

CRUISE ADVISOR

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



OVERVIEW CHART



CARIBBEAN SEA

PREVAILING WINDS



Nov - Feb
 "Christmas Winds" can be +20-30Knots

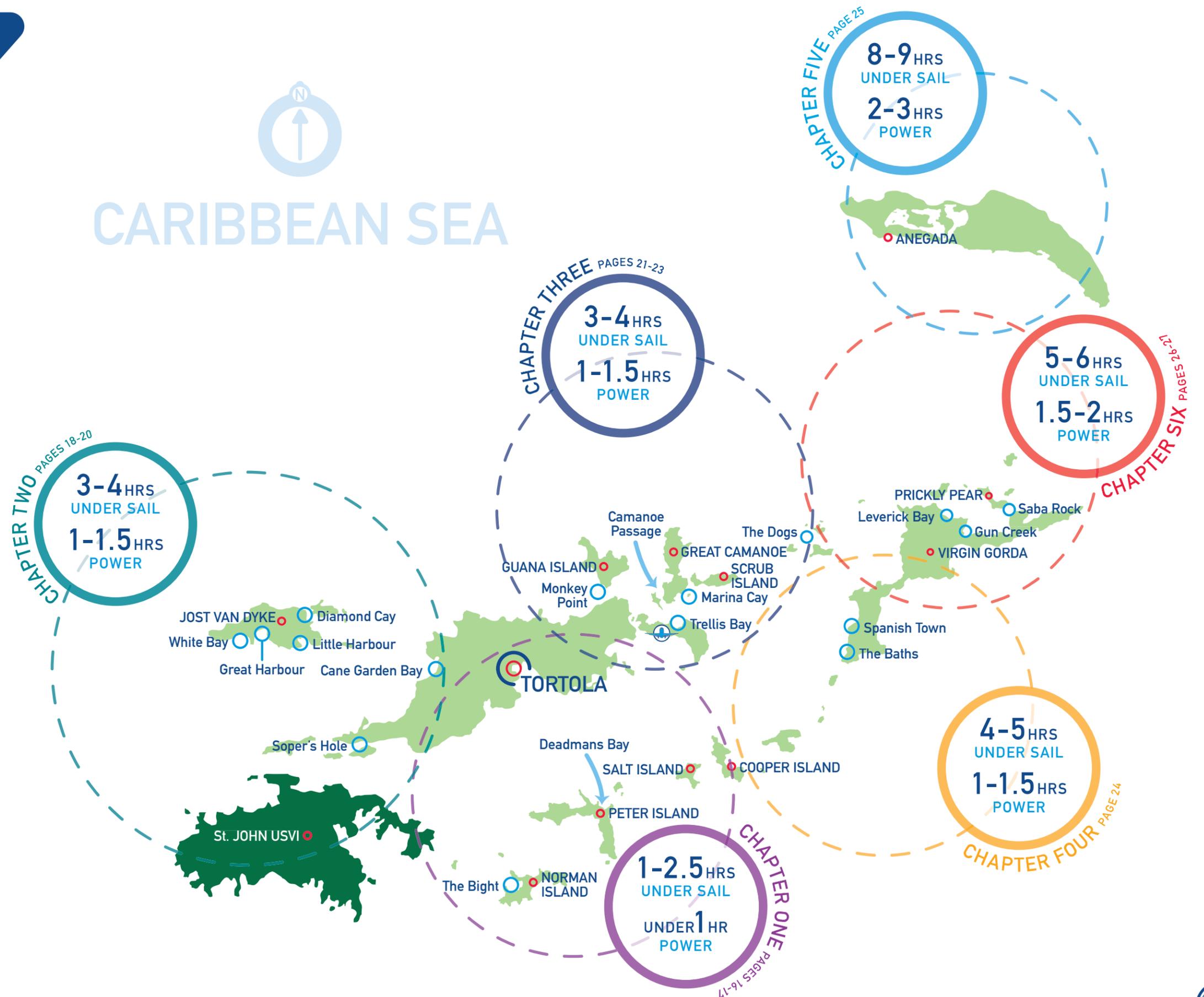
Oct - April
 North Swells

YACHT TYPES

Sail
 5 knots

Power
 8 - 17 knots

All times shown are approximate and based on the time taken to travel from the base on Tortola.



POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER ONE – 1- 2.5 HRS SAIL
LESS THAN 1HR POWER

SALT ISLAND

Home to one of the top dive destinations in the world - The Wreck of the RMS Rhone from 1867. The salt pond was once an important source of salt for the Royal Navy and the residents paid rent of a one pound bag of salt to the Queen.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

After diving / snorkeling the Rhone (or if Lee Bay is particularly busy), consider anchoring in Salt Island Bay, also giving you an easy dinghy ride ashore to explore the salt flats.

