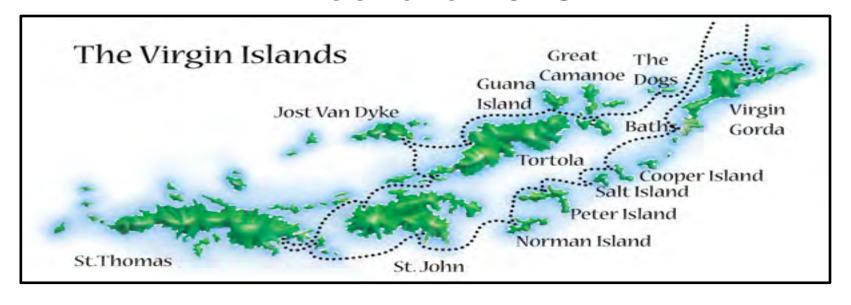


True North Sailing British Virgin Island Vacation Brochure 2018



Welcome Aboard!

Hello Adventure Seekers,

A sailing vacation in the beautiful British Virgin Islands (or The "B.V.I." as we call them) is in my mind an adventure that no doubt should be on everyone's "Bucket List" as there is no other place on earth quite like the B.V.I. and in my opinion, the best possible way to experience these "Jewels of the Caribbean" is by sailing through the crystal clear, azure waters from one breathtaking anchorage to the next aboard a fleet of sleek sailing yachts. As the founders and Directors of the Award Winning True North Sailing School, my wife Jean and I have been organizing sailing vacations in the Caribbean annually since 1990 and we are very happy, honored and truly appreciate the fact that you are considering joining us on our 29th annual flotilla in 2018.

Over the years I have been asked by many people to describe to them just what a sailing vacation in the B.V.I. is all about and although I have tried my best on numerous occasions to do so, I have found it virtually impossible to put into words what sailing through these islands is truly like. It seems no matter what I tell people, once they experience it for themselves they always tell me that there is just no way to fully describe in words the experience that they had in paradise! That being said, I will try my best with the help of pictures and descriptions to give you a "Feel" for what a week of sailing in the B.V.I. is about but I admit that no matter what I tell you, I will not be able to do the experience justice.... you'll just have to take my word for it and come down and experience it for yourself!

In the following slides I'll give you information about the yachts and the destinations that we will visit which I hope will help you to gain a sense of what the experience is like. If you have any further questions after reviewing the information, please feel free to call or email me and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. We hope you will be sailing with us in The Caribbean in 2018.

Sincerely, Rick Van Loon Director True North Sailing (908) 489 - 0589 info@sailtruenorth.com

Your Hosts for Sail The B.V.I. 2018



Rick & Jean Van Loon Directors / True North Sailing



YACHT OPTIONS

- Footloose 4600 Catamaran 4 Cabins / 4 Heads
- Moorings 48' to 55' Monohull 4 Cabins / 4 Heads
- Moorings 43' to 45 ' Monohull 3 Cabins / 3 Heads

VACATION INCLUDES

- All Meals Included (Except 2 dinners ashore)
- B.V.I. Cruising Permits / National Park Mooring Permits
- Individual Snorkeling gear
- No Previous Sailing Experience is Required
- Singles, Couples and Groups are Welcome





Copy and paste this link into your web browser to see a yacht video tour - https://www.facebook.com/FootlooseCharters/videos/10152494247295964/





