

Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire

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Welcome to the fall 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.

2011 Adventures!

With the upcoming changes detailed below our 2011 sailing adventures were all compressed into three weeks in June. We gave Jamann a brief break and took guests on a one week charter in the BVI aboard a Sunsail 384 Catamaran. While this may be Sunsail's smallest catamaran it still has large yacht features with 4 double cabins with the two forward cabins also having an additional single berth in the



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We Be Jamann!!!

fore peaks of each hull. The two large heads were adequate for our crew of 8. Our guests for this charter included Susan and Barry Bauman and their daughter Krhystina, Brenda and Bill Dorsey and



Diane Vickers. Chef HiHo enjoyed the tight but efficient layout of the galley with the large salon area. The spacious cockpit being on the same level as the galley and salon was quite convenient when setting up for meals which with all of the good weather that week were all served in the cockpit. The elevated helms seat provided adequate visibility especially when the bimini cover was rolled back. But the features the guests appeared to enjoy the most was the forward trampoline area – a great place to enjoy the breeze under sail and a great place to nap during the day and sleep during the night – and the shade provided while in the water under the cockpit and between the hulls within easy reach of your next cold beer during happy hour. We sailed to some of the favorite spots including Cooper Island, Cane Garden Bay, Jost Van Dyke and Norman Island. But we were also able to visit Key Bay on the south side of Peter Island as well as a run up to the Bitter End on Virgin Gorda. Mix in some scuba diving off Cooper Island and the Indians, snorkeling off Green Cay, Norman Island and Peter Island and some great meals at Saba Rock on



Virgin Gorda, Sydney's Peace and Love Restaurant on Jost Van Dyke and Quito's at Cane Garden Bay and you have the makings of a fabulous sailing adventure in the BVI.

At the end of the week we waved goodbye to our first week guests and moved our stuff over to our own



yacht Jamann. Our second week of sailing was just the two of us! We headed over to the US Virgin Islands to do some additional exploring to be better prepared for hosting charter itineraries on the US side. After checking in at customs and immigrations in Cruz Bay, St. John we settled in on Caneel Bay for a couple of days. We took this opportunity to go ashore and check out the Caneel Bay Resort (<u>www.caneelbay.com</u>). This 170 acre luxury resort is on the grounds that were the estate of Laurance Rockefeller who had donated approximately 5,000 acres of land to the US government with the requirement that the land be used as a National Park. The National Park Service subsequently purchased an additional 2000 acres. Today, two thirds of the island of St. John is now the very large Virgin Islands National Park. To say that the Caneel Bay Resort is beautiful would be a severe understatement. The resort boasts rooms to

accommodate every taste and budget, 7 quiet beaches, 2 dining rooms, a swimming pool, tennis courts,

a gourmet restaurant in the converted ruins of the sugar mill, a dive shop and much more.

Other places visited this week included Christmas Cove off St. James Island, Benner Bay and the Lagoon off St. Thomas. We sailed around to Magen's Bay on the north side of St. Thomas allowing us to check out the string of cays where a lot of the scuba diving sites are located. Weather conditions prohibited us from entering and anchoring in Magen's Bay leaving that for a visit at another time. We finished the week with a stay in Maho



Bay on the north side of St. John observing a deer come down to the shore line out of the forest at sunset.

Week three found us back on the British side to welcome Kathy's best friend Helen Flynn. After greeting Helen at the airport and staying at Trellis Bay that first night, during the course of the week we snorkeled off George Dog, visited Marina Cay, snorkeled off Monkey Point, observed turtles (including a pretty large one) off Diamond Cay, snorkeled off Sandy spit, watched a beautiful sunset over Jost Van Dyke from Cane Garden Bay, and snorkeled the Treasure Caves off Norman



Island. We finished our week with a stop at Cooper Island and a fabulous celebratory dinner at the Cooper Island Beach Club restaurant.

Photos from all three weeks can be accessed from the Past Adventures section of our website.