Nº SWING MOORINGS	LIMITED: National Park yacht, dinghy and dive buoys available over the Rhone. Daytime only.
LAT 18.3759° N	LONG: 64.5281° W

NORMAN ISLAND (THE BIGHT)

This well-protected anchorage offers something for everyone. Dine ashore at the newly rebuilt Pirates, afloat at the Willy T, or hike up in to the hills for a view out over the Caribbean sea. There's also easy access to the Caves and the Indians for great snorkeling.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Looking to get away from the crowd? There are four moorings tucked in to Kelly's Cove at the entrance to the Bight.

	Nº SWING MOORINGS 80
LAT 18.3167° N	LONG: 64.6167° W

COOPER ISLAND

There are five privately owned properties on the island, plus a small beach club resort. A haven for divers - the island lies adjacent to "wreck alley", a popular wreck diving site where a number of vessels have been deliberately sunk as dive sites.

A local dive store near the beach club rents tanks to certified scuba divers.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

When entering Manchioneel bay from the north, around Quart-O-Nancy Point, you will be on your ear one minute and becalmed the next. The point shelters the wind entirely. Lowering sail and powering up to the anchorage is recommended. No anchoring allowed due to sea turtles homes in the sea grass.

	Nº SWING MOORINGS 30
LAT 18.3859° N	LONG: 64.5118° W

PETER ISLAND RESORT

The row of roofs comprising the hotel section of the Peter Island Resort can be easily spotted from the Sir Francis Drake channel. The resort stretches all the way across the bay to Deadman's bay and several beaches on the southern coast of Peter Island.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Deadmans bay makes an excellent day stop but overnight in Great Harbour on a mooring bouy. Excellent snorkelling and trial exploration into the mountains to White Bay.

	Nº SWING MOORINGS 4: Sprat Bay 25: Great Harbour
Nº DOCKS 15	LAT 18.3559° N LONG: 64.5711° W



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POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER TWO – 3-4HRS SAIL
1-1.5HRS POWER



JOST VAN DYKE

Looking for a party? Jost van Dyke is famous for its beachside bars. Stop at Great Harbour for a drink at Foxy's Bar, where the biggest New Year's Eve celebrations in the BVI are held. Further along the coast is White Bay's long stretch of beautiful sand, containing the legendary Soggy Dollar Bar – the birthplace of the Painkiller cocktail.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

All of Jost van Dyke's beach bars and restaurants are on the south coast – approaches here are generally simple with anchorages clearly marked, wide open vistas and deep water in most areas.



LAT | 18.2590° N | LONG: | 64.4305° W

LITTLE HARBOUR

To the east of Great Harbour, Little Harbour was once used as carenage for island sloops. The harbour now caters to the vibrant yacht trade with 3 restaurants and limited provisioning available.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

In transit from Great Harbour, be mindful of the shoal area to your port upon entering the bay. If you are anchoring, pick a spot in the northeastern end of the bay and anchor in 30 ft on hard coral sand. Make sure your anchor is well set before heading for shore.



Nº SWING MOORINGS | 22
LAT | 18.4333° N | LONG: | 64.7167° W

DIAMOND CAY

Nestled between the eastern end of Jost Van Dyke and Little Jost Van Dyke is the anchorage known as Diamond Cay. It houses the famous among the locals Foxy's Taboo Bar and Restaurant. The adventurous can hike to the Bubbly Pools.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

If the wind is from the south, the anchorage becomes very sloppy and during northerly ground swells the surge can become excessive.



Nº SWING MOORINGS | 10
LAT | 18.2660° N | LONG: | 64.4275° W

WHITE BAY, JOST VAN DYKE

Being the most western harbor on the south side of the island, White Bay is named after its beautiful stretch of white sandy beach. White Bay is an excellent anchorage except during northerly ground swells.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Overnighting better on the eastern end of the anchorage. High traffic harbour due to day tip boats.



Nº SWING MOORINGS | 20
LAT | 18.2610° N | LONG: | 64.4500° W

GREAT HARBOUR

This normally sheltered harbor nestled at the foot of 1000 ft high peaks, Great Harbour is a port-of-entry into the BVI and is the largest settlement on the island. The port is serviced by a ferry from West End, Tortola and the USVI.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Approach should be at 351°. There is a large reef extending out 300 yards from the inner shoreline, be sure to identify the shoal before you reach it.



