



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS SURVIVAL GUIDE

OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1, 2025



GENERAL INFORMATION

If this is your first cruising vacation, the British Virgin Islands (BVI) is the place to begin. If you have already sailed the BVIs and other locations, you will want to come back. We promise!

The BVIs are home to the best cruising grounds in the world – calm waters, steady breeze, and beautiful beaches. If you are looking for something a little more lively, “there’s no better place for bar hopping than the BVI.”¹ This survival guide will provide you with all the information you will need to get started and have the time of your life.

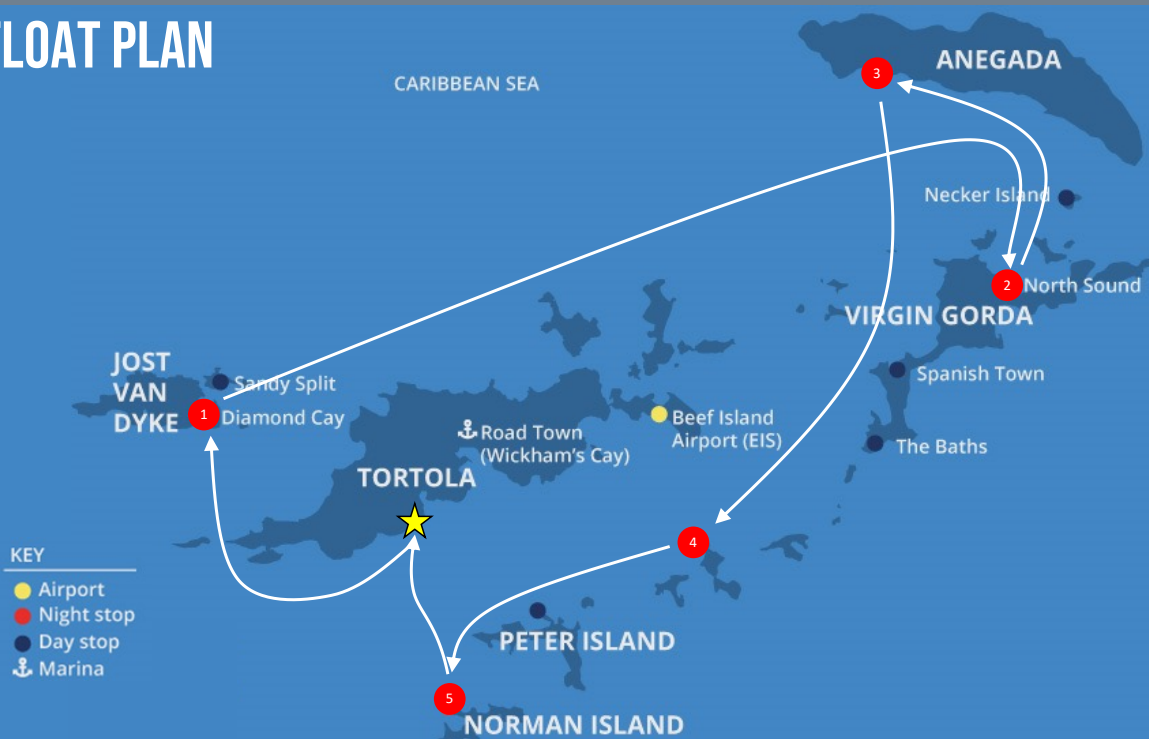
Dates: October 25 – November 1, 2025

Location: Nanny Cay, British Virgin Islands (18°23'52.6"N 64°38'04.4"W)

¹ Crowfoot, Betsy. 2017. “Yo Ho Ho and a Charter of Rum.” *Sailing Magazine*. <http://sailingmagazine.net/article-1909-yo-ho-ho-and-a-charter-of-rum.html>



FLOAT PLAN



WPT	Arrival Time	Location	Attraction
★	Saturday 18:00	Nanny Cay, Tortola	Boats, Restaurant
1	Sunday 12:00	White Bay, Jost Van Dyke	Soggy Dollar Bar
	Sunday 19:00	Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke	Foxy's
2	[Optional] Monday 12:00	Monkey Point, Guana Island	Secluded snorkeling cove
	[Optional] Monday 12:00	Great Dog, Dog Islands	Exploratory hike with hermit crabs
	Monday 16:00	Prickly Pear Bay, Virgin Gorda	Bitter End Yacht Club
	Tuesday All Day		
3	Wednesday 19:00	Setting Point, Anegada	Lobster Trap
4	Thursday 16:00	Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island	Cooper Island Beach Club
5	Friday 14:00	The Bight Bay, Norman Island	Willy T's
★	Saturday 09:00	Nanny Cay, Tortola	

