



# Join us for a sailing adventure on the British Virgin Islands Flotilla

## December 5-15, 2024



Discover why the “Christmas Winds” make December in the British Virgin Islands a sailing mecca! Our annual winter flotilla is the best opportunity to expand your sailing skills. Navigate to idyllic shores, and of course, experience the epitome of vacation perfection. Discover the charm of the British Virgin Islands. Each pristine island in this volcanic archipelago holds a unique character.



The stunning 55+ islands and cays that comprise the British Virgin Islands have two fantastic assets – accessibility and virgin beauty. Cruising sailors were the first to realize this was a "sailor's paradise." The British Virgin Islands known for years as a “nature’s little secrets.”

Tortola is the largest island and seat of government. Virgin Gorda, Ginger, Cooper, Salt, Peter, and Norman Islands lie to Tortola's south. Jost Van Dyke lying to its north. Dozens of smaller islands lie in this mountainous archipelago of gem-like isles. Anegada, the only coral atoll in this chain of islands, is to the northwest.



The BVIs are a picture of contrasts. Some anchorages are sandy coves with swaying palms. Others are between spiraling sheer rock faces that plunge to the ocean. Vegetation

can be different from island to island due to rainfall, soil, and sun. Lush areas support palms, tropical fruit trees, and flowering hibiscus and bougainvillea. A short hike up a hill may reveal varieties of cactus, wild tamarind and fragrant frangipani. The surrounding waters of many islands are deep shades of liquid blue, but on Anegada, the waters take on an ethereal aquamarine color.

### Tentative Itinerary\*

**Thursday** – Arrive in Tortola and taxi to the boat. Breathe deeply, smell the salty air, and feel the sun. Acclimate yourself to your new tropical environment, help provision the boat, complete the vessel check out, and attend the chart briefing. Overnight on the boat.

**Friday** – Depart the dock and sail to Soper’s Hole on Frenchman’s Cay, Tortola. Frenchman’s Cay is connected to Tortola by a small bridge under which clear water flows constantly, creating a fantastic marina environment. Lined with quaint shops, eclectic restaurants and a kaleidoscope of colors, Soper’s Hole is the Caribbean dream.

**Saturday** - Sail to Jost Van Dyke where the famous Foxy’s Tamarind Bar is located and has been serving food and strong rum drinks to sailors and visitors since 1966. Take a taxi or dinghy to the Soggy Dollar Bar at White Bay for an infamous pain killer. Kayak, SUP, swim, snorkel, scuba, or relax.

**Sunday** - Sail to Trellis Bay and snorkel near Scrub Island.

**Monday** - Continue on to the The Baths, known for its maze of gigantic boulders that create otherworldly pools and grottoes for exploring.

**Tuesday** - Depart the dock and sail to North Sound of Virgin Gorda for an overnight at Leverick Bay.

**Wednesday** - Sail to Anegada for a group lobster dinner and overnight stay.

**Thursday** -Rent scooters or cars to explore the island and its stunning north side beaches keeping an eye out for pink flamingos and the iguana sanctuary along the way.

**Friday** - Sail to Norman Island. Explore the caves, hike to the summit of the island for 360o views, visit the famous Willy-T’s floating bar & restaurant, snorkel or enjoy the beach.

**Saturday** – Sail back to the charter base in Road Town, Tortola.

**Sunday** - Return home or extend your stay and enjoy the infamous Full Moon Beach Party on Trellis Bay!

\*Itinerary is subject to change

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The diverse and fascinating environment appeals to divers, swimmers, boaters, and hikers. Also those who want to relax in a soft rope hammock overlooking a white sand beach.

**The Boats:** We have already reserved several boats for this island-hopping odyssey. Both mono-hulls and catamarans are available. Reservations are available for singles or couples. If you are a qualified skipper you may put your own group together and run your own boat.



**The Price:** The price per person will range from \$2,395 to \$3,695 per person, based on double occupancy. For singles that prefer not to share a cabin, special pricing will be available. Contact the flotilla leader Captain Lucy Newman for more information. A \$500 non-refundable deposit per person is due immediately for priority boat and cabin preference. Then, 50% of the balance is due by March 1, 2024. The remaining balance is due no later than

May 1, 2024. Credit cards, checks and cash are all acceptable forms of payment. There is a 5 % extra charge for credit card payments.

**Can I earn certifications while on the flotilla?** ASA certifications will be available (ASA 103, 104, 114). The cost is \$300 per certification plus the cost of the textbook and shipping. NEW ASA 116 (Dinghy & Outboard Motor Endorsement) available for \$250.

**What's included?** Charter 10 nights aboard, flotilla fees, and goodie bag. Group dinner, "Easy on the Cook" provisioning (7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and snacks aboard). Water, fuel, mooring fees, dinghy with motor, linens, National Parks fees, cruising permits, VISAR fees and tons of fun!

**What's not included?** Airfare, optional hotel nights before or after the flotilla. Dining ashore (except group dinners), alcoholic beverages, airport / charter base taxi transfers. BVI departure tax, souvenirs, and personal incidentals.



**Contact Information:** The ASA BVI Flotilla leader is Capt. Lucy Newman. For more information, call 281-334-4606 or email [lucy@southcoastsailing.com](mailto:lucy@southcoastsailing.com).

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