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Welcome to the spring 2011 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because you have already joined us for a sailing adventure (for which we thank you) and/or you have expressed an interest in joining us on a future adventure. Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone whom you think has the same adventurous spirit that you do and whom you think would enjoy a Jamann Sailing Adventure.

Breaking News!

JSAE has been selected by AAA Travel's Central Penn Branch to provide day sail services for their guests on their 2012 trip to Cooper Island Beach Club in the British Virgin Islands. AAA's trip is Feb. 26-Mar. 3, 2012. The trip participants will be spending the week staying and relaxing at the Cooper Island Beach Club. JSAE will take small groups of the trip participants out sailing each day visiting the various nearby sites and locations. This trip is ideal for anyone who wants to enjoy a quiet relaxing Caribbean vacation and who might be interested in sailing in the Caribbean without committing to being on a yacht for the whole week. This is also a great opportunity for JSAE as it will broaden our marketing exposure and hopefully bring in new full charter guests. If you or someone you know would be interested in this AAA Central Penn/Jamann trip please let us know.

Highlights of 2010

Knowing that a lot of our guests will want to see the sites and visit the anchorages on the islands that make up the US Virgin Islands we spent 2 weeks in June sailing around St. Thomas and St. John, having sailed to St. Croix back in 2008. The US Virgin Islands are only a short distance from the British Virgin



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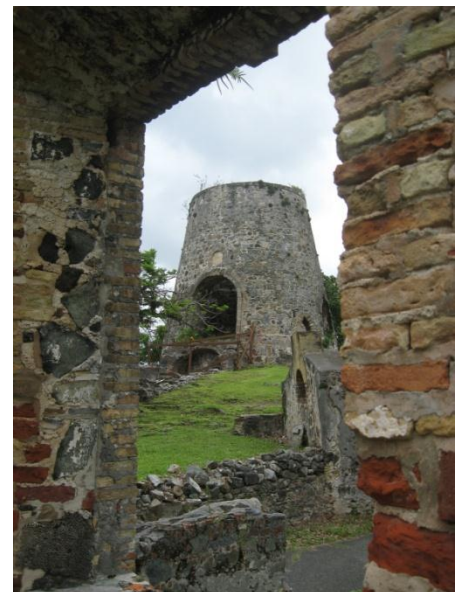
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Islands with only a gap of less than a mile between the southwest tip of Tortola and the north coast of St. John. Therefore you can easily see the USVI from the BVI and vice versa.

St. Thomas is the cultural and business center of the USVI. The airport on St. Thomas also services St. John which does not have its own airport. Direct flights into St. Thomas are available from Philadelphia and other major US cities. And since you would still be in the US you don't need a passport to get there and don't have to deal with the hassles of customs and immigrations. On land you have the hustle and bustle of the duty free port of Charlotte Amalie (part of the purchase agreement when the US purchased the islands is that they remain duty free), with all of its shops and restaurants a popular stop for cruise ships. A number of the large hotel chains are on St. Thomas but you don't have to go far to find the smaller more secluded hotels, villas and private homes for rent. St. Thomas has its share of quiet bays and anchorages along with several smaller islands reachable only by boat. Sailing to anchorages with beautiful sand beaches, great snorkeling and diving and lots of peace and quiet is not hard to do.

Part of the beauty of St. John is that it is non-commercial and almost two thirds of the island is a national park maintained by the US National Park Service. There are still quite a number of places to stay on the island with the small population centers on the west end in the town of Cruz Bay and on the east end around Coral Bay. There are several camp grounds with a couple of them located down along the bays. There are rental properties available from small apartments to elegant villas (a few celebrities have places here). On land activities include visits to the shops, restaurants and markets in Cruz Bay where the cruise ship tourists are ferried over from St. Thomas. There are also the ruins of the Annaberg Sugar Mill Plantation which are very interesting to see and the Pastory Gardens (botanical garden and restaurant). Of course there are quite a few beautiful bays and anchorages all around the island with great beaches, snorkeling and diving in each.



St. Croix is the distant sister located 35 miles south of the other two islands. The Dutch influence from when the islands were controlled by the Dutch is very evident here. With the distinction of being the eastern most part of the US, on island attractions include the Whim Sugar Plantation & Museum, Fort Christiansvaern and Fort Frederik. In addition to the numerous secluded bays and anchorages one can sail over to the Salt River Bay to see where Columbus landed in 1493, while a sail over to Buck Island allows you to visit one of only three underwater national monuments in the US and the hawksbill turtle breeding area.

Back on the British side in November our good friends Brenda and Bill Dorsey and Diane Vickers joined us for a Thanksgiving celebration Caribbean style. We had a great sail over to the outlying island of Anegada in 25-30 knot winds, a single reef in the main and 6-8 ft seas – a great



romp that had Capt'n HiHo smiling at the helm all the way across the 14 mile passage. If that kind of sailing makes you a bit anxious don't let it as the majority of the sailing within the protected confines of the island group is more relaxed but just as enjoyable.



Our stay on Anegada included a day at the beach at Loblolly Bay. Sailing back to the main group of islands we stopped at Little Harbor on Jost Van Dyke for the night having dinner at Sydney's Peace and Love Restaurant, one of our favorites. Chef HiHo prepared a very nice Thanksgiving feast which we enjoyed while watching the sunset in the pirate's hangout of The Bight on Norman Island. We finished up the week visiting our friends Sam and Andy, managers of Cooper Island Beach Club. Renovations at CIBC look great and we are looking

forward to working with AAA Travel to help show our guest a good time at CIBC! Yet another great week of sailing in the BVI.