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Captains	Crew
** PASSPORT** 1x Handheld VHF Radio 1x Waterproof Watch 1x Personal Water Bottle 3x Bathing Suits 1x Boat Shoes (closed toed) 1x Sandals / Flip Flops 1x Pajamas 1x Long Sleeved Shirt 1x Sun Protection (hat, sunglasses, croakies, sunblock) 1x Rain Gear (foulies) 1x Toiletries: 1x Small Dry Bag 1x High Capacity USB Charger 1x Quick Drying Towel (optional) 1x Summer Sleeping Bag (optional) 1x AUX Cable (optional)	** PASSPORT** 1x Personal Water Bottle 3x Bathing Suits 1x Boat Shoes (closed toed) 1x Sandals / Flip Flops 1x Pajamas 1x Long Sleeved Shirt 1x Sun Protection (hat, sunglasses, croakies, sunblock) 1x Light Weight Rain Gear 1x Toiletries: 1x Small Dry Bag 1x Quick Drying Towel (optional) 1x Summer Sleeping Bag (optional)

Almost everybody takes too much clothing. You can fit more than enough stuff in one duffle bag. We have trained the captains to use one outfit for the entire week and only sleep on public holidays. A couple “costume changes” and a few bathing suits are plenty. Boat shoes are great and dampen the pain from a stubbed toe.

Please do not bring a roller bag. They do not fold neatly into cabins and take up a lot of space. Also, checked luggage may get lost in transit, so please try to bring a carry on. If you are checking bags, we may ask you to store your luggage in a lazarette that is not always watertight!

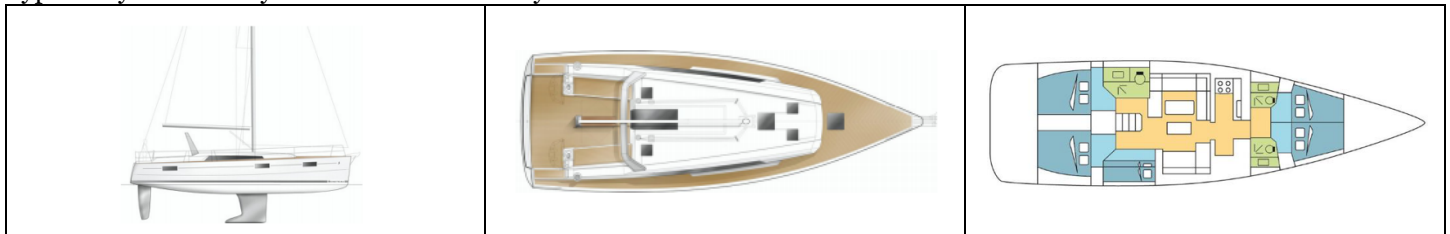
BOATS

The boats we are chartering are between one and five years old. The charter market is hard on boats, so it’s common for them to have a good amount of “charm.” The fiberglass deck may be stained, fridge doors may not close without some coercing, floorboards may have warped slightly. The issues, while aesthetically offensive and sometimes frustrating, don’t have an impact on the safety or reliability of the boat... It’s just part of the sailing life!

While boat builders try to make life as convenient as possible, some things will be different such as the availability and use of electricity, water, and bathrooms.

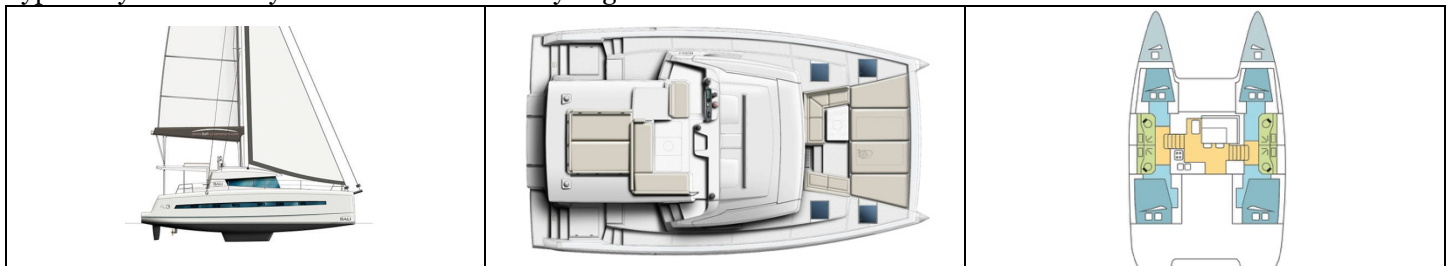
Monohull

Typical layout of a fifty-foot monohull built by Beneteau and Jeanneau.