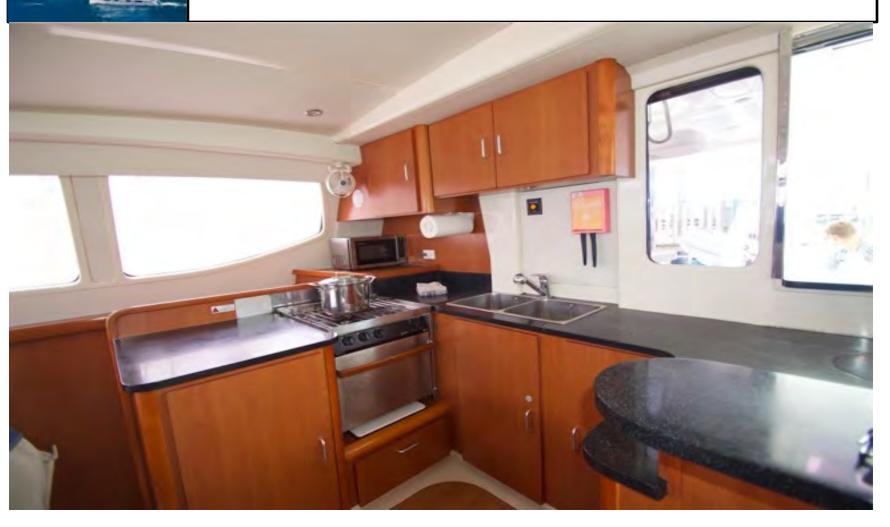
A New Adventure Each Day Sailing From Island to Island!





Anchored at The Beach Lunch, Kayaking, Swimming!

4600 Galley



Fully Equipped Galley with 3 Burner Stove/Oven, Broiler, Double Sinks, Fridge / Freezer, Microwave, Coffee Maker, Ample Counter and Storage Space, A.C.



4600 Saloon



Settee Seats 8 for Interior Dining / 360 Degree Views





Spacious Cockpit For Dining al Fresco / Raised Helm Station





Your Cabin With Private Toilet & Shower (Double Occupancy)



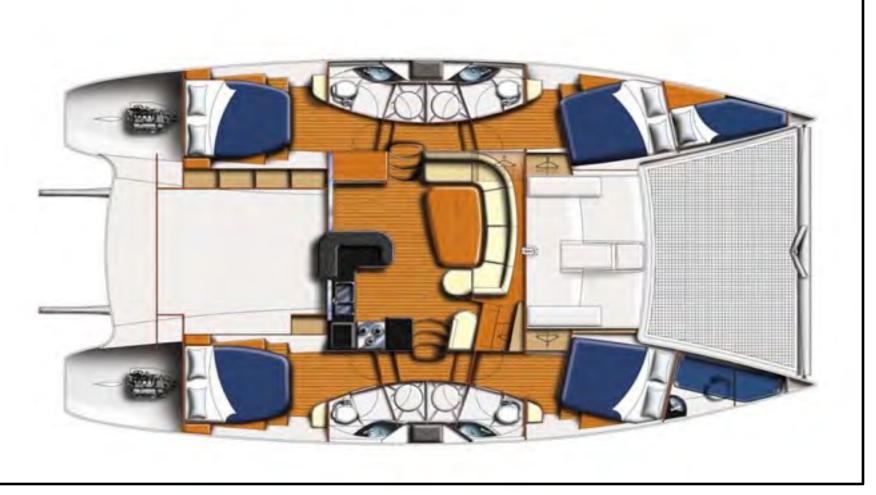
4600 Catamaran



Private Stand- up Shower In Every Cabin



4600 Catamaran Layout



4 Double Cabins All with private toilets & Showers / Separate





Spacious 24' Wide Yacht Aft Bench Seat Converts to a Swim





Lounging on the Trampoline





Up With The Sun Morning Coffee On The Bow





Socializing On Deck





4600 Catamaran Sailing In North Sound Virgin Gorda





Great Sailing Yachts With Bow Thrusters for Easy Docking /





Twin Steering Wheels, Roller Furling, Lazy Jacks w/ Stack Pack, Bimini, Swim





Spacious Saloon





Saloon Settee Seats 8 for Interior Dining





Fully Equipped Galley Stove, Oven, Fridge, Freezer,

. . .



Moorings 4 Cabin Layout



4 Double Cabins All with Private Toilets & Showers





Twin Steering Wheels, Roller Furling, Lazy Jacks, Stack Pack, Bimini, Swim





Feel The Heel With Consistent Trade Winds





Oh Yeah! We got "The Groove Goin' On!"