Nº SWING MOORINGS | 28
LAT | 18.2700° N | LONG: | 64.4500° W



POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER TWO – 3-4HRS SAIL
1-1.5HRS POWER



CANE GARDEN BAY

One of the most beautiful anchorages in the BVI, with a white palm fringed beach, a backdrop of green hills climbing 1500 ft to Sage Mountain and a magnificent rain forest. With the largest selection of beach bars and restaurants in the BVI, Cane Garden Bay should always be on the list of to-dos while you're here.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

The entrance to Cane Garden is toward the northern end of the bay. The reef extends both north and south and is marked with two sets of red and green buoys. This is not an ideal anchorage in northerly swells. Always lock your dinghy when going ashore - this is a busy anchorage so borrowed dinghies are common!



	Nº SWING MOORINGS	38
	LAT	18.2565° N
	LONG	64.4020° W

SOPERS HOLE

A very deep, well protected 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 your yacht.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

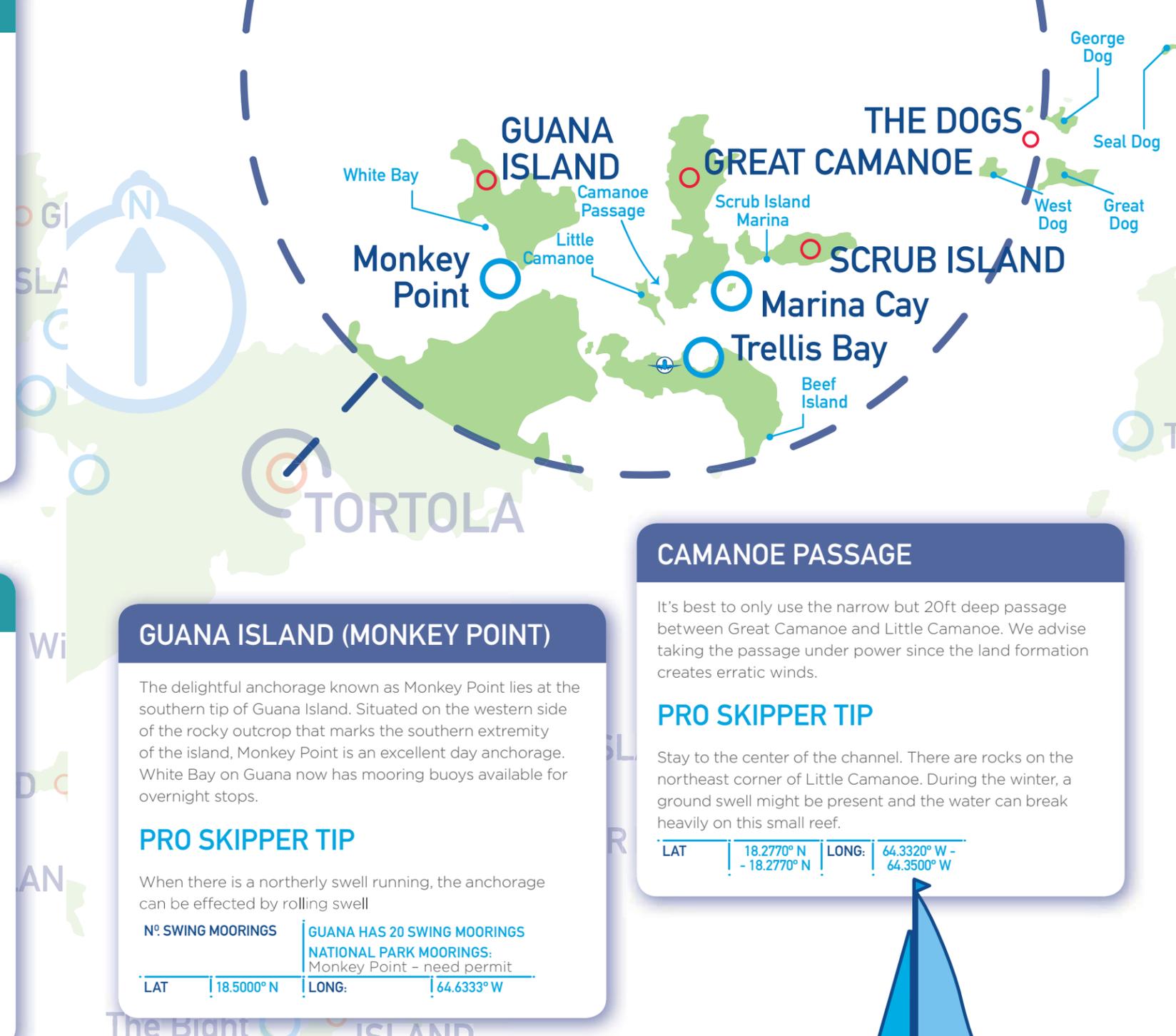
If you are approaching from the North, the favored passage would be between Steele Point at the west end of Tortola and Great Thatch. Be ready for some fickle wind changes and occasional heavy gusts from the nearby hills.