Catamaran

Typical layout of a forty-foot catamaran built by Lagoon or Bali.



Electricity

All the boats are equipped with 110V outlets that only work when plugged into shore power or when running the generator (however, most boats this size do not have generators). The marina base offers 110V shore power so all the boats will benefit from high voltage power the first night. Thereafter, crew will have to rely on a single 12V outlet by the chart table unless your captain docks for the night. Bring a portable battery.

The essence of vacation is that you leave your normal life behind. It takes time, and not everyone can afford to completely disconnect. Please keep in mind that cell and internet connections are extremely limited. WiFi routers are available for rent if staying connected is a non-negotiable, but we highly discourage logging on.

Water

Fresh water is limited and expensive. Try to shower on shore rather than on the boat. Understandably, we all want to rinse off after a swim, but make sure you do so expeditiously. Use the water to wet down or wash off, but please do not keep it running when soaping or shampooing. Whenever possible, use the shower on the transom. This will keep your cabin dry.

Bathrooms

The head is one of the most used pieces of equipment on your boat. Correct operation of the head is essential for the safety and comfort of your crew. The important thing to remember is that you will be shown how to use the heads (with live demonstration!) when you get on board, so you don't need to worry about remembering everything in this guide.

WHY ARE MARINE TOILETS CALLED HEADS?

In the past, only the captain would have had a private toilet near his quarters, at the "stern" (back) of the ship. The rest of the crew would have to make do with a toilet in the "bow" (front) of the vessel, close to the waterline. By placing a toilet in the bow of the ship, the seawater could wash it out naturally. Since old ships could only sail downwind, placing the toilets forward would ensure that unpleasant smells would not linger. If you have not already guessed, the bow of a ship is also known as the head...

THREE EASY STEPS ON HOW TO USE THE HEAD

Step 1: Have a rest and take a seat (including you gents!)

Step 2: Pump water into the bowl by closing the joker valve. Closing the valve pumps water into the bowl (see arrow pointing left.)

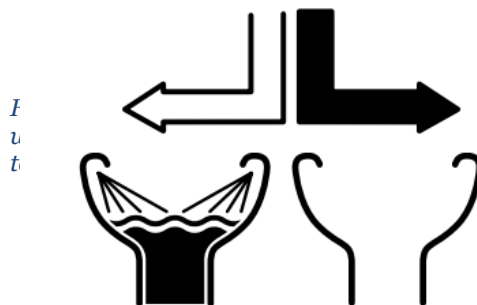
Step 3: Pump bowl clear. Open the valve to pump water out (see arrow pointing right.)

****IMPORTANT****

Do not to put anything down the head that you have not eaten first – *this includes toilet paper* – with no exceptions. No dental floss, feminine hygiene products... old parking tickets. You will be provided with a separate trash can for these items.

****IMPORTANT****

Do not pump waste into the ocean unless you are in a dumping zone (puns puns). As a precaution, your skipper will close the joker valve (or seacocks) and reroute all waste to the holding tanks until they explicitly ask to "release the seacocks!"



ARRIVAL LOGISTICS

Overview

Getting to the BVIs is not easy and we thank you for even considering this odyssey! We promise it's worth the trouble. Over the years, we found that direct flights to Charlotte Amalie (STT) are the most affordable and dependable. Hailing a cab from STT to Charlotte Amalie ferry terminal shouldn't be too difficult. Bring cash and tell the driver you are sailing with Native Son. The taxi should drop you off in a parking lot with ticketing booths for multiple ferry operators. Native Son and Tortola Fast Ferry (aka Smith's) are your only options. Get your ticket and head upstairs to the Petite Pump Room where you might bump into fellow Reefers for a couple cold Red Stripes. The fast (and very loud) ferry to West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands takes about an hour. You'll have to clear customs once you make landfall. Reefing Havoc will have a minibus to Nanny Cay waiting for the final 15mn drive to base.