Moorings 3 Cabin Saloon



Light & Airy Interior



Moorings 3 Cabin Galley



3 Burner Stove w / Oven & Broiler, Double Sinks, Refrigeration, Freezer etc.



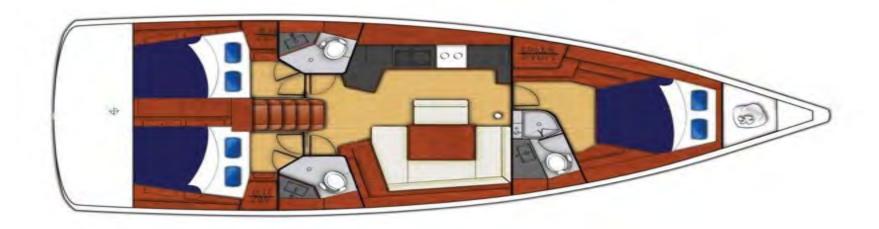
Moorings 3 Cabin Yacht



Forward V-Berth With Private Toilet and Shower



Moorings 3 Cabin Yacht Layout



V-Berth & Two Aft Cabins All with Private Toilets & Showers



Itinerary

The following slides describe our day to day itinerary highlighting some of the Fantastic Destinations that we will visit!





Travel Day



 DAY 1 - Saturday January 27, 2018 is Travel Day. Participants fly from home to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. and take the short 50 minute ferry ride to Tortola, B.V.I. We stow our gear, complete a yacht orientation then "Chill" at the pool and start to decompress with a "Welcome to the B.V.I. Cocktail" then we have dinner. Tonight we sleep aboard the yachts at the dock in Tortola and cast off in the morning.



Travel Day





Get Ready For Fun The Ferry From St. Thomas to Tortola



Travel Day





Start to Unwind Relax at The Mariner Inn Pool



Travel Day





The Yachts At The Mariner Inn Marina



Travel Day





Visit Quaint Shops Road Town, Tortola





- DESTINATION On Day 2 we leave the dock in Tortola and sail to Norman Island. On route we can stop at a small group of islands known as "The Indians" which have a beautiful reef for snorkeling or at "The Caves" (where Robert Louis Stevenson got his inspiration for "Treasure Island") for swimming. In the afternoon we anchor at "The Bight" which is the name of the anchorage on Norman Island where we stay for the night.
- DINNER Tonight we have dinner onboard grilling filet mignon steaks on the cockpit grill served with potatoes au gratin and French cut green beans.
- NIGHTLIFE After dinner we head to the Pirates Bight Beach Bar for cocktails and then the late night party moves over to The Willy - T Schooner Bar for dancing.







The "Bight" Anchorage







"The Indians" Pelican Island in the foreground / Snorkeling on the reef







Another World Awaits Below The Surface







 $Snorkeling \ \, \text{At "The Indians"}$



Day 2



Jean Chillin' Anchored at "The Indians"







Standup Paddle Boarding At "The Caves"







 $Snorkeling \ \, \text{The Caves on Treasure Point}$

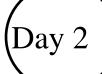






Skipper Matt & Crew Having Some Snorkeling Fun!







The "Pirate's Bight" Beach Bar







The Willy - T Schooner Bar Tradition to jump from the Upper Deck!





DESTINATION - Today we sail to Jost van Dyke (an island named after a famous Dutch Pirate!) in search of the legendary Foxy Mon! We'll spend the afternoon playing on the beach in White Bay (home of The Famous "Soggy Dollar Bar") where the "Painkiller Rum Punch" was originated!

DINNER - Dinner onboard is BBQ Chicken on the grill with veggies on the side.

NIGHTLIFE - After dinner everyone goes ashore for cocktails and dancing at Foxy's Famous Tamarind Bar!