Nº SWING MOORINGS	30
Nº DOCKS	20
LAT	18.22280° N
LONG	64.4550° W

POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER THREE – 3-4HRS SAIL
1-1.5HRS POWER



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 anchorage. White Bay on Guana now has mooring buoys available for overnight stops.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

When there is a northerly swell running, the anchorage can be effected by rolling swell

Nº SWING MOORINGS	GUANA HAS 20 SWING MOORINGS
	NATIONAL PARK MOORINGS:
	Monkey Point - need permit
LAT	18.5000° N
LONG	64.6333° W

CAMANOE PASSAGE

It's best to only use the narrow but 20ft deep passage between Great Camanoe and Little Camanoe. We advise taking the passage under power since the land formation creates erratic winds.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Stay to the center of the channel. There are rocks on the northeast corner of Little Camanoe. During the winter, a ground swell might be present and the water can break heavily on this small reef.

LAT	18.2770° N	LONG	64.3320° W
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POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER THREE – 3-4HRS SAIL
1-1.5HRS POWER



SCRUB ISLAND

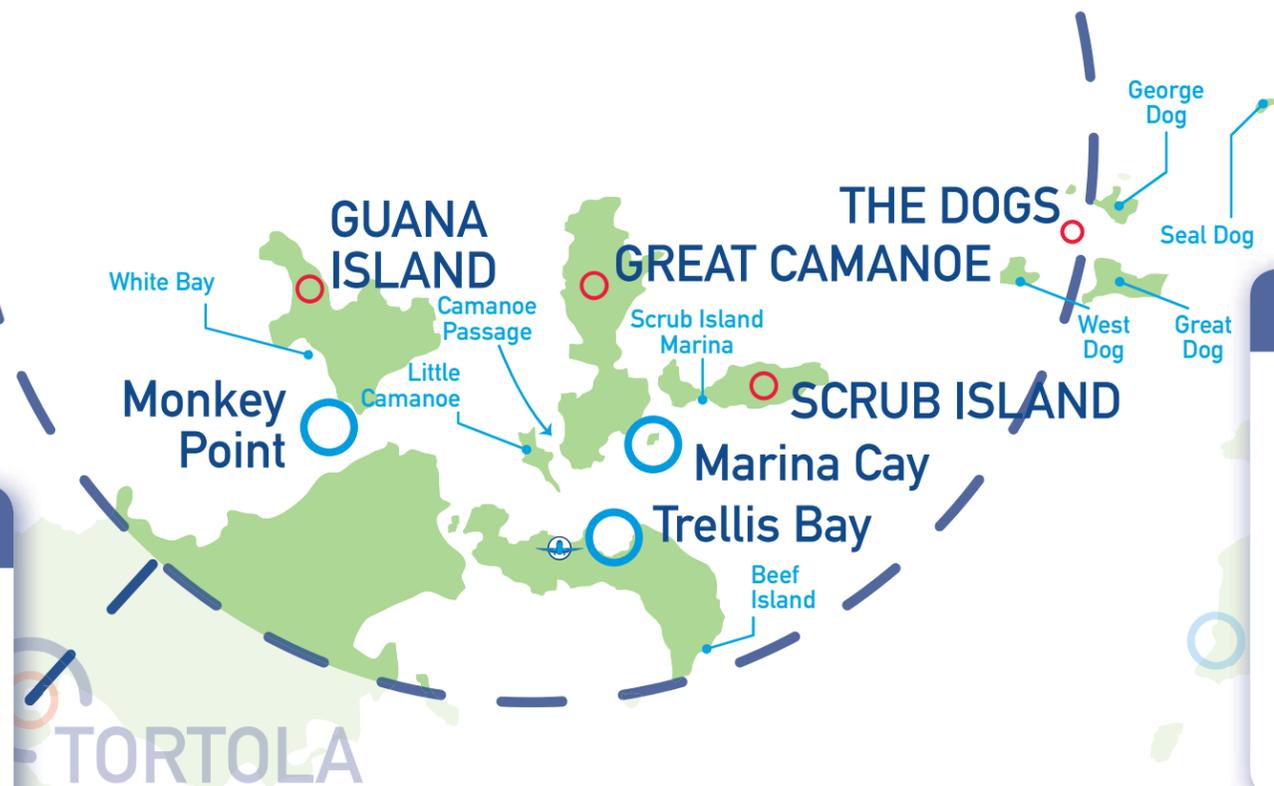
Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina. The Marina is tucked into the western end of Scrub Island and protected by natural reef and breakwater. It has full service and can accommodate vessels up to 160ft. The marina has a max depth of 14 ft. The resorts offer restaurants, a market, cafe and hotel rooms.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