Note The BVI government requires pre-travel registration here: <https://bviedcard.gov.vg>. Please make sure you complete this document at least 14 days prior to departure!

Flights

We recommend a direct flight to Charlotte Amalie (STT) from the USA. Folks departing from the west coast or overseas will likely have to budget two travel days. The table below shows all the direct from USA to STT

Friday

City of Origin	Code	Number	Dep. Local	Arr. Local
Miami	MIA	AA943	10:00	12:50
Miami	MIA	AA1391	12:00	14:45
Atlanta	ATL	DL1950	09:56	13:32
Charlotte	CTL	AA1195	08:55	12:38

Saturday

City of Origin	Code	Number	Dep. Local	Arr. Local
Miami	MIA	AA943	10:00	12:50
Miami	MIA	AA1391	12:00	14:45
Atlanta	ATL	DL1950	09:56	13:32
Atlanta	ATL	DL1950	11:00	14:34
Charlotte	CTL	AA1195	08:55	12:38
New York	EWR	UA1529	07:45	11:48
Dulles	IAD	UA1443	09:00	13:01
Boston	BOS	B6907	08:45	12:44
Houston	IAH	UA1908	09:37	15:33

Ferry

Tortola Fast Ferry (aka Smith's Ferry Services) rates are \$49 roundtrip, \$28 one-way. Native Son Ferry Inc rates are \$45 roundtrip, \$25 one-way. We're going to West End (not Road Town). *Captains* will be on the ferry in bold.

Friday

Ferry Operator	Dep. Local
Native Son	08:25
Tortola Fast Ferry (Smith's)	08:25
Native Son	12:15
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Native Son	13:30
Tortola Fast Ferry (Smith's)	14:00
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Tortola Fast Ferry (Smith's)	15:30
Native Son	16:00
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Native Son	16:00
Tortola Fast Ferry (Smith's)	16:30
Native Son	16:45

Source: <https://www.bvivacation.com/transportation/BVI-USVI-Ferry-schedule-west-end-tortola-charlotte-amalie-st.thomas-smiths-native-son.php>



Aerial view of Nanny Cay Marina in Tortola

FRIDAY (10/24/2025) – EARLY ARRIVALS

Waypoints

1. Nanny Cay, Tortola, BVI (18°24'03.1"N 64°37'59.9"W)
 2. Emerald Beach Resort, St. Thomas, USVI (18°20'07.8"N 64°57'50.2"W)
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We encourage you to arrive early! Flying down Friday not only gives you a little more flexibility while travelling, but also gives you an extra day to acclimatize. An extra day goes a long way!

The lucky people who are able to fly down and start their vacation on Friday will need a hotel room. We recommend staying at the Nanny Cay (<https://nannycay.com>) to make their lives easy. The hotel has a great pool, outdoor bar, restaurants, and SPA for those who need a post-flight rubdown.

Alternatively, you can spend the first night in USVI and stay near the airport at Emerald Beach Resort (<http://www.emeraldbeach.com/>), which has some great views of Lindbergh Bay, fantastic food, and easy access to downtown. We promise it will be unlike any airport hotel you have ever experienced! Added bonus: the resort also provides a paid shuttle service to the port the next morning.



The fleet of charter boats docked stern-to is an impressive sight. Arriving sailors are full of anticipation and excitement.

SATURDAY (10/25/2025) – EVENING START

Waypoints

1. Nanny Cay, Tortola (18°24'03.1"N 64°37'59.9"W)
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The first day is an “evening start” and we will be spending the night at dock. We expect to take possession of the boats around 18:00, but this is just a suggested time. Schedules in the Caribbean frequently run behind and the important thing is not to get impatient (a strategy sure to backfire). Try to adopt “Caribbean time.” A cold Red Stripe or Carib at the bar helps get you there faster. The conch fritters are good too.

However, if you must be productive, captains always welcome a few extra hands for provisioning your boat. The charter company will stock boats with linens, towels, pots, pans, utensils, and a few cleaning supplies. Reefing Havoc supplements that with a bottle of rum and case of beer. Everything else (food, water, toilet paper...) must be procured. Less is more.

When time comes to take possession of the boats, lend a hand to put away the provisions. Make a mental note of where things go so you are not lifting every floorboard to find something! When packing the fridge, be sure water can drain from the bottom. In the warm climate, it is very important to keep all perishables refrigerated and your refrigerator running 24. We recommend packing meats and dairy first, vegetables and fruit last.

