Take note that we are no longer providing snorkeling masks or snorkels.
- Check your safety equipment. We have a limited supply of children's life jackets (ages 4+ only). If you have your own children's life jacket, we encourage you to bring it along.
- Make sure the fuel/water tanks are full.
- Make sure you have your yacht papers bag with the last customs clearance.
- Make sure you are provisioned.
- Make sure you have enough cash.



ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage on all our yachts is 12 volts and you will find plenty of USB sockets throughout the yacht.

Throughout the yacht you can also find plenty of 110V AC outlets, standard USA 3 pin outlets (can also take 2 pin USA plugs). To use them, your yacht either needs to be connected to shore power, or be equipped with an inverter, or have the generator running. Most of The Moorings catamarans have a generator and inverter, however, be mindful that it depends on the model you booked.

We recommend packing an adaptor or two if you plan to bring local appliances.

DINGHY SAFETY

We are counting on our guests to be mindful around their dinghy. Ensure you are towing and/or stowing this correctly whilst out on the water. Please ensure you take proper precautions when operating the dinghy and have the kill cord attached to your person at all times whilst underway.

If you require a dinghy ladder, these can be rented from Sail Caribbean Dive Shop, next to reception.

ICE

Ice is available in the base; each boat gets 2 bags of complimentary ice. More is available from The Moorings Market.

WATER AND GARBAGE

Water can be purchased on most of the islands you will be sailing to. We cover this topic in the chart briefing, or you can find more information in the Destinations section of this guide.

Never give your garbage to local sailors, you should dispose of it directly in garbage points along the coast or simply at the base.

MOBILE PHONES

Your cellular phone may work when in the BVI, so please check with your service provider for coverage details and call costs. You will need to activate international roaming on your contract.

WI-FI

If you have pre-paid for Wi-Fi please ensure you have the router on board your yacht prior to leaving the base location. Be sure to share your videos and pictures whilst out on the water and don't forget to tag us! Our social media handles can be found on [page 2](#).

REFUELING

Your boat's tanks will be full on takeover of your charter yacht.

On the end of your charter, it isn't necessary to go to a gas station, that is done by the base staff after your return. The fuel is then charged at the reception.

YOUR SAFETY

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY ABROAD

Please locate your safety card when you get onboard and ensure that all crew read it before leaving the marina. If you cannot find it, then please contact reception who can provide a replacement. Although you will have watched the [online Charter Safety Briefing](#) before leaving home, we recommend that you rewatch the video before leaving the dock. This can be done on your own devices using the QR code.

We care a lot about your personal safety, so please read more about these topics in the safety card:

- **Accident & Illness**
- **Be Aware & Safe**
- **Swimming & Beach Safety**
- **Alcohol & Drugs**



SWIM SAFE

Swimming is often a fun and important part of a vacation. However local rules, flag systems, currents and where swimming may be permitted, can be different and vary from country to country. We strongly recommend that you and all your crew read through our 'swim safe' information [online](#) before you travel. Unfortunately even the strongest of swimmers can get into difficulties. The information on our website covers children, your surroundings, looking out for others, and not overestimating your own ability. Snorkel vests, life jackets (please see [page 12](#) for advise on what is available) and diver down flags are all available on board.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND CREDIT CARDS

USD is the currency used throughout the British Virgin Islands and credit cards are widely accepted except in smaller establishments.

US Banks are situated in Road Town, Tortola and Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda and operate under normal banking hours: 9:00 – 14:00, Monday through Friday.

Local banks on Tortola include First Caribbean, Banco Popular, Scotia Bank and First Bank.

ATMs are limited. Please bring the cash you will need for your entire stay.

Visa and Mastercard are accepted by most restaurants and hotels, as well as by local stores and supermarkets.

VISIT THE USVI

If you plan to visit the USVI on charter, please announce your intention to your Vacation Planner, or at the base before you go so, we can advise on the procedure and paperwork required.

WHEN YOU RETURN TO THE BASE

RETURN TO BASE PROCEDURE

- Please empty all holding tanks and bilges before returning to base (2 nautical miles offshore). Make sure your holding tanks are closed while you are in the marina.
- Prepare your lines and fenders.
- Call The Moorings base about 15 mins before arriving, or when next to the cruise ships as you will be in range, on VHF ch 12 in order to get instructions for docking. If you need additional help, the dock master can arrange for assistance in docking the vessel.
- Please note that the dockmasters work between 8am-5pm, so you will not be able to dock outside of those hours.
- Make sure your dinghy is on the bow before entering the marina (applicable to both monohulls & catamarans). Please ensure the dinghy padlock is on the boat, and not left on the dinghy.



BEFORE LEAVING YOUR BOAT

Before disembarkation, you will be met with a debriefer. It is done to let us know if you have encountered any problems with the boat or broken anything during the trip, so we can rectify any problems for the next charter.

Please ensure:

- Allow 15-20 minutes for an on-board debrief with a member of the customer service team to record any maintenance issues experienced during your charter.
- Navigational instruments have been covered and sailing bag has been closed.
- Charts, keys and guidebook have been left on the chart table.
- All rubbish has been removed and disposed of in marina bins or left on the dock for collecting.
- All cupboards and refrigerator have been emptied of food.
- All sheets and towels should be left on the bed inside pillowcases.
- Snorkeling fins to be rinsed and placed back into the cockpit locker.
- All personal possessions have been removed; please check thoroughly as items are often left onboard.
- All hatches are closed.

Please ensure you fully vacate your yacht by 11:00am at the latest.

USEFUL INFORMATION

RESTAURANTS AND TIPPING

As well as the three restaurants on the base, there are numerous options a short taxi ride away from the base, in Road town. Most restaurants within the BVI close at 22:00, so make sure to leave enough time for dinner.

During low season (mid August to beginning October) all of the restaurants are closed, so you should provision accordingly. This would be a perfect time of year to enjoy a BBQ off the back of your boat.

For more information on restaurants in Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, Jost van Dyke and other islands please speak to our base team who will be happy to provide information and recommendations.

Tipping is standard and expected in all restaurants/bars and for other services undertaken during your vacation. The rule of thumb is generally 15-20% of the amount charged. Some establishments automatically add this onto the bill, so make sure to read it closely.

RESTAURANTS

Choose one of the three restaurants on the base:

Charlie's

Open for dinner daily 18:00-21:30

Island Roots

Coffee and sandwiches 07:00 - 15:00

The Moorings Yacht Club (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) On-site or delivery to yacht:

Breakfast 07:00 - 11:00

Lunch 11:00 - 14:00

Dinner 16:00 - 20:00

The Moorings Pool Bar

Open daily 10:00 - 22:00

Weekends are the busiest time in the base, so we kindly ask for some patience. The base is constantly looking to improve their product and service, and we are looking forward to future upgrades in restaurants, online stores and new utilities, which are coming soon.





OUR OCEAN PROMISE



SUSTAINABILITY

As passionate sailors, we want to look after the beautiful destinations that our customers visit. Being conscious of the impact we can have on local communities; the ocean and wildlife is key to ensuring we protect them for future generations to enjoy. Here are a few of our top tips on how to minimise your footprint when out on the water that collectively makes a big difference:

- Sails up, sail green!
Minimise the motor.
- Anchor with care.
- Give sea life space and do not attempt to touch marine life.
- Take only pictures.
- Leave only footprints.
- Throw nothing overboard.
- Turn electricity off.
- Use air-conditioning only when needed.
- Recycle and reuse where possible.
- Bring refillable water bottles.
- Say NO to plastic bags and bring a reusable bag.
- Minimise your plastic.
- Collect litter when possible.
- Buy local.
- Use eco-friendly and fair trade products.
- Use facilities on land.
- Shower quickly and ashore where possible.
- Scan the QR Code for more information

ISLAND TOUR

Island tours can be arranged for everybody looking to learn a little bit more about Tortola.

Find out more details about it from our Customer Care at reception.

There are also a couple of great beaches on the Tortola Island that one can visit before boarding, or while doing the island tour, the closest one being Cane Garden Bay.

DISCOVERY SCUBA DIVE

It is possible to do a discovery dive with [Sail Caribbean Divers](#). Find out more about their services online.

SAIL CARIBBEAN DIVERS

Our partners can be found next to the reception area, taking care of all water sports equipment such as diving equipment, kids life jackets, fishing licenses, and equipment, Stand up paddle boards, snorkeling masks, souvenirs, dinghy ladder rental, etc.

FISHING

Fishing equipment can be added to your The Moorings Charter, so make sure to inquire about it with your Vacation Planner.

Vessel registration is required for any boat wanting to fish in the BVI, we offer this on all of our catamaran fleet in Tortola.

In addition to the vessel registration, a personal fishing license is required for any adult fishing in the BVI's. The Moorings diving and fishing equipment partner, Sail Caribbean Divers, has provided this Fishing License Application for your convenience. The cost is \$65 USD per person and permits are valid for 1 month. Please email your application at least 2 weeks in advance of the charter to allow for adequate preparation of your licenses.

You will be able to pick up your fishing permit and sign-out your equipment at Sail Caribbean Divers, in the shop next to reception, when you arrive at the base

Please note that you may not fish in the National Parks, and unless fishing well offshore, fish should not be eaten due to Ciguatera poisoning. No spear fishing is allowed.

DIVING AND SNORKELING

When snorkeling from your yacht, please ensure that you utilise the snorkeling vests onboard, as well as the diving flag and buoy to ensure you are visible in the water.

One person should always remain onboard or out of the water to keep watch on the snorkellers.

We have a range of fins available in various different sizes. We do have limited childrens' sizes therefore we recommend bringing your own to avoid disappointment. Please note that we do not provide snorkeling masks or snorkels onboard.

BVI's have a range of interesting diving spots, like the sunken RMS Rhone, or Willy T, staged with pirates' skeletons performing daily activities. Artificially created dive sites like this are provided by Beyond the Reef non-profit foundation. One can donate to their cause in the base and find more information online [HERE](#).

It is not permitted to dive independently. Rendezvous diving is advisable, which can be booked through local operators on the islands. [Sail Caribbean Divers](#) has an office on our base – they are a PADI 5-star IDC centre offering rendezvous diving at various points throughout the BVI, for certified and non-certified divers.





The Moorings Crewed Experience

Relax in the comfort of one of our spacious catamarans, complete with your very own professional skipper and gourmet chef. With a crew to attend to your every need, you'll be free to enjoy what really matters - unforgettable moments with the ones you love.

Gourmet Cuisine...

Your personal chef will make it a point to learn what you love, then craft a bounty of gourmet meals, snacks and drinks sure to amaze your palate over and over again.

Local Knowledge and Freedom...

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation or a taste of both, your skipper will navigate to new and exciting locales to suit any mood.

For more information and bookings, visit:
www.moorings.com/crewed




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CRUISING AREA

MOORING TIPS

Most overnight stops in the BVI will be at mooring buoys/anchor as opposed to alongside quays. There is a color system for buoys and flags in the national parks which is as follows:

- White balls with a blue stripe - for overnight stays, 45\$ USD; first comes, first served.
- Blue balls - for dinghies only. There is a rope between two blue buoys which you are supposed to use when tying your dinghy.
- Yellow balls - for diving boats only.
- Red small buoys - for day stays only, 90 minute top.
- Red large buoys - BoatyBalls.

Boatyballs are new, large and red balls that one can book online at boatyball.com, for the day of the arrival. They usually get filled up by 7am, and their price is 10\$ USD more expensive than white balls (55 \$). Do not pick them up unless you have a reservation.

The National Parks Fee and your Cruising Permit have already been prepared for your yacht before your arrival. This does not include the 3\$ pp fee to the greater Baths area. In the case you are entering a park on foot, make sure to take it with you to avoid double- payment. An environmental and tourism levy of \$10 USD per person (3 years & older) will be collected on arrival at the ports of entry.

Make sure not to drive over a mooring buoy when leaving and do not anchor or fish in marine parks in order to avoid any fines. It is also not allowed to try to save a spot on buoys with a dinghy.

In the Baths marine park, there is a color flag system that you need to respect:



FLAG: DO NOT go into the water



FLAG: jelly fish present



FLAG: caution, strong swimmers only

A great way to keep track of the ever-changing situations is to visit bvitourism.com for any updates. Marinas usually have good websites, and even better-maintained Facebook sites to check for current information while in the region. Don't forget to hail any marina on VHF ch. 16 on approach to get instruction and assistance.

SAILING AREA RESTRICTIONS

Not all The Moorings sailboats are permitted to sail into the USVI. If you wish to sail into the USVI you must be a US citizen, resident, or have a US Visa which has to be obtained before arrival in the Caribbean. You must also submit a request ahead of time, if you wish to sail to the USVI, since it is outside our 4-Hour Commitment.

If sailing to Anegada, be aware that we do not provide for the 4-hour commitment service there.

Pay close attention to our Red Zones when planning your itinerary, more details on pgs. [26-27](#).

NIGHT SAILING

Night Sailing is not permitted; you must be moored at least one hour before sunset at all of our locations.



PREVAILING WINDS

Prevailing winds in the BVI are always easterlies, from November to January northeasterlies, 15 to 20 knots in strength. By June the wind generally shifts to the SE at 10 to 15 knots. During September and October the trade winds are at its weakest and the weather can be less settled.

WEATHER FORECASTS

You will be given a two-day forecast at the beginning of your charter. Additionally, you can also check it here:

Internet	windy.com ; windguru.cz ; windfinder.com ; sailflow.com
Radio	FM 92,3 on the hour
VHF	WAH on Channel 85 at 6:00 (simultaneously on 4357 repeat)

HURRICANE SEASON

The official hurricane season starts on 1 June and ends 30 November. Information on tropical systems is available from many sources 4 - 5 days before these weather conditions are experienced in the BVI.

CNN Weather Channel, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and the radio stations all issue regular updates on any tropical disturbances. Additional information can be obtained via the internet.

The base keeps track of any major weather disturbances and will reach out with any warnings if necessary.



4 HOUR COMMITMENT

We maintain our fleet to the highest standards so you can make the most of your time on the water. However, if you have a breakdown or technical problems, please contact your base team so we can support you.

For essential equipment we provide a 4-Hour Commitment. This means we will attend to the yacht within four working hours of you notifying us of the breakdown of any essential equipment (judged by the opening hours of the base reception). We are able to support you with the breakdown of unessential equipment too however this may not be attended to within 4 hours of us being notified.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES

- Engine
- Transmission
- Windlass
- Sails
- Standing and running rigging
- Battery and alternator

UNESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES

- VHF
- Refrigeration
- Air conditioning
- Bluetooth speaker
- Marine toilets
- Water pump
- Dinghy and outboard
- Depth and speed instruments

Note: Breakdowns occurred outside the defined sailing area and hours (8am-5pm), problems due to user negligence, bad weather or force majeure are not covered. Get the full policy details by clicking [HERE](#).


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MARINE ANIMALS & WILDLIFE

JELLYFISH

There are many species of jellyfish in the cruising area and there have been several instances

where clients who have been stung by jellyfish have required hospital treatment. If you have allergies, it is advised to wear stinger suits or refrain from swimming.

If you are stung:

- Immediately exit the water and apply copious amounts of vinegar to the affected area.
- Pour vinegar over the tentacle before attempting to remove it with tweezers.
- Do not try to rinse it off with fresh water and **DO NOT RUB!**

You can then immerse the affected limb in hot salt water or apply a hot compress and antihistamine cream.

Generally, the affected area will usually only be a minor irritation, similar to a bee sting and the sting area is normally itchy. Should you start to experience any additional symptoms you should contact the base immediately for help and advice on where to seek medical assistance.



CORAL STINGS AND CUTS

People get more injuries from fire coral (bright orange), than from anything else, so it helps to wear protective footies and gloves. Avoid touching any type of coral, it is very delicate and can easily break.

Cuts and abrasions caused from coral have a high risk of infection, so thoroughly clean the wound as soon as possible and apply copious amounts of vinegar and immerse in hot water or apply a hot compress. Avoid swimming afterwards.

SEA URCHINS

Sea urchins are not poisonous but their spines are very painful if touched or stepped on and will normally break off if attempting to pull them out with tweezers. Again, hot water is the best treatment and leaving vinegar-soaked cloth on the injured spot, so the spines get out.

FISH AND CIGUATERA

Ciguatera is caused by a neurotoxin which is only present in reef fish. There is no telling if fish are contaminated, so best avoid eating reef fish and stick to deep water fish, like swordfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo.

Symptoms include tingling of the lips, mouth and tongue, itching skin, fever, chills, muscle and joint aches, weakness, vomiting and diarrhea. Seek medical attention immediately.

If you happen to be stung by a fish immediately exit the water and treat with hot water. You may require a tetanus injection.

LIONFISH ALERT!!

Pacific lionfish are an invasive species, destroying the coral reefs and very aggressive. If stung, get out of the water, apply the hottest water tolerable, and call VISAR.

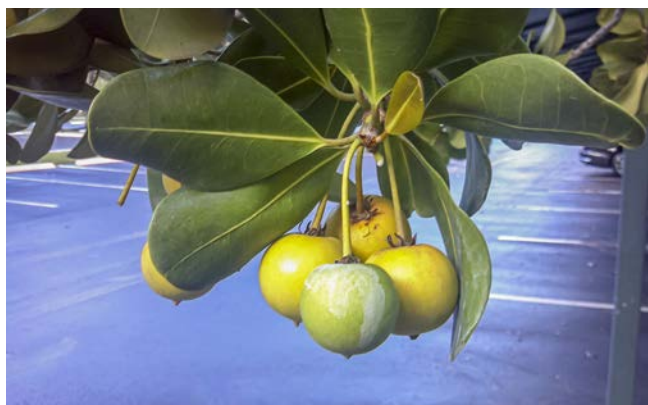
Although venomous, the flesh of the fish is not poisonous, so it is safe to eat. The Conservation and Fisheries Department is encouraging people to make it their next meal, so to help keep their populations at bay.



If you see the Lionfish, try and place a marker, record the location and depth and contact the Department of Fisheries at 001 284 494 34 29, or one of local dive operators. You can also visit them on bvi.gov.vg.

MANCHINEEL TREES

Recognised by their tiny apple-like fruit, yellow or yellow-green in color. DO NOT eat the fruits or even sit underneath the tree in the rain. They grow along the shore and their toxin causes rashes and, in extreme cases, death.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

We always recommend calling the base first in case of any incidents. However, there are a couple of contacts we would like our guests to keep handy:

- Emergency** . . . VHF ch. 16
999 or 911 for emergency
Police, Ambulance or Fire
- Police** 00 284 494 3822
or 311 (for non-emergency)
001 800 494 TIPS
for anonymous tips
- Ambulance** . . . 00 284 494 3497
Dr. Orlando Smith Hospital
(Tortola)
- VISAR** 001 284 499 0911
767 (from BVI)
VHF 67 Virgin Islands
Search & Rescue



RED ZONES MAP

Red zones are a part of the region where guests need to pay special attention while maneuvering their vessels. Any damages incurred in these areas will be considered negligence. Please note you are signing a Yacht Acceptance Form after your briefing stating you understand these zones and their dangers.

- **White Bay - Jost Van Dyke:**
Has numerous reefs, not always well indicated, and a high volume of vessels.
- **Trellis Bay, Beef Island and Camanoe Islands:**
Some reefs between Camanoe Islands and Beef Island are not clear on the chart. Also, please be mindful of the airport space and make sure you know how to navigate around cardinal markers.
- **Setting Point - Anegada:**
The approaching channel is usually missing a lateral marker or two. Make sure you are tracking both of the charts and have a spotter, as this is a very shallow area.
- **Area in front of Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda:**
missing a lateral marker, also very shallow with strong currents.
- **AVOID the channels** between Saba Rock and Prickly Pear.
- **AVOID the channels** between Virgin Gorda and Mosquito Island.
- **Channel between Mosquito island and Prickly Pear, North Sound:**
Be mindful of the currents and traffic, making sure to follow every lateral marker, always keeping to the right and under engine power.





SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

10 NIGHTS ROUTE

Day 1

Soper's Hole, Tortola

Day 2

Great Harbor, Jost Van Dyke

Day 3

Cane Garden Bay, Tortola

Day 4

Trellis Bay, Tortola

Day 5

North Sound, Virgin Gorda

Days 6 and 7

Anegada

Day 8

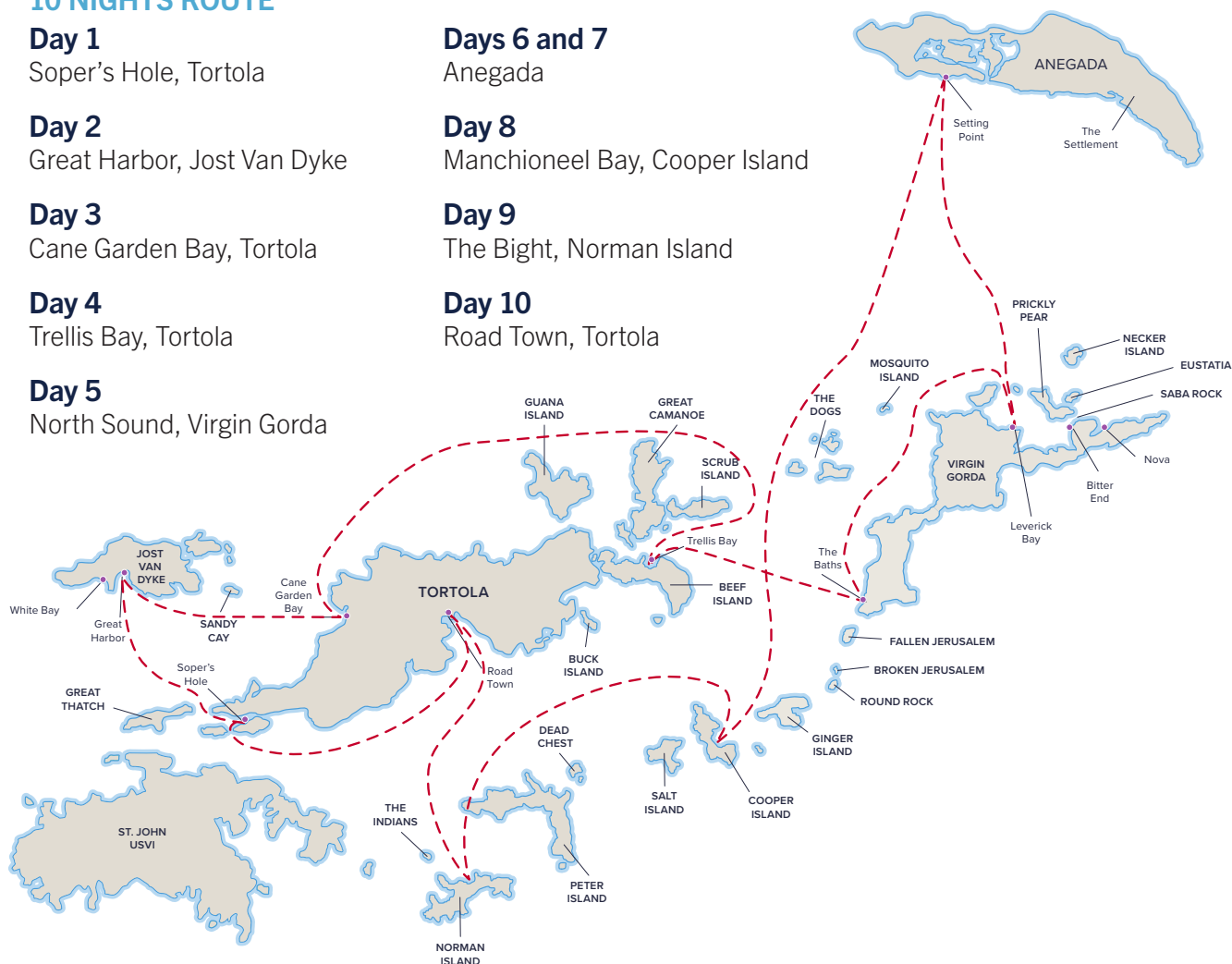
Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island

Day 9

The Bight, Norman Island

Day 10

Road Town, Tortola



7 NIGHTS ROUTE

Day 1

Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island

Day 2

Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbor

Day 4

Settling Point, Anegada

Day 5

Scrub Island

Day 6

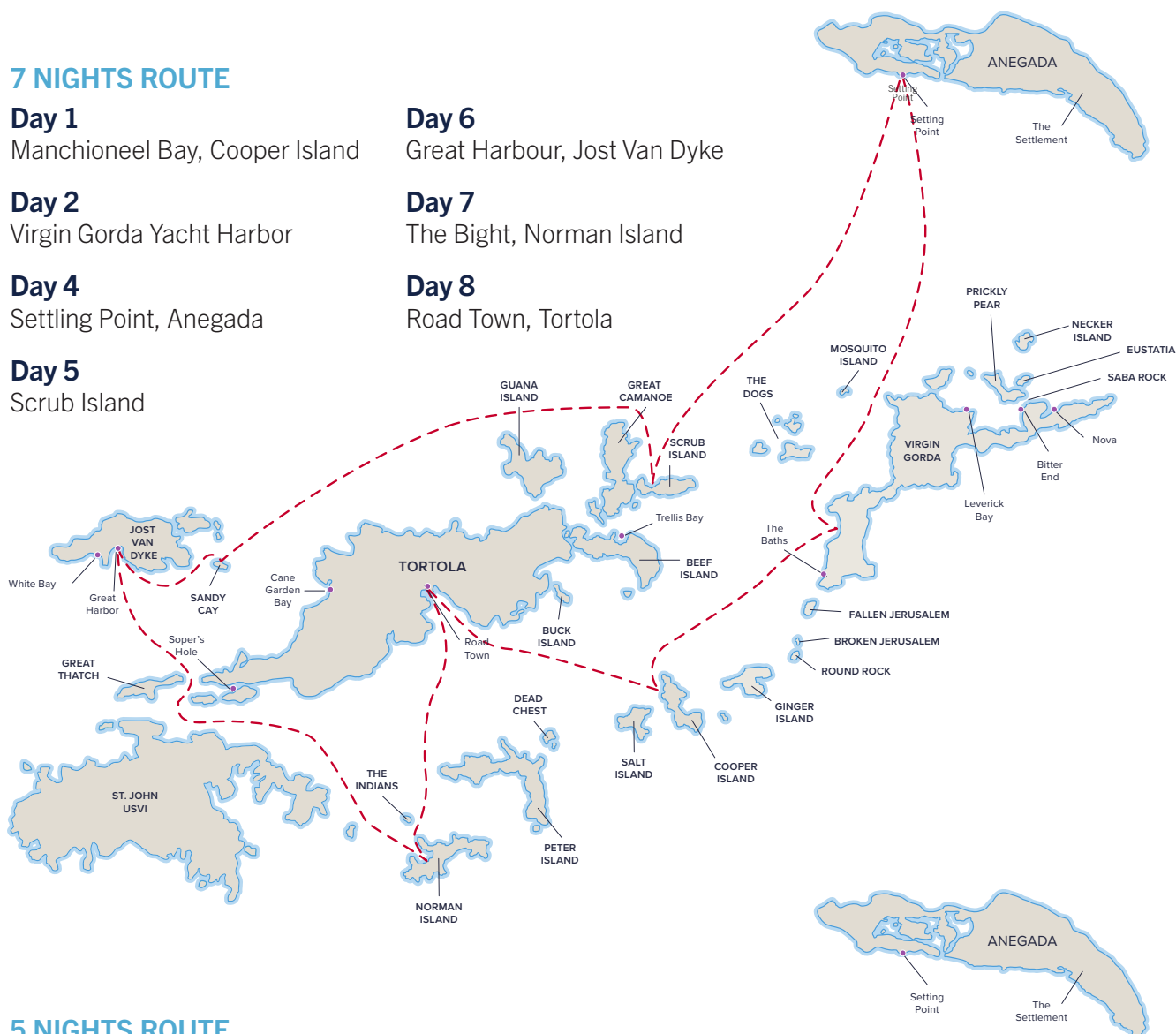
Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke

Day 7

The Bight, Norman Island

Day 8

Road Town, Tortola



5 NIGHTS ROUTE

Day 1

Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island

Day 2

Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda

Day 3

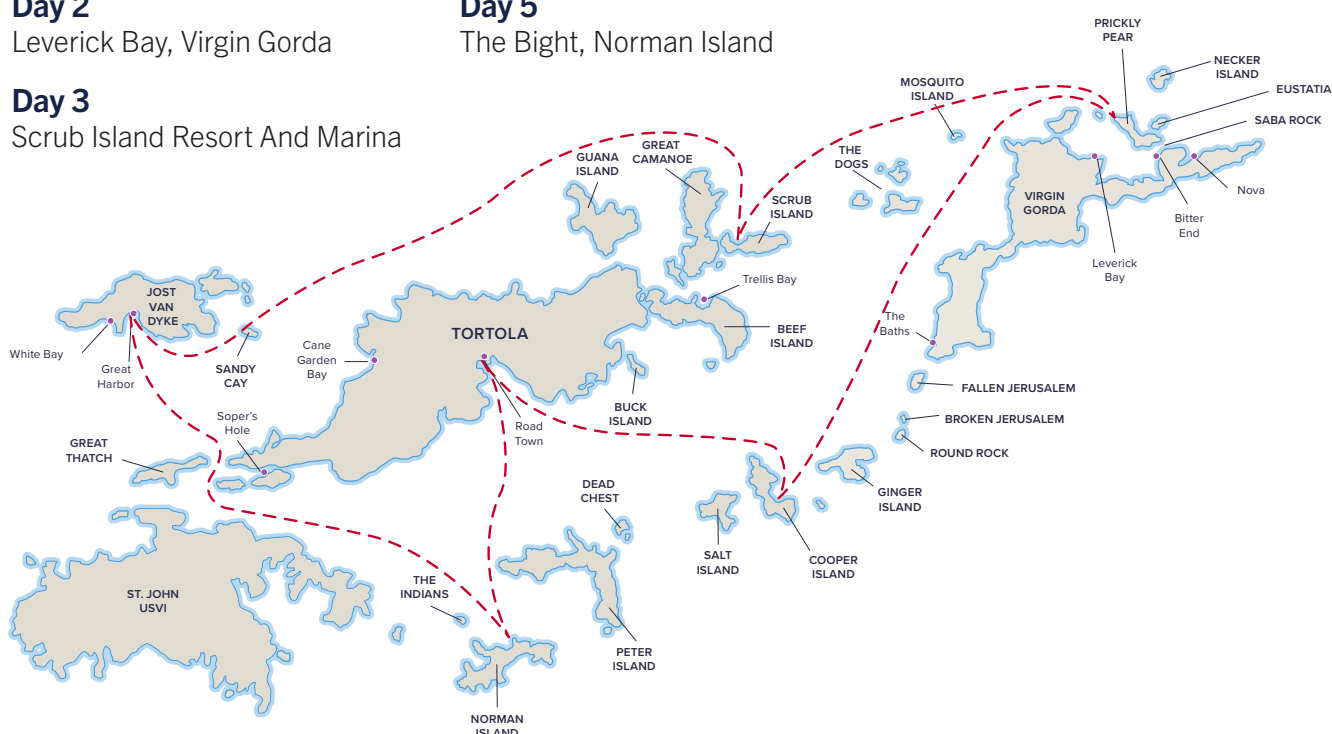
Scrub Island Resort And Marina

Day 4

Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke

Day 5

The Bight, Norman Island



DESTINATION SPOTLIGHTS

We have divided and color-coded our sailing region into five areas enabling you to see the time it will take under normal conditions to reach those cruising areas from the base on Tortola. Choose where you want to head to and the places you must visit in each cruising ground.

These charts and the information provided are a guide only and does not replace navigational charts and pilot books.

Cruising Area ONE 31

1 - 2½ hours sailing from the base, 1 hour power

Salt Island | Norman Island | Cooper Island | Peter Island

Cruising Area Two 31

3 - 4 hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

Jost Van Dyke | Great Harbour | White Bay | Diamond Cay, Little Jost Van Dyke | Soper's Hole, Tortola | Cane Garden Bay, Tortola | Guana Island (Monkey Point) | Scrub Island Marina | Marina Cay | Trellis Bay | The Dogs

Cruising Area Three 31

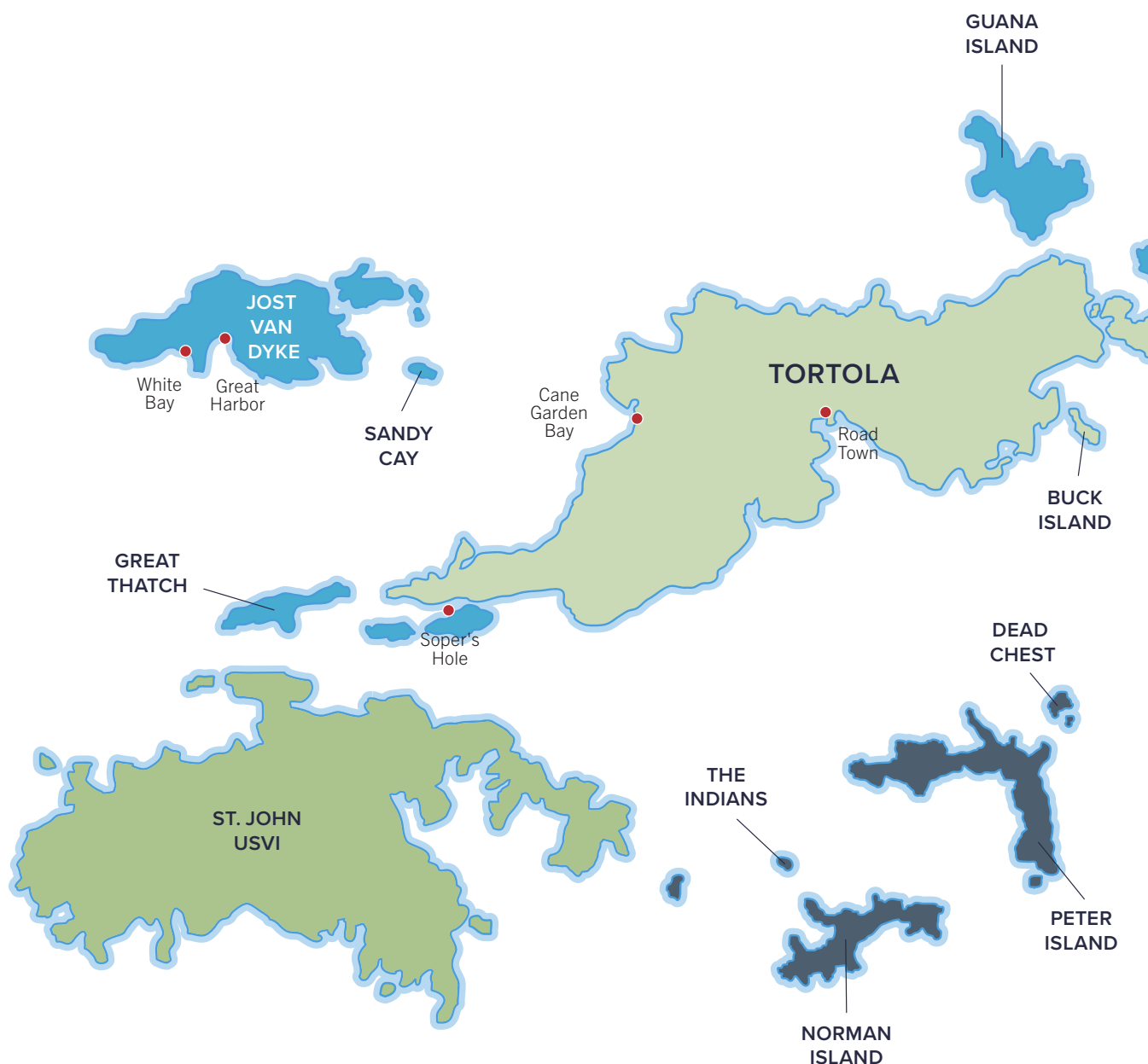
4 - 5 hours sailing from the base, 1½ hour power

Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda | The Baths, Virgin Gorda

Cruising Area Four 31

5 - 6 hours sailing from the base, 2 hours power

Bitter End Yacht Club, North Sound | Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda | Saba Rock, North Sound | Oil Nut Bay

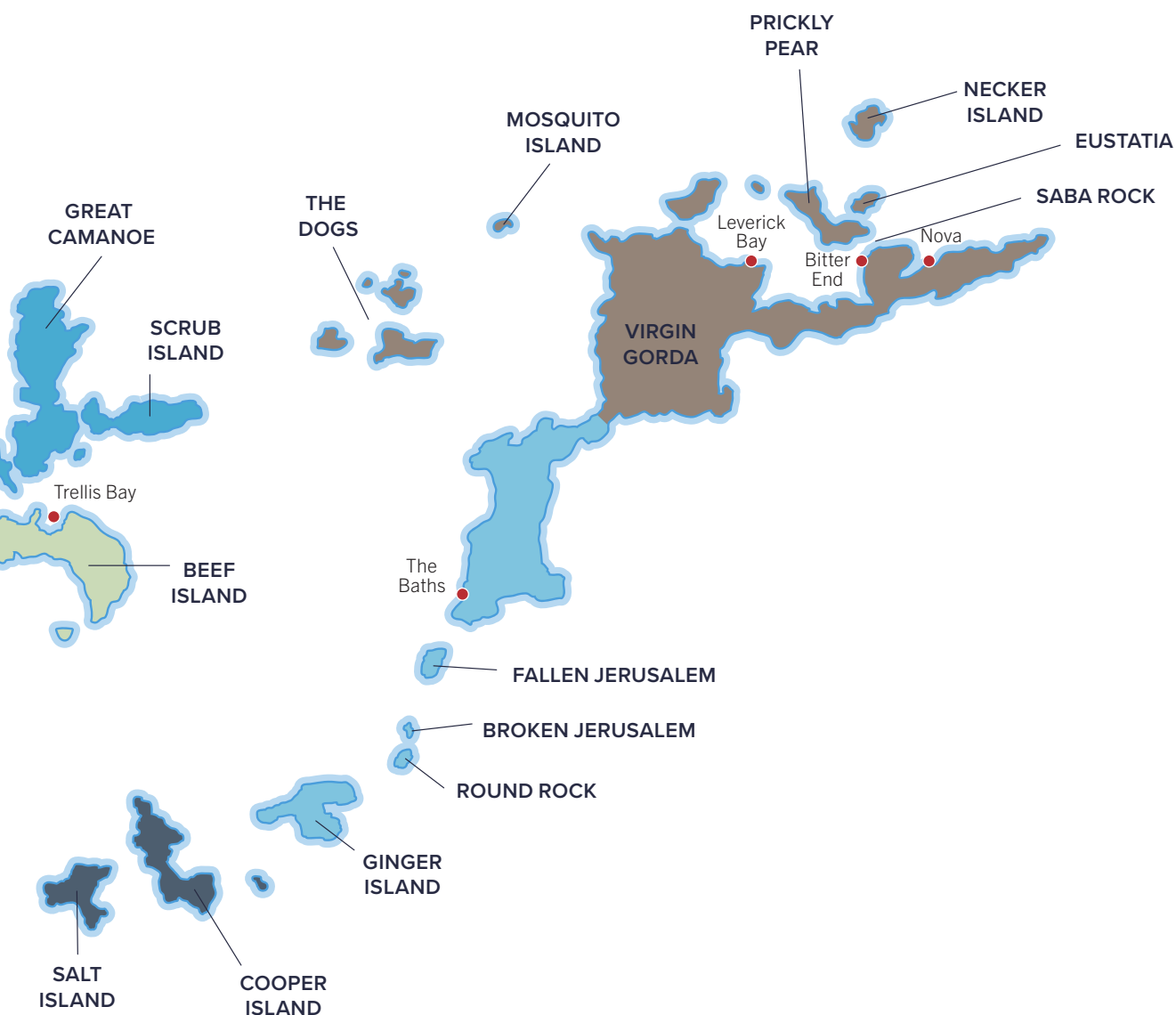




Cruising Area Five 31

8 - 9 hours sailing from the base, 3 hours power

Setting Point, Anegada



CRUISING AREA ONE

1 - 2½ hours sailing from the base, under 1 hour power

SALT ISLAND

Best known for the famed Wreck of The Royal Mail Steamer Rhone, Salt Island makes a great daytime stop for exploring the famous sunken vessel. You can pick up a National Parks Mooring Ball and dinghy over to the wreck.

RMS Rhone is a fantastic dive, but also great for snorkeling in clear weather, expect to see a range of life there, from the pair of resident barracuda, turtles and, if you're lucky, you may even spot a reef shark cruising by. Alternatively, if you'd like to venture onshore you can explore the three evaporation ponds, once an important source of salt for the ships of Her Majesty's Navy.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ Forbidden around the Rhone. Exposed to N swell	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National Park buoys available over the Rhone. Daytime only	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		

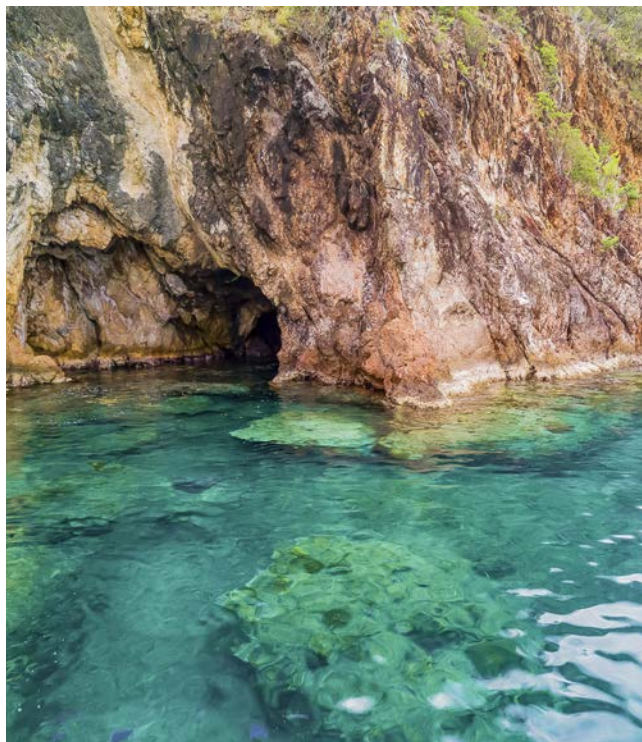


NORMAN ISLAND

Steeped in Pirate history, Norman Island is the perfect stop for yachtsmen seeking adventure and maybe even a little buried treasure! Visit the infamous [Willy T's](#) bar for an evening of fun or seek shelter from the Bight's noise on anchor or Kelly's Cove mooring buoys nearby.

Snorkel the caves at Treasure Point and you're likely to see a vast array of marine life, rumoured to be the spot where pirates hid their bounty, snorkel along the mouths of the four caves and you'll spot an abundance of small colourful fish.

If all the balls are taken, move along to Privateer Bay where you can anchor or pick up one of their balls and dinghy back.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Possible in Solder, Benure, Privateer Bays (N side), but not in Marine Parks	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White in the Bight	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Willy T's, The Bight
Dock	✗ Dinghy dock in the Bight and Willy T's	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗ Around 5pm the supply boat Deliverance makes the rounds.	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ice only, from the Bight		



COOPER ISLAND

The main bay anchorage on Cooper Island is Manchioneel Bay, and home to the beautiful Cooper Island Beach Club. There is a beach club, a rum bar, a coffee shop, a bakery, and a great boutique. This is one of the spots we really recommend booking a BoatyBall.

At the other end of the bay is Cistern Rock, a great snorkel spot, dinghy over and tie to the dinghy line or swim across and back keeping an eye out for the many resident turtles.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Cooper Island Beach Club cooperislandbeachclub.com
Dock	✗ Dinghy docks available	Shops	✓ Bakery and boutique
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



PETER ISLAND

This privately owned island, 5 miles south-west from Road Town, Tortola, is home to the luxurious Peter Island Resort and Spa, currently under extensive reconstruction due to extensive damage from hurricane Irma in 2017.

One can also dive to the legendary [Willy T's wreck](#), in Key Bay, Peter Island, thanks to Beyond the Reef Foundation. The non-profitable organisation requests that a donation of \$5 USD be made by those who explore the wreck or their “shark planes”, money which goes towards local children’s swim programmes. Learn more about them online.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Bar in Great Harbour.
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



DEADMANS BAY, PETER ISLAND

A beautiful crescent bay of white sand, aptly named after the 15 misbehaving pirates who tried to swim here after being marooned on Dead Chest Island by Blackbeard himself.

This is a great stop in calm weather, plus the grassy sea bed means the bay is home to numerous resident turtles.

Note: This is a part of a private resort, **do not go on-shore.**



CRUISING AREA TWO

3 - 4 hours sailing from the base, under 1½ hour power

JOST VAN DYKE

The large island of Jost Van Dyke is well known through the BVIs for its lively bars including The Soggy Dollar and the world-famous Foxy's, so you'll be sure to have a memorable time visiting this island.

Great Harbour and nearby White Bay offer some of the best restaurants, bars, and nightlife in the BVIs, so enjoy lounging on the beach and snorkeling in the sea by day and sipping rum cocktails to the sound of live music by night. Adventurous sorts can hike into the tall, rainforest-covered hills behind Great Harbour.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ North Latitude Marina northlatitudemarina.com	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓ In Great Harbour	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✓ In the marina
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		

GREAT HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE

Well protected anchorage, with numerous mooring balls available, making it a great straight-forward mooring. Well-protected anchorage, with numerous mooring balls available, making it a great straight-forward mooring. Iconic for its bars and restaurants - visit Foxy's or Corsaire's for a fun night out and some good food.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Hendo's, Soggy Dollar, floating spa
Dock	✓ North Latitude Marina northlatitudemarina.com	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗ In Great Harbour	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		

LITTLE HARBOUR, JOST VAN DYKE

A great spot, well protected bay with good holding, you can anchor and swing or take a line ashore. This quiet bay is great to sit and relax, watch the frigate birds dive for fish and enjoy the sunset and stars at night.



WHITE BAY, JOST VAN DYKE

Aptly named for its beautiful stretch of white sandy beach, perfect for a daytime stop, this busy bay hosts numerous fun beach bars and restaurants. Perhaps the most famous being Soggy Dollar Bar, the bar that invented the BVI national drink the Painkiller, a delicious creamy rum drink. The bar coined its name from the soggy state of the dollar bills used to pay for drinks after swimming ashore from an anchored vessel. Soggy Dollar also has a great range of bar food and snacks and a wonderful boutique with loads of Soggy Dollar memorabilia, clothing, and accessories, all packaged into dry bags for an easy swim back to the boat!

Next door is Hendo's Hideout, who serve fantastic food and drinks, and also well worth a visit is Gertrudes Beach Bar, a fun honesty bar serving tasty American Cuisine. On the eastern side of the bay is a floating spa, made from salvaged lumber from around the BVI following the passage of Hurricane Irma.

When arriving at White Bay, keep an eye out for the two reefs at each end and stick to the markers to avoid grounding.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White balls, not suggested to go with boat - red zone	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Hendo's, Soggy Dollar, floating spa
Dock	✗ You have to beach the dinghy	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		

DIAMOND CAY, LITTLE JOST VAN DYKE

This makes a lovely day anchorage or overnight spot if you're after some quiet, there are several mooring balls here and it's never usually too crowded. Ashore you will find Foxy's Taboo Bar and Restaurant, a really fun spot serving up tasty lunches and dinners. A small hike away you will find the bubbly pool. Bring drinks and enjoy the waves crashing into the pool. Across the bay, there is Bline Bar, a ramshackle Caribbean beach bar with tons of character.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ National Park, exposed to S swell.	WiFi	✓ In restaurants
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBalls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Foxy's Taboo and Bline
Dock	✗ Only dinghy dock	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ask in Foxy's Taboo		

SANDY CAY

This is a picture postcard setting and the perfect daytime stop for swimming, relaxing, and exploring this tiny island. Sandy Cay is a National Park, gifted back to the BVI by Laurence Rockefeller. Let the botanical trail show you the way through the island, make sure to create a rock sculpture to add to the hundreds already on the beach, but watch out for the many resident hermit crabs scuttling around! Anchoring is the only way to get to the beach and there are no facilities.



A very deep harbor, situated between Frenchman's Cay to the south and Tortola. The port is an entry point for vessels and a ferry stop for those going to the USVI. This is also an ideal place to re-provision or re-fuel your yacht. Soper's Hole Wharf and Marina re-opened in December 2019, with a lot of hurricane damage still visible around the town.



CANE GARDEN BAY, TORTOLA

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GUANA ISLAND (MONKEY POINT)

The delightful anchorage known as Monkey Point lies at the southern tip of Guana Island. Situated on the western side of the rocky outcrop that marks the southern extremity of the island, Monkey Point is an excellent day stop on red national park buoys for some good snorkeling.

White Bay on Guana now has mooring buoys available for overnight stops, giving the opportunity to enjoy the white beach. Just make sure to avoid the northernmost tip, as it is reserved for a private resort, and one is not allowed to go to their dinghy dock.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ Bay exposed to N swell	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ White and red NP buoys	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗ Do not use the private dock!	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		

SCRUB ISLAND MARINA

This full-service marina can accommodate 55 yachts and is part of the resort offering plenty of gourmet and pampering experiences. All resort amenities are open to visiting yachts, however there is a resort fee. Scrub Island is well worth a visit if you fancy a day of relaxing around the pools or some pampering at the fantastic Ixora Spa.

A short dinghy ride away you'll find Diamond Reef, named after the rumoured lost diamond engagement ring, with an abundance of colourful fish and some of the best corals in the area.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ Mooring buoys in front of the marina	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ 2\$ USD per ft. off-season. VHF 74: scrubisland.com	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓ Gourmet Market and café	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓		

MARINA CAY

Marina Cay, nestled behind a reef and lying between the islands of Camanoe and Scrub, is easy to enter and provides visiting yachtsmen with good holding in an all-weather anchorage. There are numerous mooring balls available, mostly from BoatyBall, so reserve your spot. Anchoring to the northeast and northwest behind the mooring field is limited.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ Anchoring at Diamond reef not allowed. Beware the reef NE of Marina Cay.	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✓ Fueling dock	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		

TRELLIS BAY

Trellis Bay has an eclectic group of shops, restaurants, and fun things to do, there is a funky artist culture/community reminiscent of the '60s or '70s here, but the bay is probably most well-known for the fantastic Full Moon parties they host.

Many hurricane-wrecked private boats are onshore here, but it somehow has only added to the charm of the place. There are a few moorings balls available, and the bay is usually relatively quiet, that is unless there's a full moon party, and it would be recommended to arrive in plenty of time to ensure a spot.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Allowed, but not recommended. Plenty of balls available	WiFi	✓ In bars
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ice at bars		

THE DOGS

West Dog, Great Dog, George Dog, and Seal Dog are situated a couple of miles west of Virgin Gorda, named for the barking sound from the seal population that used to inhabit these islands long ago. The Dog Islands are all in a protected area of The National Parks Trust and make lovely daytime stops when headed up the islands. It's best to visit during good weather as they are open to the swell more than many other areas of the BVI.



There are numerous anchorages on these islands. The west bay on Great Dog, known as 'The Chimney,' is a fantastic canyon that leads to an underwater arch, here you'll see a large variety of sea creatures and coral heads. The south side also has an extensive reef with over 100 yards of island coral to explore.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National park buoys	Restaurants & Bars	✗
Dock	✗	Shops	✗
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		





CRUISING AREA THREE

4 - 5 hours sailing from the base, under 1½ hour power

SPANISH TOWN

Here you will find The Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour. The area experienced severe damage during Hurricane Irma but is still the hub for shopping and yachts. Follow the navigation markers and contact the harbour master via VHF Ch 16.

The marina offers numerous facilities. A walk along the road or a short taxi ride away you'll find the restaurant and cocktail lounge 'Coco Maya'. Offering a fantastic range of Asian fusion tapas dishes and excellent cocktails situated on the beachfront, this is a great spot for sundowners. If you have time, take a taxi and explore the island. Climbing up towards Gorda Peak you'll come to Hog Heaven, a neat little roadside bar and restaurant with stunning views across the North Sound.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Careful while anchoring in N swell	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Marina \$2 USD per ft. vgyh.vg	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✓
Refuel	✓	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



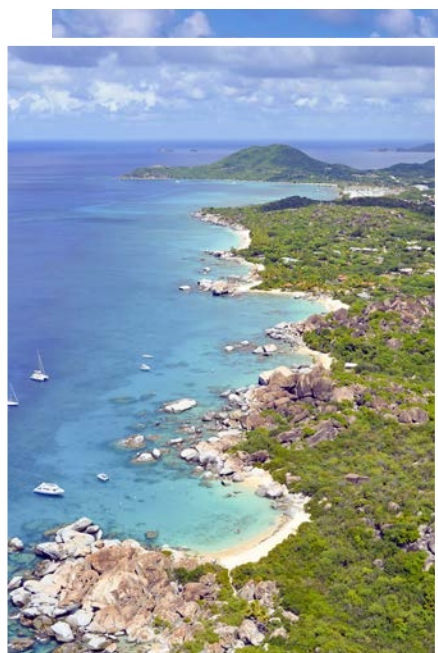
THE BATHS

It is essential you include The Baths as a stop on your trip. An unusual formation of granite boulders, where the sea washes in between the huge rocks, and large pools have been created where shafts of light play on the water. The beach next to The Baths is white and sandy and has great snorkeling. Finding a trail behind the beach that leads through the boulders to Devils Bay is a special experience.

Make sure to obey the colored flag system for swimming. If the flag is anything but yellow, the Baths can be visited on foot or by taxi from other locations. There is a dinghy mooring system and from there, it is an easy swim ashore along a swim line. There is also a Poor man's bar next to the start of the trail and a great Restaurant and Bar at 'The top of The Baths' with fantastic views over the bay, a couple of souvenir shops, and even a swimming pool.



FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ Forbidden, no overnight stays, exposed to weather	WiFi	✗
Mooring Balls	✓ National park balls	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Poor Man's Bar, Top of The Baths
Dock	✗ Dinghy can be left on white tall buoys	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✗		



CRUISING AREA FOUR

5 - 6 hours sailing from the base, under 1½ hour power

BITTER END YACHT CLUB, NORTH SOUND

The Bitter End Yacht Club offers a full state-of-the-art Marina and facilities. Facilities include restaurants, a ferry service (that can pick up guests from and/or drop them off at Leverick Bay or Saba Rock), water sports (Hobie Cats, Windsurfing, Kiteboarding, SUPs), beach games, comfortable beach seating (hammocks, loungers, and beach umbrellas), shops for provisioning, and a lovely boutique. Definitely worth a visit.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Ok a bit outside of the marina, good in all weather	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Dinghy docks and the marina	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✓	ATM	✗
Refuel	✓ In the marina	Trash	✓
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		



LEVERICK BAY, VIRGIN GORDA

Located at the northern end of Virgin Gorda, a large bay protected by islands and reefs all around. Leverick also has perhaps the best selection of available water sports, you can hire jet skis, jet boards, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, or SNUBA- all from the beach. The most famous pirate show in the area also happens on select days in the week, so make sure to check it out, especially if travelling with kids.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Ok a bit outside of the marina, good in all weather	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Dinghy docks and the marina: leverickbayvg.org	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ In the marina		

SABA ROCK, NORTH SOUND

Saba Rock is a tiny island sitting astride the channel to Eustatia Island, between the Bitter End on Virgin Gorda and Prickly Pear Island. The island is home to a bar/restaurant and a small hotel.

Together with Bitter End and Oil Nut Bay, it is considered the most high-end part of the BVI. Shoot some pool while drinking cocktails, indulge in a spa treatment, or try windsurfing on the reef. The tarpon feeding at 5 pm every day is also an attraction not to be missed!

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗ Careful if going through channel	WiFi	✓ At the resort
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall	Restaurants & Bars	✓
Dock	✓ Boat and dinghy dock	Shops	✓
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓		



OIL NUT BAY -NOVA, VIRGIN GORDA

Oil Nut Bay has unveiled their hotly anticipated last stage of development, The Marina Village and Nova Restaurant. The new Marina provides a glimpse into the Oil Nut Bay lifestyle for day guests and overnighting yachts, as Oil Nut Bay is a private resort. Nova is the Marina's signature over-water restaurant, complete with a suspended pool, bar, over-water hammocks and daybeds.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✓ Allowed a bit outside, careful on approach	WiFi	✓
Mooring Balls	✓ White	Restaurants & Bars	✓ High end
Dock	✓ 2\$ USD per ft., details online: oilnutbay.com	Shops	✓ Small souvenir shop
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✗
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Payable		

CRUISING AREA FIVE

8 - 9 hours sailing from the base, under 1½ hour power

SETTLING POINT, ANEGADA

Well worth the 11-mile sail from the North Sound, the island of Anegada, with its highest point just 28 feet above sea level is 11 miles long and fringed with mile after mile of beautiful sandy beaches. It is surrounded by Horseshoe Reef, home to many lobsters and conch shells, which is how the island has gained its reputation for fantastic fresh lobster dinners. There is one main anchorage on the island, Setting Point, which has a partially marked channel as you enter, so take care.

Anegada has loads of fun and interesting activities to enjoy, there are numerous cars, mopeds, and mini-mokes rentals available which are great for exploring the island. Spend the day exploring the island by land, the north shore boasts some of the BVI's most spectacular beaches. Also, check out the salt pond in the centre of the island, home to many migrating birds, including the Caribbean flamingoes.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Anchoring	✗	WiFi	✗ Very poor signal
Mooring Balls	✓ White and BoatyBall	Restaurants & Bars	✓ Known for lobsters
Dock	✗ Dinghy docks available	Shops	✓ Souvenirs
Provisioning	✗	ATM	✗
Refuel	✗	Trash	✓ \$5 USD to collect
Water Refill & Ice	✓ Ice in the restaurants		



ANEGADA SANDY BEACHES

With a huge reef surrounding Anegada, the best spots are found once you go for an explore. Mokes or little cars are found in Setting Point, or for those fancying a cocktail every now and then - there are taxi's and island tours.

For nature- lovers, there is an iguana habitat in the middle of the island, taking care of young iguanas and releasing them into the wild when big enough. Entrance is free.

Picture-perfect sandy beaches stretch mile after mile, especially on the northern side of the island, including North End, Loblolly, Anegada Beach Club, and Cow Wreck beach. Make sure to bring snorkeling equipment, as fish life is abundant in the reef, and one can often see a reef shark or a stingray. This place is perfect for a whole-day lounging, cocktail-sipping day, so make sure you have at least one full day at your disposal to get into island time, finishing off with a lobster dinner and joining in one of many local parties.





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