AAA Central Penn Travel Cooper Island Winter Getaway



In case you somehow missed it AAA Central Penn Travel is running a Cooper Island Winter Getaway trip Feb. 26-Mar. 3, 2012. With this trip the participants will be staying at the Cooper Island Beach Club on Cooper Island in the BVI. We have been selected to provide day sail services for the group, each day taking part of the group out for a sail to some of the local favorite spots. There was a great article in the May/June issue of AAA World Magazine describing Cooper Island and the Beach Club with a very nice sidebar article that included references to JSAE. You can read the article here:

<u>http://www.drjimjackson.com/jamannsailing/AAA_Article.pdf</u>. This is a great trip for someone who wants a nice laid back vacation and wants to try some sailing to see if maybe they would like to do a full adventure with us at a later time. Anyone interested in this trip should contact AAA Central Penn directly. We are grateful to AAA Central Penn for selecting us and working with us on this adventure and look forward to repeating the adventure in the future.

2011 and beyond

The end of 2011 finds us hastily getting rid of everything here and preparing for our move to the Virgin Islands. Our departure date is December 19th!!! We will set up a base of operations with a mooring and

post office box in the Red Hook area off the north east end of St. Thomas. From here we can easily accommodate guests wanting to charter and sail in the British, US or Spanish Virgin Islands. With this vast cruising area there are opportunities to charter with us multiple times and experience completely different destinations and itineraries. We expect to stay in the Virgin Islands area for the foreseeable future at least through 2013 but at some point we plan to spend time exploring the other islands along the Caribbean chain. You'll be invited to come and explore the rest of the Caribbean with us as we will post a schedule of our anticipated locations allowing you to charter with us in these scheduled destinations. Of course if you have a preferred destination and date that works best for you let us know and we will see if we can accommodate your wish by altering our schedule. Everything is flexible in the Caribbean.



As we move to the islands you'll be able to stay in touch with us. Our website, email address and phone number will all remain the same as they currently are. Additionally we'll be adding a blog which Captain HiHo will use to keep you up to date periodically on our whereabouts and our activities. And of course we'll continue to produce newsletters like this one to also keep you informed. There are even hints that we'll have a webcam set up on board! So we'll take full advantage of today's technology to stay in touch with you.

2012 Reservations still available!

Arriving in the Virgin Islands in December will still leave us with a number of things we'll need to organize and complete to have our base of operation up and running smoothly. So the start of our 2012 charter season will be delayed somewhat. Here is our current regularly scheduled 2012 charter dates:

> Feb. 26-Mar. 3 - Booked – AAA/Jamann Cooper Island Winter Escape Trip (check out AAA Central Penn's site for details: xxx.com)

Mar. 10-24 – Booked, sailing the Spanish Virgin Islands

Apr 7-14 – Available



Apr. 28-May 5 - Available

May 12-19 - 1st cabin booked, 2nd cabin on hold, sailing the BVI May 26-Jun. 2 - 1st cabin booked, 2nd cabin available, sailing the BVI Jun 9-16 – Available June 23-July 1 – Booked, sailing the BVI

July 7-14 - Available



If any of these available 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 see if we can find a time slot to meet your request. 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.

2013 Charter Reservations Already? - YES!!!

We will soon be setting up our schedule for 2013. For those of you who need a little more time to get ready to charter with us now is the time to talk with us about a charter in 2013. We already have a couple of guests targeting specific dates in 2013. If 2013 will be the year for you to join us on a Jamann Sailing Adventure let us know now while some of the best sailing weeks are still available.



Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing!

We've held three great presentation sessions giving us a chance to explain in person and in detail what a Jamann Sailing Adventure is really like. The response from these sessions has been tremendous. You could just feel all of the excitement building as people chatted about the adventures they could have. We thank everyone who was able to attend these sessions. We'll have to take advantage of internet technology to convert these sessions to internet webinars to be able to give others the chance to participate in similar sessions. We'll let you know when the first webinar gets scheduled. We very much appreciate all of the support and interest in our fun endeavor. We are very much looking forward to hosting a Jamann Sailing Adventure for all of you sometime in the very near future (just don't all of you try to choose the same week)!

Thanks and see ya in da islands, mon!!!

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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