Morning Skippers Meeting Rick Takes "Roll Call" on The Bow







Yachts Anchored At White Bay







White Bay The most beautiful beach on Jost van Dyke







The Soggy Dollar Bar White Bay / The "Painkiller" Originated Here



Day 3



Life's A Beach! Drinking Painkillers at White Bay



Day 3



"Mr. G.Q." Chillaxin' at White Bay







Great Harbor Home of Foxy's







FOXY'S Is The Place To Be!







The Foxy Mon Great Harbor







Jean & The Crew Meet The Infamous "Foxy!"



Day 3



Foxy's Tamarind Bar Very Rustic and so much Fun!







All The "Party Essentials"





 DESTINATION - Depart Jost van Dyke and stop for a swim at the uninhabited but "postcard beautiful" Sandy Cay (pronounced key). We then sail to the most popular beach on Tortola in Cane Garden Bay for lunch and swimming. After lunch we visit Myett's Beach Bar for a cocktail. Once back onboard the yachts we sail to Sopher's Hole for the night.

• DINNER - We enjoy dinner ashore at Pusser's Landing!

NIGHTLIFE - Painkiller's at Pusser's Landing!







Sandy Cay Anchor for swimming at "Postcard Beautiful" Beach!







Skipper Mike Cruising Past Sandy Cay







Sandy Cay Stand Up Paddle Boarding







Cane Garden Bay Aerial View







Cane Garden Bay Beach







 $Cane\ Garden\ Bay\ {\it The\ Tire\ Swing\ Where\ Jean\ said\ "Yes"}$



Scrub Island





Cookin' Up The Mahi Mahi Surf Tacos Coming Right Up!







Myett's Beach Bar Cane Garden Bay







How Many Myett's Painkillers Did Jean Have?



Sopher's Hole





Pusser's Landing Marina



Sopher's Hole





Pusser's Landing Dinghy Dock



Sopher's Hole





 $Pusser's \ Landing \ {\tt Dinner} \ {\tt on} \ {\tt The} \ {\tt Upstairs} \ {\tt Veranda}$



SCRUB ISLAND



- DESTINATION Today we sail to Scrub Island for a stay at the beautiful Scrub Island Resort which boasts an infinity pool with water slide, hot tub, swim up bar and has massages available. We'll stop and anchor for lunch at Peter Island's "Deadman's Bay" which has a gorgeous beach for swimming.
- DINNER Chicken Fajitas w / Spanish Rice & Beans onboard.
- NIGHTLIFE We will board the Scrub Island Launch for a short ferry ride over to Trellis Bay for the Full Moon Party which has live bands, Jumby Dancers (dancers on stilts), fire jugglers and the impressive "Fire Balls" on the beach. Trellis Bay also has an "Artists community" so if you are in the market for some Caribbean Art or a Silk Screen T - Shirt you may find what you are looking for here.







Peter Island Anchor for Lunch at Deadman's Bay







Scrub Island Resort Infinity Pool, Hot tub, Swim up bar, Heaven!







Scrub Island Pool Pic True North Sails The BVI 2017







Sunset "Hot Tub & Liquid Therapy Session"







Trellis Bay "Beach Fireballs" at The Full Moon Party



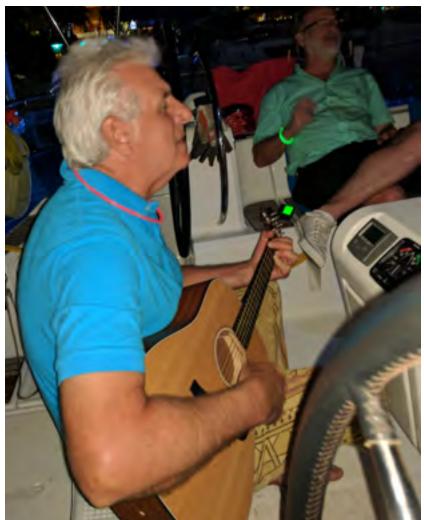




Jumby Dancers On Stilts at The Full Moon Party







Rick's Caribbean "Cockpit Karaoke"





• DESTINATION - Today we depart at Sunrise to get an early start to the "Baths" (the most popular tourist attraction in the B.V.I.) on the island of Virgin Gorda. Here you can swim in the pools created between the massive boulders that are piled on the beach.

 DINNER - Tonight we are having a West Indian Beach BBQ at The Bitter End Yacht Club.

 NIGHTLIFE - Pre - dinner cocktails at Saba Rock followed by Dancing to the Island Music of The "Latitude Stars" Band at B.E.Y.C!







"The Baths"







Catamaran Moored at The Baths







The Pools In "The Baths"







Rick Minding The Grill at The Baths







The Bitter End Yacht Club North Sound



Day 6



Saba Rock Dinghy Over for Cocktail Hour







Saba Rock "Da Plane! Da Plane!"







Jean, Anne & Rick Saba Rock







Saba Rock Dinghy Dock / Bitter End Yacht Club in The Distance





• Sailing Destination - Today we leave North Sound and sail to the "Drowned Island" of Anegada. All of the other islands in the B.V.I. are volcanic islands (high mountains seen from a distance) while Anegada is a coral island with its highest point only 27 feet above sea level (hence the name "The Drowned Island"). Anegada is one of my favorite places on earth as I always feel like I've definitely "left the rest of the world behind" whenever I am visiting this beautiful island paradise. Be sure to enjoy the sunset and sunrise in Anegada! We'll be passing Richard Branson's private "Necker Island" on our starboard side once we leave North Sound heading for Anegada. Once in Anegada we take a taxi to the gorgeous Loblolly Bay Beach for swimming followed by cocktails at "The Big Bamboo"!

• DINNER / NIGHTLIFE - Tonight we have a "Lobster Feast" Beach Party at The Anegada Reef Hotel with D.J. Dancing in the sand! The specialty drink is the Anegada Smoothie (pronounced Smoodie!)







Anegada Bound (Leave Virgin Gorda in The Distance) Steer









Day 7



Dinghy Dock To Port / Lobster Pen to Starboard / Anegada Reef







Rick Hails a Taxi Caribbean Style







Loblolly Bay Beach







Loblolly Bay Your "Throne In The Sun" Awaits!







Paradise! Leave just Footprints in the Sand







The Chef Takes Your Order







Lighting "The Grill" for Dinner





- DESTINATION Today we leave Anegada and sail back to The Scrub Island Resort.
- DINNER Tonight we have Pasta Pomedora with salad and garlic bread.
- Nightlife For "Happy Hour" we will board the Scrub Island Launch for the short ferry ride over to Pusser's Marina Cay for cocktails at the "Top of Marina Cay". After Happy Hour we will return to the boats for dinner and star gazing at The Scrub Island Resort!







The Scrub Island Resort



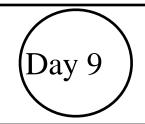




Marina Cay Happy Hour at "Top of The Cay"



Back To "Reality"



 DESTINATION - Today we leave Scrub Island and sail back to Road Town, Tortola for yacht "Check in." We take a dip in the pool before we board the ferry for our ride back to St. Thomas and our Flights Back To "Reality"!



Back To "Reality"





The Happy Crew of The Vera Cruz II Everyone



Itinerary At A Glance

Route

DAY 2 - Depart Road Town Tortola and sail to The Bight at Norman Island with stops at The Indians and The Caves for swimming

Nightlife - Cocktails at The Pirates Bight Beach Bar followed by cocktails at The Willy - T Schooner Bar

DAY 3 - Sail to Jost van Dyke for a day at the beach in White Bay and The Soggy Dollar Bar Nightlife - Cocktails and dancing at Foxy's Tamarind Bar

DAY 4 - Sail to Sopher's Hole with stops at Sandy Cay for swimming and Cane Garden Bay for lunch Nightlife - Cocktails at Sopher's Hole

