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Welcome to the Summer/Fall 2014 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. We greatly appreciate the support we've received from those of you who have chartered with us in the past and we look forward to your return sometime in the near future. And for those of you who have yet to join us for a sailing adventure, what are you waiting for? Okay, just kidding. We look forward to hosting a Jamann Sailing Adventure for you in the near future at your earliest convenience. And thanks to all of you who have helped to spread the word as you are our most effective marketing strategy. Please feel free to share this newsletter with all of your adventurous friends who might be interested in a great Caribbean sailing experience. And if you are reading this and are not on our email list please email us so that we may add you to the list to keep you all informed of our upcoming events, activities and charter opportunities.

Jamann Goes GREEN!

We love to sail, in case that wasn't obvious! Which also means we hate to run the engine for any reason, especially for things like charging batteries and running appliances. So Jamann has gone green! Maybe not 100% green but we've taken a huge step in that direction. After all we still have that engine and need it to move about in tight quarters. But, we've added solar panels and a wind generator as our primary sources of energy for charging batteries and powering all of our lights, refrigeration system, radios, navigation equipment, laptops, cellphones, etc.. This combination generates a lot of power with our abundance of both sunshine and wind year round. Now we can run the refrigeration system 7/24 to make sure Kathy's beers stay cold (have to keep the Capt'n happy). And



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we've also replaced almost all of our lights with LED bulb replacements which significantly cuts down our power usage. So with solar and wind power generation we've eliminated the need and noise of running the engine for up to 3 hours a day and cut our diesel fuel consumption by more than 85%. This of course makes the crew and our guests (and our accountant) very happy.

Helping Mariners Through the Maze

That's the motto of the Captain School USVI here in Red Hook, St. Thomas. With both of us holding Master 50 GT Captain Licenses we are now working part time with the Captain School teaching their US Coast Guard approved course for preparing mariners to successfully pass the USCG exams to become licensed Operator Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV) captains. This is a pretty intense fast paced 8 day course covering 4 general categories (Rules of the Road, Navigation General, Deck General and Chart Plotting) and culminating with an exam in each category. The mariner has to pass all 4 exams to be able to submit an application for their captain's credentials. We are having a lot of fun working with fellow mariners and helping them to achieve their goal of becoming captains. Later this year we may get the opportunity to sail down to St. Croix to teach this course there. That will be a great opportunity for us to spend some more time on that island having visited there twice before. While there we'll be checking out St. Croix as a possible sailing area for our charter guests.

2014 Charter Season Highlights!

We reported on the first half of the 2014 season in the previous/March 2014 newsletter. The second half of the season offered just as much fun and adventure as the first half. So to continue where we left off.....



After a little time off for some fun and relaxing times with visits from Kathy's best friend Helen Flynn and our brother-in-law Ed Buchanan we were ready to get back into the swing of things. We were very happy to welcome Katie and Brian Leatherman and their friends Kelly and Ben Stevens for a sailing adventure on the British Virgin Islands side. Kelly and Ben spent a couple of nights on St. Thomas to de-stress and acclimate to island life before meeting up with Katie and Brian and taking the ferry over to Tortola to begin their charter with us.

Unfortunately Kelly's luggage missed the ferry which delayed the start of the fun a bit. Her luggage caught up with her the next morning and we were soon off and sailing. During the week we were able

to check off a couple of items on Brian's bucket list including an afternoon at the Soggy Dollar Bar on Jost Van Dyke sampling the original Pain Killers made with Pusser's Rum, snorkeling Monkey Point on Guana Island, a trip to the Baths on Virgin Gorda, scuba diving the wreck of the Rhone off Salt Island and snorkeling the Treasure Caves off Norman Island. Even with all of that there was still plenty of beach time for Katie, lots of great sunset happy hours and time to just relax.



We managed to escape the islands in May for a mini-vacation back to the states to attend a wedding reception for Kathy's sister Kim. Congratulations to Kim and Dan Mulherin! We certainly had a great time but Jim was anxious to get back to the warmth of the Caribbean (it was cold up there in May with just shorts, t-shirts and sandals).