After finishing, some sailors head off to town for dinner and drinks. Novices enjoy a few too many “Painkillers” at Pusser’s Bar and pay a steep price the next day.

Captains: Reefing Havoc will run a briefing Saturday at 19:00 on the flagship. Captains and mates **MUST** attend. The briefing covers sailing routes and weather patterns. Then, before running off to the bars with your crew, perform a quick check of all the systems and make a note of issues that require maintenance. Check for leaky fluids at the bottom of your engine room. Reefing Havoc will coordinate fleet repairs with the charter staff first thing Sunday morning. Please get in touch with if you are unsure what to check.



Jost Van Dyke – home to the original “painkiller” cocktail that dates back to the 19th century!

SUNDAY (10/26/2025) – JOST VAN DYKE

Waypoints	Comms
1. White Bay, Jost Van Dyke, BVI (18°26'28.5"N 64°45'47.5"W)	VHF 69
2. Great Harbor, Jost Van Dyke, BVI (18°26'32.8"N 64°45'05.0"W)	VHF 69

The captains will push off from dock as soon as they finish with their pre-departure checks, no later than noon. This should give the crew enough time to get any last provisions before leaving port.

Our first stop is Jost Van Dyke, famous for its pearl-white beaches and two world-renowned bars: Soggy Dollar Bar at White Bay and Foxy's at Great Harbor

We recommend spending time with your crew and cooking aboard the first night. It helps build a sense of camaraderie and gives you time to rehydrate before heading out. After dinner, go to Foxy's for a night cap and some dancing.

Captains: Captains and mates meet at 08:00 by the front desk. Please make sure you finalize any paperwork and track down a dock hand to perform boat inspections and demonstrate all the boat systems. Keep your radios on.

Sailing to Jost Van Dyke is a leisurely affair with light winds on a deep broad reach until rounding Sop Hole. When rounding Sop Hole, do so via Frenchman's Cay and Little Thatch Island channel. Be prepared for a lively beam reach once out of the Tortola wind shade, which should have you moving nicely towards White Bay.

We prefer an overnight mooring at Great Harbor, which provides better protection, although noisier from Foxy's Bar. White Bay is not as calm, but is much quieter. Find a mooring ball to the east of White Bay and dinghy over to Great Harbor for best of both worlds. There is also a road that takes you from White Bay to Great Harbor and taxis that will charge you a hefty price for the ride. It is a long walk in sandals.



You'll find ample entertainment for sailors and landlubbers alike at Bitter End Yacht Club.

MONDAY (10/27/2025) – BITTER END YACHT CLUB

Waypoints

1. Monkey Point, Guana Island, BVI (18°27'49.3"N 64°34'13.8"W)
2. South Bay, Great Dog Island, BVI (18°27'57.6"N 64°31'22.7"W)
3. North Sound, Spanish Town, BVI (18°29'56.9"N 64°23'11.2"W)

Comms

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There will be a lot of upwind work to complete this day, but the reward is a day of rest at Bitter End Yacht Club (BEYC). We have an informal regatta that starts at 8:00 near Sandy Cay, but crew may sleep in if they desire. The Flagship will sail across on port tack toward Tortola and all other boats shall take the stern of Flagship. The race is up to Monkey Point and the fastest boat gets prizes! (Flagship is ineligible from winning, but will still have a spirited sail!)

If you want to stop for lunch, there are mooring balls and great snorkeling at Monkey Point. Swim all the way into the cut for the densest population of fish. Alternatively, stop at The Dogs for some exploratory fun and hike around the island populated by hermit crabs (bring footwear).

Our final destination is North Sound. Remember, this is a long upwind sail. There is no harm in tucking into the lee of Virgin Gorda and motoring direct upwind instead of tacking, especially catamarans. You may get there quicker.

Everyone will be eager to set foot on land once they arrive at BEYC. Fortunately, the marina stays open late and we'll have plenty of time to hit the beach for sunset or stretch your legs on a nice hike to the summit of Virgin Gorda. We typically head to Saba Rock for a late dinner and drinks to end the day.

Skipper's note: Skippers meeting at 07:00 on Flagship. We will set sail at 07:30 from the south-west shore of Sandy Cay. This is a long upwind sail and your crew will be tired. Prepare sandwiches the night before and try to have a bag of ice ready for drinks. Break up the day by stopping for lunch, but do not stay past 14:00 unless you are comfortable with night sailing. Jost Van Dyke to Monkey Point is about 3hrs and Monkey Point to North Sound is another 3hrs.