DAY 5 - Sail to the Scrub Island Resort & Marina with lunch / swimming stop at Deadman's Bay on Peter Island Nightlife - The Trellis Bay Full Moon Party DAY 6 - Early morning motor to The Baths on Virgin Gorda / Afternoon sail to The Bitter End Yacht Club in North Sound Nightlife - Cocktails at Saba Rock followed by West Indian Beach BBQ at The Bitter End Yacht Club with dancing to "Latitude Stars" Band

DAY 7 - Sail to the "Drowned Island" of Anegada. Taxi to Loblolly Bay Nightlife - "Lobsterfest" Beach Party with D.J. Dancing at Anegada Reef Hotel

DAY 8 - Sail to Scrub Island Resort Nightlife - Ferry to Cocktail Hour at The Top of Marina Cay / Scrub Island Dock Party

DAY 9 - Sailing - Early morning sail back to Road Town, Tortola for yacht check in and flight back to "Reality"



Menu At A Glance



DAY 2 - Norman Island
Breakfast - Everyone is "on their own" at the dock before departure.
Lunch - Turkey and Swiss cheese sandwiches with pickles and chips
Dinner - Grilled Filet Mignon steaks with potatoes au gratin and French cut green beans

DAY 3 - Jost van Dyke
Breakfast - Bacon and eggs w/bagel & coffee
Lunch - Cheese burgers on the grill, pickles and chips

Dinner - BBQ Grilled Chicken with veggies on the side

DAY 4 - Sopher's Hole

Breakfast - Cheese omelets w/ toast and coffee

Lunch - Surf Tacos w/ Mahi Mahi
Dinner - Everyone is "on their own" at
Pusser's Landing

DAY 5 - Scrub Island

Breakfast - French toast and coffee

Lunch - Tuna Salad Sandwiches with pickles and chips

Dinner - Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice & Beans

DAY 6 - Bitter End Yacht Club

Breakfast - Cereal, yogurt and coffee

Lunch - Grilled cheese and tomato sandwiches with pickles and chips

Dinner - West Indian Beach BBQ at The Bitter End Yacht Club

DAY 7 - Anegada

Breakfast - Bagels & creme cheese, yogurt and coffee

Lunch - Cheese burgers on the grill, pickles and chips

Dinner - Everyone is "on their own" at the Anegada Reef Hotel

DAY 8 - Scrub Island

Breakfast - Raspberry Pancakes w/ syrup and coffee Lunch - Chicken Caesar Wraps

Dinner - Pasta Pomodoro with salad and garlic bread



Things To Know



- DATES The dates for our 2018 B.V.I. Sailing Adventure are from Saturday January 27, 2018 to Sunday February 4, 2018. We also offer a second week cruise extension in the U.S. Virgin Islands until February 10, for those that just can't get enough! If you would like to head down to paradise a few days early or stay a little later, we can help with arranging hotels for you.
- GETTING THERE Everyone arranges their own flights from home to the island of St.
 Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. From St. Thomas it is a short 50 minute ferry ride to
 the British Virgin Islands capitol of Tortola. Tortola is where the adventure begins. The
 yachts are docked at The Moorings Mariner Inn Hotel & Marina in Road town, Tortola,
 BVI.
- DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS When travelling to the British Virgin Islands, U.S. Citizens need a passport. If you are a non U.S. Citizen please check entry requirements for your nation of origin.
- CURRENCY The currency used in the B.V.I. is the U.S. dollar so no money exchange is necessary.
- WHAT TO PACK Not much! One collapsible canvas shoulder bag (no hard suitcases).
 Tee shirts, shorts, bathing suits, hat or visor, sunglasses with strap, boat shoes, guys 1
 pair of slacks and a collared shirt / ladies a skirt and blouse or a sundress for dining
 ashore, sailing jacket or sweatshirt, toilet articles including sunscreen & insect
 repellent, beach towel, camera, a good book, tunes.
- WHAT NOT TO PACK Bedding (blankets, sheets, pillows are provided). Foul weather gear is not needed. Jewelry Why worry, leave it all behind. Snorkeling gear is provided.