So we are ready to provide you with a great sailing adventure in either the USVI or BVI. Come on down!

Magazine Articles about Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire

In case you missed it JSAE was featured in a great article in the Summer 2010 edition of the Central PA periodical *b Magazine* (www.bmagazinepa.com), "the premier lifestyle publication dedicated to the lives of baby boomers in Central Pennsylvania". You can read the article in the electronic version of their magazine on their website in the Archives section, Summer 2010 edition, pages 22-27 (or ask Jim, he bought lots of copies of the magazine with the article in it). It's an informative article about our hopes



and dreams about JSAE, living in the islands and some of our past adventures. Thanks to the editor and folks at *b Magazine* for such a great article.

In October 2010 we had the pleasure of being selected as "Secret Shoppers" for *Cruising World Magazine* at the US Sailboat Show in Annapolis, MD after submitting a sailing résumé. Along with three other couples we were given a list of boats, entered in the magazine's Boat of The Year contest, to examine without the dealers and salespeople knowing our intentions. It was quite a bit of fun working the show with this added focus. We then sat down with one of the editors at large individually and as a group to discuss our findings, impressions and thoughts relative to our own experiences and sailing plans for the future. An article in the January issue of

Cruising World entitled "The Secret Shoppers Ride Again" includes a picture of us with some of our comments along with the other couples. You can read the article on line at

<http://www.cruisingworld.com/sailboats/the-secret-shoppers-ride-again> (or ask Jim as he bought plenty of copies of this one, too!). Stay tuned, you never know which magazine we'll show up in next!

2011 and beyond

Our plans for moving to the islands are progressing nicely (burn the house down, push the cars off the cliff and shoot the dog – okay, so we don't have a dog but you get the idea – everything goes!). At the end of December 2010 Jim retired from Armstrong and Kathy will retire from her 9-5 job by the end of November 2011. The plan would be to be living and loving life on Jamann by Christmas of this year. There's a lot to be done between now and then but at this point it is full steam ahead, pun intended.



We will relocate Jamann to St. Thomas as it will be easier to get things done on the yacht there on the US side. There are a few things we want to get done to make the yacht even more livable and even better and more comfortable for chartering. It will be easier, logistically and legally, to run JSAE from St. Thomas and the US with a PO Box as our address. We'll plan to stay based out of St. Thomas for the foreseeable future, primarily offering charters in the British Virgin Island, the US Virgin Islands and expanding quickly to cover the Spanish Virgin Islands (Puerto Rico, Vieques and

Culebra). Chartering in the western Leeward Islands (St. Marteen/St. Martin, Anguilla, St. Barts, and Saba) will also be doable from this base of operation and location. Long term we still plan to work our way down the Caribbean chain learning about and enjoying the different sites and cultures along the way. When we get to that we'll post a schedule indicating where we'll be, when we'll be there and inviting you, our charter guests, to charter with us and to share the experience with us as we move along the chain.

2012 Reservations now available!

With all of the logistics of physically relocating to the islands we'll be quite busy getting settled in the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012. So our schedule for charters for 2012 will start a little later than we would anticipate for future years. Our regularly scheduled 1 week Saturday to Saturday charter dates for the first half of 2012 currently are the following:

Feb. 11-18

Feb. 25-Mar. 3 - Booked – AAA/Jamann Cooper Island Trip



Mar. 10-17

Mar. 24-31 (join us this week for Capt'n Grey Beard's birthday celebration!)

Apr 7-14

Apr. 28-May5

May 12-19 - on hold - Michele Miller & son Matt
(need 1 or 2 more adventurers)

May 26-Jun. 2

Jun 9-16



If any of these dates will work for you for a Jamann Sailing Adventure please let us know as soon as possible, even if you cannot commit right away, so that we can work with you, begin discussing the details and answer any questions to help you make a decision and ultimately to confirm a date and reservation. We can be somewhat flexible with the above schedule. If these dates don't exactly work for you let us know which dates will and we will review your request to see if we can make adjustments to the schedule to accommodate your date requests. This would apply for dates beyond this schedule as well. And if you are like our good friend Bill and one week of chartering is just not enough time in paradise we'd love to have you charter with us for two or more weeks and we'll adjust the schedule accordingly. While the sailing in the Virgin Islands is good all year long the best times of the year for chartering are covered by the schedule presented above. But it might be possible to schedule charters at other times of the year depending on other things that JSAE might be involved in. Just ask and we'll see what we can do.



Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing!

The gods of the sea and the sailors before us are looking down upon us favorably. We are very excited about our future and all of the fun and enjoyment we will have with Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire. So thanks again for your support and best wishes. It is very exciting to hear all of you excitedly talking about the possibility of doing a charter with us. Don't forget to check our updated website. Let us know if you have any questions, comments or ideas – we love hearing from you even if it is just to say hello. Let us know when you'd like to come down and charter with us. We'll be anxiously waiting and looking forward to hosting your Jamann Sailing Adventure Extraordinaire in the Caribbean sometime in the near future.

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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