Navigation Tips: Set a rhumb line between Guana Island and Tortola and motor into Monkey Point. You will experience some wave action as you pass through the bay. Seek shelter behind the Monkey Point peninsula, where you should find mooring balls. When ready to cast off, depart under motor and continue east through the channel towards Little Camanoe (north) and the Tortola airfield (south). Stay between the channel markers or you WILL run aground! Continue motoring until somewhere near Scrub Island (west) where you can hoist sail and pinch upwind keeping The Dogs east of your rhumb line. Motorsail if you cannot make the angle of attack. You will have to tack well north of Mosquito Island to get into Levrick Bay. Check your chart and stay vigilant of reefs. When entering Levrick Bay, stay between the channel markers. Drop the sails and motor into Levrick Bay. @Catamarans: Sail upwind to Monkey Point then motor to Levrick Bay – no chance you will be able to pinch at the angle needed to sail past Mosquito Island.



View from Hog Heaven restaurant sitting at the highest point of Virgin Gorda overlooking the bay

TUESDAY (10/28/2025) - FREE TIME

Waypoints

1. Hog Heaven, BVI (18°29'40.2"N 64°24'00.8"W)
2. Prickly Pear Island, BVI (18°30'11.2"N 64°22'07.4"W)

You deserve a quiet day of rest and relaxation. This is why we pushed hard on Monday to get to North Sound. On Tuesday morning, you can wake up slowly and do whatever you want. There is a good breakfast ashore at BEYC. You can spend the rest of the day relaxing and unwinding. If you wish to go scuba diving, make arrangements with the BEYC to do a trip. You can also take a bus to visit the famous Baths. They have lots of watersports at the BEYC, including kite surfing.



Racing the Lasers off Bitter End Yacht Club is a long standing tradition. Let your captain know if you wish to participate!

During the course of the day, your captains will fill water tanks and put more fuel in your dinghy tank if needed. They will also try to move up in the mooring field as boats from the previous evening depart.

If there is enough interest during the day, we will organize dinghy races. Two "Top Gun" Laser races will be held around 15:00 as the land breeze freshens. We will run the races right in front of the cocktail patio at the BEYC, so if your boat enters a team, you can come have a pina colada and cheer them on as they start, gybe, tack and maybe even flip!

North Sound is where we typically kick-off the first of many boat parties. These are cocktail parties on one of the boats around sunset. All crews are encouraged to dinghy over to the designated boat and join your fellow sailors. Please bring your own drinks to prevent depleting the stores of your host!

Prizes for the regatta will be presented at the dinner. Late night revelers usually continue the celebration at the BEYC Pub.



Boat Parties usually include a bit of dancing on the aft deck. A little bit of dancing goes a long way to getting you into the Caribbean spirit

WEDNESDAY (10/29/2025) – ANEGADA

Waypoints

1. Setting Point (18°43'21.9"N 64°23'05.7"W)

Our fleet will cruise over to the beautiful coral island of Anegada, which is a sand bar in the middle of the Atlantic. There is a superstition that the first person to spot the island will have their dreams come true. The water is an incredible turquoise blue and the island is home to the second largest coral reef in the world. Get your camera ready.

Once you arrive, take a taxi or rent a scooter to Cow Wreck Bay for some relaxation on the beach. There is a great beach bar where you can also get lunch and play a few games.

Lobster dinner on Anegada is a special tradition. The Caribbean lobster (think large langoustine) is particularly tasty and we reserved four tables at 18:00 on the patio of Anegada Reef Hotel to take advantage of this delicacy. Over the course of the meal, each skipper gets to say a few words in front of all sailors for a round of applause (or heckling). Traditionally, captains eat free, but at the expense of getting thrown off the dock!