A full service resort and spa. This is a good midweek stop if you're looking for beautiful marina showers, a swim up bar and two restaurants as well as an opportunity for dive excursions. Limited provisioning. A resort fee may apply. Easy shuttle access to airport for mid charter pick-ups and drop offs.



Nº DOCKS	SPACE AVAILABLE
LAT 18.4678° N	LONG: 64.5125° W



THE DOGS

Great, George, West and Seal Dogs are only a few miles away to the west of Virgin Gorda and good water all around them. They make delightful lunch stops on the way up from the islands to the south. The islands are also great for diving and snorkeling.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

During the winter, the northernly ground swells are running and can make the Dogs uncomfortable anchorages.

Nº SWING MOORINGS	4 National park only. Day mooring only.
Nº DOCKS	NO PONTOONS AT GEORGE DOG
LAT 18.2842° N	LONG: 64.2680° W

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, so anchoring to the northeast and northwest behind the mooring field is limited.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Enter from the south, remembering to leave the red marks to your starboard side.



Nº SWING MOORINGS	30
LAT 18.4610° N	LONG: 64.5253° W

TRELLIS BAY

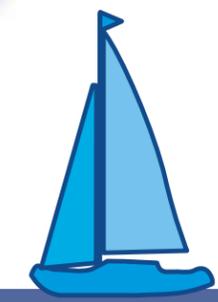
A well protected bay in all conditions with a small artist community showcasing local BVI / Caribbean culture, pottery studio, sculpture studio and craft shop, local fruit and vegetables from Good Moon Farm. The bay has 4 bar restaurants and is home of the Full Moon Fire ball parties.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Only enter the harbour from the eastern entrance to avoid the Bellamy Cay shallows.



Nº SWING MOORINGS	25
LAT 18.2730° N	LONG: 64.3150° W



POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER FOUR – 4-5HRS SAIL
1-1.5HRS POWER

SPANISH TOWN

Spanish Town is the largest town on Virgin Gorda and home of Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour (VGYH). This is also an easy place to rent a car to explore Virgin Gorda and nearby beaches including The Baths. There is easy ferry access to Tortola and the USVI for guests arriving or departing mid-charter.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

There is no anchoring inside VGYH marina, only paid-for dockage. The marina itself can be hot, so A/C will make you more comfortable. There are plenty of facilities ashore, with 120 slips, free internet and a variety of shops including a dive shop and places to provision.



Nº DOCKS	120
LAT	18.4500° N LONG: 64.4333° W



Devils Bay — **The Baths**

THE BATHS

A must-see. Clamber over giant boulders stacked over the sand or splash in the small pools and caves they create. It's also a great hike all the way through to Devil's Bay. Dinghies cannot be taken ashore so only strong swimmers should consider visiting from the sea.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

Access can be difficult in high season due to sea swells and limited buoys. We suggest you head to Gorda Sound and rent a car at Leverick Bay, which will give you the chance to explore the island more. Head up the hills for drinks at Hog Heaven, stop by the Baths before the crowds arrive (remember your park permit!), then back to hike the National Forest.



Nº SWING MOORINGS	30 day only
LAT	18.4294° N LONG: 64.4454° W

POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER FIVE – 8-9HRS SAIL
2-3HRS POWER

ANEGADA

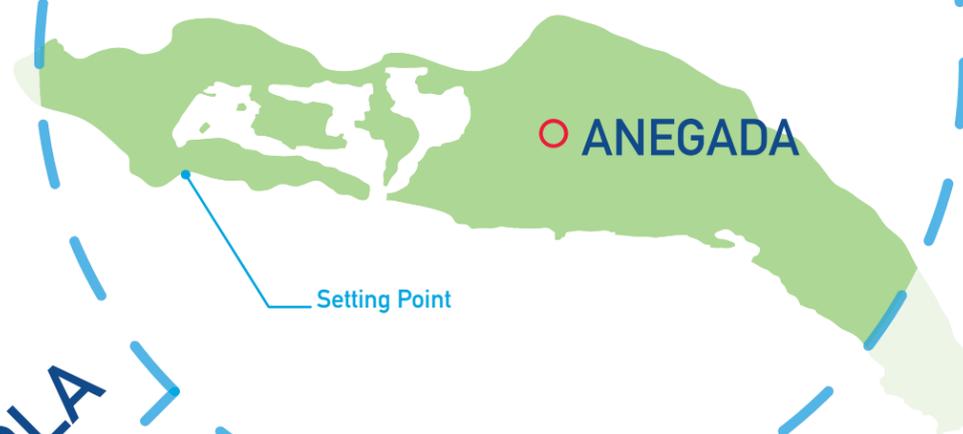
Once off limits to bareboats, this coral island is now a popular destination for fantastic snorkeling and diving. Enjoy the island's famous lobster and conch dishes, view the flamingos and head out to fisherman's wharf to see the conch piles. Setting Point is the only mooring point.