After getting back to the Caribbean we had a lot of work to do to get ready for our next charter. Our very good friends Brenda and Bill Dorsey had decided to celebrate Bill's 70th birthday by coming down to sail around the BVI bringing their kids, kids' spouses and grandkids along. When we heard about this it immediately brought to mind the famous line from the movie *Jaws*, "I think we're going to need a bigger boat"! We were able to charter a big catamaran for this party of 9 guests. And what a GREAT time we all had! We were able to spend lots of time sailing, swimming and snorkeling with visits to Sidney's Peace and Love restaurant on Jost Van Dyke, snorkeling Monkey Point on Guana Island, a trip to the Bath's on Virgin Gorda, a birthday dinner at the Cooper Island Beach Club restaurant (and rum tasting at their Rum Bar) and snorkeling at the Treasure Caves off



Norman Island. After a great week we sent the kids and grandkids home and picked up another good friend, Diane Vickers, to join Brenda and Bill for a second week of sailing around the USVI back on Jamann. Highlights of the second week included hikes on St. John, snorkeling with turtles off Buck Island, and a visit to the Tektite museum on St. John. Did you know that in the late 1960's NASA co-sponsored an underwater

research habitat to study confined space physiology and psychology in Lameshur Bay, St. John in preparation for future space flight? (check out http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tektite_habitat and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzEP_NmgFig for more details)

We finished up the season with two very delightful day sails in July. In early July Lisa and Al Wolfe along with their friends Joyette and Rick Kendig spent a week on St. Thomas staying at Blue Beard's Beach Resort and came out on a day sail with us. Then in mid July Betsy and Randy Wolgemuth and their friends Brenda and Pat Moran spent a week on St. Thomas staying at the Ritz-Carlton (right next to where Jamann is moored) and they, too, came out on a day sail with us. The day sails took us over to Hawksnest Bay for snorkeling and lunch. For the Wolfe day sail the second snorkel stop was over in Caneel Bay while the second snorkel stop for the Wolgemuth day sail was off Henley Cay. Sunset happy hour for both day sails were back on Jamann's mooring in Red Hook Bay. The weather and sea conditions were just perfect for both day sails and everyone, including the crew, had a great time. The Wolgemuth's and Moran's had such a good time that they are talking about coming back in 2016 to get the full week adventure.



Thanks to all of our guests who joined us for some very fun times this season. If you all had as much fun as we did then we know you had a great time. Looking forward to more adventures and fun times with more guests in 2015, 2016, 2017.....

2015 and 2016 Charter Seasons!

We have been extremely pleased with the reservation activity and excitement for our main charter season (typically January through July) for 2015. This will be our best charter season yet. We still have charter slots available for Jan. 10-17, May 23-30 and July 11-18. If these available dates might work for you to come down and have some fun sailing in the sun you should get in touch with us immediately before someone else get these slots. In particular the July dates would be ideal for teachers or couples with kids in school who can't get away until school is out. As mentioned in previous newsletters and on our website we generally do not do any charters between July 15th and October 15th due to the challenging and unpredictable weather (i.e. hurricane season). But depending on what other activities we might commit to we might be able to accommodate a charter request during the period of Oct. 15th to Dec. 15th. Due to the holiday season we usually do not do charters between Dec. 15th and Jan. 7th so that our crew has time off to celebrate with everyone else.

With the 2015 season well booked we do have some guests already looking at dates for the 2016 season. So now would be a great time to start planning for a 2016 charter by contacting us and letting us know that is what you are thinking about. Then we can start looking at potential dates and destinations to see what will work best for you. This would also be very helpful for our planning to know as much scheduling information ahead of time. So please contact us immediately if 2016 looks like the year for you to do a sailing adventure vacation.

Living the Dream!

And the dream goes on. Having completed our third charter season (wow, how time flies when you are having fun) we are anxiously awaiting the start of our 4th year and 4th charter season. We are indeed fortunate to be able to enjoy life here in the islands and to be able to share these adventures with all of our many guests (all of whom are now friends). Our goal remains to get each and every one of you reading this newsletter and on our email list down here for a sailing adventure (or two) in the clear warm blue waters and breezy blue skies of the Caribbean. We continue to appreciate all of the support and well wishes we have received from everyone and look forward to having you come down and share the fun and excitement in our neighborhood.

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

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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