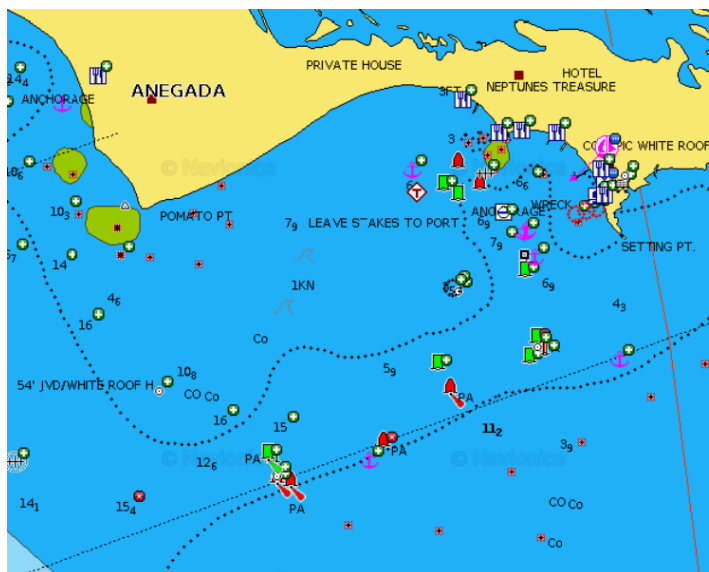
Captains Note: Captains meeting at 07:30 on Matt's boat. We will depart North Sound by 08:00 and get to Anegada early. The best time to arrive is around 10:00 or 11:00 when most cruisers decide to leave. There is limited mooring available on Anegada and no secondary port to my knowledge. Leave early. Once outside the Gorda Sound channel markers, hoist sail and **maintain 350° true**².

At first, you will not be able to see the island. Approach the island at the western end before turning into the channel since there are coral heads to the east. Enter the channel at 250°true, hugging the red buoys until the channel turns north.

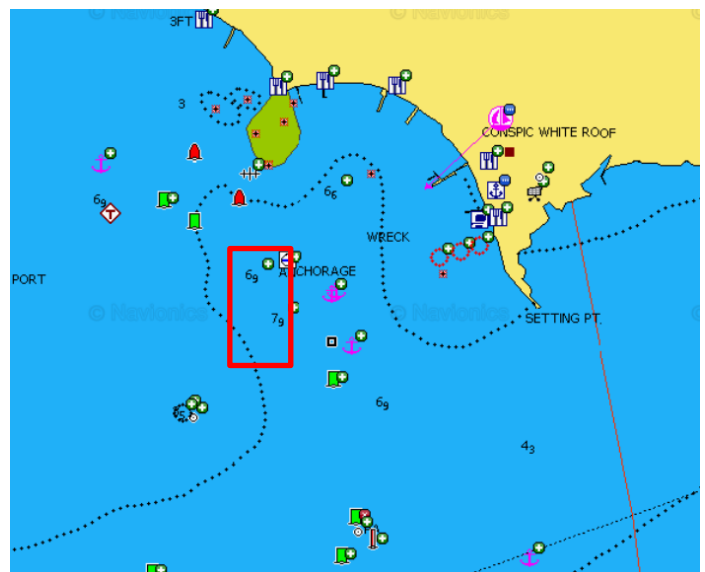
The approach to Anegada is stunning, but extremely shallow. You will inevitably brush the keel a few times. Do not panic. Keep a steady, but slow motor into the bay. You may consider having your crew act as ballast on the side of the boat nearest the channel marker. This will lift your keel slightly and reduce your draft. For example, if you are hugging the green channel markers, ask the crew to ballast starboard, lifting the keel to port.

Moor close to the channel. Post Irma, the seabed has shallowed towards the shore and 6ft drafts are no longer able to moor in some parts of the bay. Proceed with caution and confidence. If you have a shallow draft, please moor nearest to shore and leave deeper mooring balls for boats with deep drafts.

Reserve mooring balls by 12:01 the day of your visit: <https://boater.boatyball.com/map>



Anegada Channel –stay near red markers for deepest water until turning north



Anegada Bay – find mooring balls nearest channel or anchor near channel if necessary (see red box). Make sure your anchor does not drag on sandy bottom.

² You will need to do some basic calculations to arrive at compass heading.



Cooper Island Beach Club – rest and relaxation at its finest

THURSDAY (10/30/2025) – COOPER ISLAND

Waypoints

1. Cooper Island (18°23'05.2"N 64°30'47.8"W)
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Your skipper will get an early start on the ~4hr passage through the Sir Francis Drake channel to Cooper Island, near the cruising grounds of our first day. Unlike the trip over, the boat will be much flatter and faster when returning. Our boats are designed to maximize speed on this tack and the sail back should be quick and exhilarating. You may even flirt with double-digit speeds if properly trimmed. Anecdotally, this is the same tack when crossing the Southern Atlantic!

Lunch is underway today, but please do not use the grill when sailing. The wind is coming from your stern quarter and the last thing you want are flames blow towards the cockpit. However, make use of your stove or cooktop if you have a talented chef on board willing to test their skills underway. We typically make a frittata, which is a wonderful “set and forget” dish that cooks in the safety of your locking oven.