PRO SKIPPER TIP

The island is surrounded by reefs, so care is needed when accessing the anchorage; buoys are not always in place.

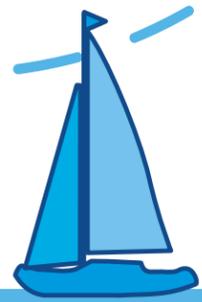


Nº SWING MOORINGS	30: at setting point
LAT	18.7333° N LONG: 62.3333° W



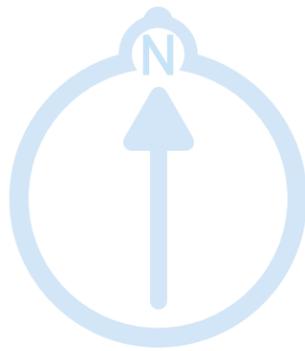
Setting Point

TORTOLA



POINTS OF INTEREST

CHAPTER SIX – 5-6HRS SAIL
1.5 - 2HRS POWER



LEVERICK BAY

Leverick Bay Resort and Marina is a haven for water sport fans. You will find all the amenities you might need, including a pool, grocery market, 24h laundry, wifi and rooms and villas.

PRO SKIPPER TIP
Head to the Marina from North Sound. The water is deep, with the marina minimum being 16ft.

Nº SWING MOORINGS	30
Nº DOCKS	10
LAT	18.3130° N
LONG:	64.2310° W

GORDA SOUND

Situated at the northern end of Virgin Gorda, Gorda Sound is a large bay protected on all sides by islands and reefs. It is the ideal place to spend several days exploring and relaxing. It has many restaurants and marina complexes.

PRO SKIPPER TIP
Best approach is through the north. The channel between Colquhoun Reef to the west and Cactus Reef to the east is marked with two sets of red and green buoys with a depth from 15ft to 35ft in the center. Take care for Oyster rock, which is to the west of the Biras Creek anchorage.

Nº SWING MOORINGS	100+
Nº DOCKS	30
LAT	18.4819° N
LONG:	64.3892° W

GUN CREEK

To the east of Leverick Bay around Gnat Point, Gun Creek provides a protected anchorage. Ashore you will find the local supermarket where you can refresh your supplies.

Nº MOORINGS	NONE: Anchor only
LAT	18.3130° N
LONG:	64.2310° W

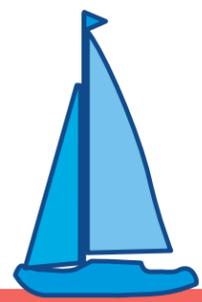
SABA ROCK

Saba Rock is a tiny island sitting astride the channel to Eustatia Sound between the Bitter End on Virgin Gorda and Prickly Pear Island. The island is home to a bar/restaurant and small hotel. This is also the perfect place to stop - the service station with technical support can help you with any questions.

PRO SKIPPER TIP
Use the moorings to the north of the marked channels as those are the ones belonging to and maintained by Saba Rock. Slips up to 24 ft wide.

Nº SWING MOORINGS	17
LAT	18.2120° N
LONG:	64.2310° W

SABA ROCK:
TECH ASSISTANCE FOR SUNSAIL, THE MOORINGS AND FOOTLOOSE
FOR ASSISTANCE CALL ON VHF CH 12 OR TEL 393 - 3333



CRUISING SUGGESTION

ONE WEEK SAIL

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DAY 1

Travel Day

Arrival day -

complete boat and area orientation; stow provisioning, book watersports or diving excursions on base, collect free phone from Renport. Swimming pool, spa, boutiques and mini market on site. Luggage storage available.

Head out to Cooper Island - snorkeling at Cistern Point.

Dinner on board or ashore at Cooper Island Beach Club.

DAY 2

Set sail for Marina Cay, stopping at Salt Island en route to snorkel / dive the Wreck of the Rhone

Overnight Marina Cay or Trellis Bay on buoy: snorkeling / diving, visit to Trellis Bay market & artisan village, spa at Scrub Island resort

Lunch: on board

Dinner: Pussers, Marina Cay or Scrub resort.

DAY 3

Set sail for the Dogs or the Baths for snorkeling and exploring (sea states dependent) and on to Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour

Overnight in Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour Marina: Taxi or car rental to explore Virgin Gorda: the Baths, Devils Bay, Hog Heaven, Copper Mine, Savannah Bay.

Lunch: Top of the Baths, Mad Dog

Dinner: Rock Café (live music most nights); Taxi required: Coco Maya, Mineshaft, Hog Heaven.

DAY 4

More Virgin Gorda exploration or set sail for North Sound, VG

Overnight at Saba Rock or Leverick or BEYC on buoy: kiteboarding, dinghy sailing at Bitter End, snorkeling / diving, hiking, fish feeding

Lunch: Fat Virgin Café, Leverick Bay, Sand Box (Gorda Sound).

Dinner: Saba Rock, Monday night mash up at Bitter End, YCCS or Biras Creek, Leverick (Friday jumbies).

DAY 5

Set sail for Guana Island, then Cane Garden Bay

Overnight in Cane Garden Bay

Snorkeling at Monkey Point, Guana Island

Rum distillery, Glass factory, SUP in Cane Garden Bay

Lunch: on board

Dinner: Cane Garden Bay: Quitos, ELM, Myetts, Paradise Club - usually live entertainment.

DAY 6

Sail to Sandy Cay / Diamond Cay and on to Jost van Dyke

Overnight Great Harbour, Jost van Dyke on buoy or at anchor:

Hike to Bubbly Pools at Diamond Cay, explore Sandy Cay

Lunch: Foxy's Taboo at Diamond Cay on Jost OR Soggy Dollar bar in White Bay, Jost.

Dinner: Foxy's, Corsairs, Ali Babas, Rudys.

DAY 7

Stop by Sopers Hole for shopping and water / ice top up then on to Norman or Peter Island.

Overnight at Norman or Peter Island on buoy or at anchor:

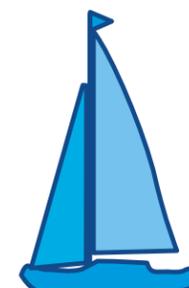
Snorkeling the Indians and the Caves, hike to the top of Norman Island, Spa at Peter Island

Lunch: Pussers or Fish N Lime at Sopers Hole; Pirates or the "Willy T" on Norman; Oceans 7 or Peter Island Resort on Peter Island.

Dinner: Pirates or the "Willy T" on Norman; Oceans 7 or Peter Island Resort.

DAY 8

Departure day - allow plenty of time to return to the Marina to be debriefed, pack up and depart for airport or ferry.



CRUISING SUGGESTION

TWO WEEK SAIL

DAY 1

Travel Day

Arrival day - complete boat and area orientation; stow provisioning, book watersports or diving excursions on base, collect free phone from Renport. Swimming pool, spa, boutiques and mini market on site. Luggage storage available.

Head out to Cooper Island - snorkeling at Cistern Point.

Dinner: on board or ashore at Cooper Island Beach Club.

DAY 2

Set sail for Marina Cay, stopping at Salt Island en route to snorkel / dive the Wreck of the Rhone Overnight Marina Cay or Trellis Bay on buoy: snorkeling / diving, visit to Trellis Bay market & artisan village (watch for Full Moon events).

Lunch: on board.

Dinner: Pussers or Marina Cay.

DAY 3

Set sail for the Dogs or the Baths for snorkeling and exploring (sea states dependent) and on to Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour.

Overnight in Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour Marina: Taxi or car rental to explore Virgin Gorda: the Baths, Devils Bay, Hog Heaven, Copper Mine, Savannah Bay.

Lunch: Top of the Baths, Mad Dog.

Dinner: Rock Café (live music most nights); Taxi required: Coco Maya, Mineshaft, Hog Heaven.

DAY 4

More Virgin Gorda exploration or set sail for North Sound, VG

Overnight at Saba Rock or BEYC on buoy: kiteboarding, dinghy sailing at Bitter End, snorkeling/diving, hiking, fish feeding.

Lunch: Fat Virgin Café, Leverick Bay, Sand Box (Gorda Sound).

Dinner: Saba Rock, Bitter End, YCCS or Biras Creek, Leverick (Friday jumbies).

DAY 5

Early start out to Anegada.