Costs and Cash Requirements



Cost - \$1,945.00 Catamaran / \$1,825 4 Cabin Monohull / \$1,745 3 Cabin Monohull - per person double occupancy which includes 9 days / 8 nights on the yacht and all meals from the time we leave the dock on Sunday until returning to the dock the following Sunday (except 2 dinners ashore).

Cash Requirements - You should bring enough cash in small denominations to cover anticipated expenses which will include -

Meals Ashore - Breakfast Day 2 & Dinners Days 1,4 & 7

Beverages - You are responsible for whatever beverages you consume both onboard and at the beach bars

Moorings, dockage and water refills - Approximately \$75 per person for the week

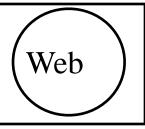
Ferry - \$60 round trip. Taxis - \$40

Departure Tax - \$20 cash only

Gratuities - Only those Catamarans that require a hired skipper \$50 per person



Resources



For more information on some of the destinations we will visit during our adventure check these websites -

- Scrub Island Resort scrubisland.com
- Bitter End Yacht Club BEYC.com
- Saba Rock sabarock.com
- Peter Island peterisland.com

TESTIMONIALS 2017

From Crew Member Mike (First Trip with True North) -

Just wanted to take a moment to thank you for putting together a fantastic BVI trip. It was way beyond my expectations. The crew was very knowledgeable and a hilarious group. Every stop was different and uniquely enjoyable. Particularly liked Virgin Gorda, The Bitter End Yacht Club and Anegada. Greatest Super bowl party of all time on Norman Island. Already looking forward to next year and Julia definitely wants to join us. Thank you so much again.

From Skipper Michael (First Trip with True North) -

On behalf of my crew and I, thank you for including us in your flotilla. The trip was first class all the way, from the locations, to the food, to the parties. Personally, I had the time of my life and gained invaluable big boat experience. Thanks again! From Crew Member Gary (First Trip with True North) -

Just wanted to say thanks again for the trip of a lifetime! So much fun was had. I feel like I'm a much better sailor too! From Crew Member Kathleen (First Trip with True North)

Thank you again for an INCREDIBLE experience in the BVIs! I haven't stopped talking about it since we got back.

From Crew Member Beth (First Trip with True North)

George and I have spoken every day since we've come back about what a wonderful time we had in the BVI. The sailing was fabulous, and the crew who were with us were just wonderful. We loved every minute. You both arranged everything so amazingly well, and I can only imagine the logistics of planning and setting up the boats, arranging the shore excursions, etc. Absolutely terrific and just first class. We loved the whole "co-op" concept as well. Maybe it's just because our team worked so well together, with everyone just so nice and so helpful - everyone wanted to pitch in - but It was simply lovely. And George loved the opportunity to be so involved with sailing. Rick, let me say now that he'll be back this summer for further certification.

From Crew Member JJ (First Trip with True North)

Oh man....I am still coming down off of my BVI high. At least NYC is starting to warm up. YAY! I just wanted to drop a line to let you know what an amazing time I had....on board with such an amazing crew....and the opportunity to learn about sailing. Matt was a pretty amazing Captain and seriously made sure everyone had their hand at helping, pulling out the jib, the main, steering...and I even learned a few knots! I was dubbed the nick name Ig-knotz on the trip!

From Crew Member Miami Dave (A 6 Trip Veteran) -

Hey Rick and Jean...Great sailing trip as always. I just wanted to send this e-mail about our Skipper Andy. Rarely do I use the word "outstanding" but it fits him to the proverbial "T"! Our boat had a very interesting social mix and Andy (The Anchorman as we named him) dealt with the group and individual psychology adroitly. He has a natural feel for the mechanics of sailing and made sure that everyone had a chance to learn what they wanted to. He has a great sense of humor and we had a blast together laugh-wise plus from a sailing standpoint he never lost patience with us despite the fact that some of us were a bit rusty! Bottom line - don't lose this guy as a skipper! Thanks again for a great experience in paradise.....Miami Dave



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Questions?





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