You should arrive at Cooper Island in the early afternoon, giving you ample time to lounge on the beach, grab a light lunch, or snorkel near the large rock south of our mooring. If you are up for an adventure, visit the ghost town on Salt Island by dinghy. It is 1nm southeast from our mooring and interesting to walk around.

Everyone gets a night off to do whatever they choose. The food at Cooper Island is good and one of the few resorts that have fresh vegetables on the menu. Make dinner reservations before 17:00 if interested or settle for appetizers on the deck.

Captains Note: Captains meeting at 07:30 on Arjun’s boat. Set sail at 08:00 towards Sir Francis Drake channel. Sailing downwind, leeway is not an issue so use your GPS plotter to choose your course. You should have no problem picking up a mooring ball at Cooper Island before 14:00. Keep in mind once the balls fill up, the secondary anchorage site is not well protected and tends to be uncomfortable. Try to get to the mooring field early.



The infamous Willy T light boat – a BVI tradition since as long as she was afloat!

FRIDAY (10/31/2025) – WILLIE T

Waypoints

1. Great Harbour (18°21'25.3"N 64°35'04.3"W)
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We are approaching the beginning of the end. Enjoy a big breakfast, lounge beachfront, buy a souvenir, you have until 10:00 before we set sail to Willy T's.

Willy T's is a light boat (replaces a lighthouse) once anchored at The Bight, Norman Island. She sank during Irma, but patrons from around the globe funded a new vessel to take her place. Since, Willy T's moved to Great Harbour, Peter Island, although we recently learned she may leave for yet another harbor. We will have to track her down before setting sail. As of 2/2/2019 she is still anchored in Great Harbour. See facebook page for more details:
<https://www.facebook.com/WillyTBVI/>

The main attraction today is Willy T's, which serves up fried foods and has a secret tradition that takes place every night after 22:00. Cruisers call it "The Royal Order of de Caribbean," and some have received medals to honor the tradition. While we will not provide you with a medal this time around, we do promise you will have bragging rights for a long time.

At the harbor, take inventory of what is remaining to make a big lunch aboard. We have seen a few interesting lunch combinations over the years (corn and peanut puree on ego waffles). Reinvigorate your culinary senses to cook something...tasty?

Captains Note: No meeting. Get to Willy T's no later than 13:00 or you will not find a mooring ball.



While we will “stern to” dock at every port, nestling into the hundreds of boats at the Navigare base takes some skill. Radio the base for help if you are uncomfortable and a docking pilot will come out to help

SATURDAY (11/1/2025) – NAVIGARE BASE

Waypoints

1. The Mooring's Base (18°25'37.62"N 64°36'52.06"W)
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All good things must come to an end. Saturday morning, the first boat slips off her mooring and heads back to Road Town. Make sure you wake up your skipper 4hrs before your ferry; cold water and a shot of rum usually do the trick. The sail across the channel is close hauled and a great final ride to celebrate an exceptional week of adventure.

Back at the Navigare base, boats pull in to their assigned slips. Anyone who scheduled their flights too early has to run off and catch a cab to the ferry terminal. Mooring's offers a paid shuttle service to the ferry terminal.

Those who are luckier can depart their boats at a leisurely pace and pull up a chair besides the pool. Before departing your boat, donate any remaining provisions to arriving cruisers, as some may have done for you.

Over the course of the day, more and more sailors will depart to the airport. Soon, there will only be the lucky sailors who have one more night before flying home on Sunday. Once the sun has set, you will feel relieved (but slightly motion sick) getting back into a bed that does not rock. Only a few more weeks before your tan fades.

Captains Note: No meeting. The sail back to nanny Cay is ~2hr on a beam reach. Try to dock 2hrs before your first departure.

APPENDIX: IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Virgin Island Search and Rescue (VISAR) - Emergency.....	+1 (284) 499-0911
Virgin Island Search and Rescue (VISAR) - Office	+1 (284) 494-4357
Navigare Base.....	+1 (284) 393-2331
Navigare Base Tourism	+1 (284) 346-5632
Soggy Dollar Bar	+1 (855) 438-7644
Foxy's Bar	+1 (284) 442-3074
Bitter End Yacht Club	+1 (800) 872-2392
Anegada Reef Hotel.....	+1 (284) 495-8002
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