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Welcome to the Summer 2016 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. We've been so busy that we missed getting out a newsletter in March. So we've got quite a bit of stuff to get you caught up on (you might want to grab a large tot of Pusser's, a Painkiller or a Dark & Stormy before you sit down to read this one – it's 5 o'clock somewhere). Those of you who have yet to come down and sail with us will have to come on down to find out how a retired couple can stay busy running a sailing charter business. And to those of you who have already enjoyed an adventure with us we thank you and look forward to your return in the near future. