



# Jamann

## *Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire*

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Welcome to the Summer/Fall 2012 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.

### ***9 Months Living in Paradise!***

Hard to believe it's been almost 9 months already! And it has all been quite exciting. Adjusting to life on a yacht has had its challenges, like where to put all of the stuff we brought with us, but for the most part has gone quite well. We have settled nicely into the cruising community in Red Hook, USVI which has turned out to be a great location with all of the things and services we need and with lots of friendly helpful people. While our charter schedule was reasonably busy it was quite successful and we still had time to do some exploring on our own as well as time to enjoy visits from family and friends. We've also had time to take care of a few things on Jamann including adding solar panels to keep the batteries and all of our electronic gadgets charged up. This has cut our fossil fuel usage by 70% which is good for the environment. Throw in plenty of time for sailing, diving, snorkeling swimming, hiking, kayaking and checking out the various tourist attractions and you'll see why we haven't had any trouble staying busy in a nice retired kind of way! And there are still lots of fun things to do and check out while finishing up our first year in paradise.

### ***Joint Marketing with Cooper Island Beach Club***

We are very excited to announce our cooperative marketing with Cooper Island Beach Club in the BVI ([www.cooperislandbeachclub.com](http://www.cooperislandbeachclub.com)). CIBC will be offering our day sail services to their guests staying at the resort. Together we will also be offering a combination stay package where guests will charter with



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us for several nights and then stay at CIBC for several additional nights. These options will be great for anyone not quite ready for a full week of chartering aboard a boat or for whom a full week at CIBC might be a little too quiet. If you or someone you know would be interested in either of these options please contact us for further details and pricing information.

### ***2012 Charter Highlights!***

Our first full season of chartering was a great success. We started the season providing day sail services for the AAA Central Penn Travel group who came to Cooper Island Beach Club in late February. Each day we took part of the group out sailing which allowed each trip participant to get one full day sail and two half day sails. We were able to get to a variety of snorkel stops while enjoying the sailing and letting everyone help with the sailing. We look forward to being able to repeat this engagement with AAA Central Penn Travel again in the future.



Brenda and Bill Dorsey and Diane Vickers chartered with us in March. The first week was spent sailing over to and around the Spanish Virgin Islands surrounding the island of Culebra. This was very exciting being the first time there for all of us. We found lots of beautiful anchorages, hiked to the light house atop Culebrita for some fantastic views, found some great spots for snorkeling and kayaking and found a great place for Kathy and Brenda to get their hair cut (the barber had never cut women's hair but he was good looking and smelled good so they didn't care)! We'll definitely be planning a return trip to the Spanish Virgins as we still need to check out the island of Vieques.

Michele Miller and her son Matt Miller joined us for a charter in the BVI in May. This had been a dream vacation that Michele had been planning for over 10 years. The weather was fabulous with great winds for sailing every day. Michele and Matt were prepared with foul weather gear but we only needed it once while sailing off shore north of Tortola through a brief down pour. Since there was no escaping the rain we simply reefed the sails and enjoyed the wind and warm rain for the few minutes that it lasted. Then shook out the reef, ditched the foul weather gear and kept on sailing to our next destination. Matt's already planning a return charter in 2014 to celebrate his graduation from college and Michele says that's okay with her.





The end of May brought the BVI charter with Mike Sites in fulfillment of his winning the Fight Back for the Cure Cancer benefit raffle that we held last year in honor of our good friend Cindy Brubaker. With Mike we were able to visit several of Cindy’s favorite BVI spots including Cane Garden Bay (we were there for the last night of the annual BVI Music Fest), dinner at Sydney’s Peace and Love Restaurant, diving off Monkey Point, snorkeling and dinner at Cooper Island Beach Club, diving at the Indians and happy hour at the Willy T (complete with Mike making the jump off the upper deck).

An email earlier in the year from Scott Henne informed us that he and his family would be visiting St. Thomas in June and so we made arrangements for them to charter with us for a couple of days while they were here. During this short charter we were able to visit several of the anchorages on the north side of St. John, USVI including Leinster Bay, Maho Bay and Hawksnest Bay. The sailing was fun and still had lots of time for some great snorkeling and kayaking at each location – short but sweet.

It took over a year to plan it but we were able to welcome Tammy and Jeff Drawbaugh and Lisa and Pete Oyler at the end of June for a BVI charter. We celebrated Tammy and Jeff’s wedding anniversary with dinner at Sydney’s Peace and Love Restaurant on the island of Jost Van Dyke. Snorkeling and beach time were part of the visit to Sandy Cay. Kayaking and walks through town were the activity choices for Cane Garden Bay with everyone running for cover when the rain and high wind gusts came roaring down the valley – as usual it didn’t last long and the sun was back out just a few minutes later. Jeff and Pete enjoyed a refresher dive course with Kathy off Cooper Island Beach Club’s beach while Tammy and Lisa paid homage to the sun gods on the beach. Then Jeff and Pete joined Kathy and I for a dive in wreck alley off Cooper Island. Snorkeling at the Indians and at the Treasure Caves off Norman Island was fun as always. But the highlight of the week was the group jump off the Willy T’s upper deck at happy hour – took two tries as Lisa chickened out at the very last second on the first jump.



Our last scheduled regular season charter was with Nereida and Buck Burgess in July. After flight cancellations and delays and a side trip to Antigua Buck and Nereida finally did make it to Tortola for their BVI charter. Their charter itinerary included stops at Sandy Cay, Jost Van Dyke, and Cane Garden Bay. Being the hunter/gatherer type Buck just had to get his own coconut and

after several attempts at several locations was finally able to get one. The coconut turned out to be not ripe enough after all of that but he did get a good one later. Then the stop at Cooper Island got Nereida a little too close to a sea wasp jelly fish while snorkeling. No such encounters while snorkeling at the Indians and the Treasure Caves – just lots of pretty fish and coral to look at as they both became much more relaxed (Buck even gave up using his noodle!). With Nereida's relatives in Puerto Rico we hope to see them back again soon.

But it turns out our season was not over yet as we got a last minute email from Cooper Island Beach Club asking if we could do a day trip for several of their guests who were very interested in sailing up to the Baths off Virgin Gorda. So we quickly got our stuff together and headed on over there to meet Caitie and Craig, Deb and Rod, and Elska and Drew. In spite of the remnants of the tropical depression passing well to the south of us we had a great day for sailing with sunny blue skies and good wind. Things being somewhat slow in August we had no problems getting a mooring at the Baths and our guests were able to take their time snorkeling to the entrance, walking the path through the granite boulders and warm water pools and then snorkeling back to the boat. After lunch they jumped back in the water for more snorkeling along the edges of the rock formations before enjoying a nice downwind sail back to Cooper Island in time for happy hour aboard Jamann complete with the daily crew ration of Pusser's Rum.

### ***2013 Charter Season!***

With the 2012 season in the books we are already hard at work planning for the 2013 Charter Season. As mentioned above we'll be working with Cooper Island Beach Club on several bookings for the coming season and we already have several other reservations on the books already for 2013. Our regular season runs from January 15 to July 15. Due to the unpredictable nature of the weather from July 15 to October 15 we will not be doing any charters during that time period. Depending on the other activities and events we are involved in from October 15 to December 15 we may be able to do a charter during this time but this would have to be assessed on a case by case basis. No charters will be done from December 15 (2013) to January 15 (2014). So if this is your year to join us for a Jamann Sailing Adventure Extraordinaire please contact us as soon as possible so that we can look at availability and begin making plans for your adventure with us.

### ***Chef HiHo's Culinary Masterpieces!***

So many of our guests have enjoyed Chef HiHo's culinary master pieces and have asked for her recipes. We thought about producing a HiHo Caribbean Cook Book but that started to sound like too much work – after all we are supposed to be retired and are not supposed to be working. So, instead, we'll be adding a section to our website in the near future where we'll post some of her and your favorite dishes. We'll let you know when that new section is up and running. Of course if you want the real thing, instead of waiting for the recipes so you can TRY to duplicate the master's work yourself, you'll have to come down here where it will all taste much better anyway.

## ***Living the Dream!***

It has been a fantastic first full season which would not have been possible without the great support and encouragement from all of our friends, new and old! Thank you all very much for that. We're living the dream and loving it down here in paradise. We're hoping you'll come down and let us share our adventures in this beautiful part of the world with you.

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

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhh!

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