Mooring buoy at Setting Point: taxi, car or scooter rental to explore the north shore for incredible snorkeling, fishing and conch specials at Big Bamboo, Cow Wreck, Loblolly and ABC.

Dinner: Anegada Reef Hotel, Potters, Neptune's Treasure - specialty is lobster (bbq is best!).

DAY 6

Explore Anegada Flamingos, conch shell point at Fisherman's Wharf, iguana sanctuary, the Settlement.

DAY 7

Sail back to Gorda Sound.

Mooring buoy or dock at Leverick Bay: laundry, spa, shopping.

Dinner: Leverick Bay jumbies and jump up.

DAY 8

Sail to Scrub.

On dock at Scrub: swim up bar, dive shop, spa.

Stop at The Baths or Dogs for snorkeling/ exploring.

Dinner: Caravella.

DAY 9

Set sail for Guana Island, then Cane Garden Bay.

Overnight in Cane Garden Bay.

Snorkeling at Monkey Point, Guana Island.

Lunch: on board.

Dinner: Quitos, ELM, Myetts, Paradise Club - live entertainment most nights.

Rum distillery, Glass factory, SUP rentals in Cane Garden Bay.

DAY 10

Sail to Sandy Cay/ Diamond Cay and on to Jost van Dyke.

Overnight on mooring buoy at Diamond Cay.

Hike to Bubbly Pools at Diamond Cay, explore Sandy Cay/ Sandy Spit.

Cocktails at the Bee Line bar.

Lunch: Foxy's Taboo at Diamond Cay.

DAY 11

Sail round to White Bay, JvD.

Overnight Great Harbour, Jost van Dyke on buoy or at anchor:

Lunch: Soggy Dollar Bar - home of the painkiller and ring toss game.

Dinner: Foxy's, Corsairs, Ali Babas, Rudys.

DAY 13

Sail to Norman Island.

Overnight on mooring buoy in The Bight.

Day stop for snorkeling at the Indians - lunch on board.

Snorkeling at the Caves or hiking to the top of the hill.

Dinner: Pirates ashore or Willy T afloat.

DAY 12

Sail to Sopers Hole.

Buoy or dock in Sopers Hole Marina.

Top up water, ice, supplies; easy taxi access to north shore (Bombas!).

Dinner: Fish N Lime, Sacramouche, Pussers, Frenchmans Cay.

DAY 14

Sail to Peter Island.

Overnight Sprat Bay or Great Harbour.

Day stop for snorkeling in Deadmans Bay.

Dinner: Oceans Seven or Peter Island resort.

DAY 15

Departure day - allow plenty of time to return to the Marina to be debriefed, pack up and depart for airport or ferry.



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DAY 1

Travel Day

Arrival day -

complete boat and area orientation; stow provisioning, book watersports or diving excursions on base, collect free phone from Renport. Swimming pool, spa, boutiques and mini market on site.

Overnight: Head out to Cooper Island - snorkeling at Cistern Point, moorings only - no anchoring.

DAY 2

Set off for Norman Island for snorkeling the Indians (day moorings).

Overnight: Head to Sopers Hole (marina and moorings available); provisioning, water, ice, boutique shopping, Island tours.

DAY 3

Set out for White Bay, Jost van Dyke and the Soggy Dollar bar. Bird watching, ATV rides and much bar hopping.

Overnight on a mooring in Great or Little Harbour

Boutiques, live entertainment, lobster BBQ's

DAY 4

Early start for Diamond Cay or Sandy Spit; Hike out to the Bubbly Pool or swim ashore to the protected Sandy Spit.

Lunch stop in Cane Garden Bay: Rum distillery, Glass factory.

Overnight at the dock - Scrub Island resort and marina.

Snorkeling / diving, spa at Scrub Island resort.

DAY 5

Great snorkeling at the Dogs, or back to Guana Island to snorkel Monkey Point

Head up in to Gorda Sound - choice of docks (Leverick/BEYC/Scrub/YCCS) or moorings or anchor

Taxi or car rental to explore Virgin Gorda: the Baths, Devils Bay, Hog Heaven, Copper Mine, Savannah Bay.

Huge range of restaurants and bars

DAY 6

Head back down Drakes Channel with an early morning stop at the Baths when they are most quiet.

Marina Cay for reef snorkeling; visit to Trellis Bay market & artisan village

DAY 7

Day stop at Salt Island for diving / snorkeling the Wreck of the Rhone or ashore to explore the salt ponds.

Afternoon stop at the Caves for snorkeling (day moorings only). Hike to top of Norman Island.

Overnight in the Bight on buoy or at anchor

DAY 8

Departure day - Allow plenty of time to return to the marina and refuel and Debrief with our team.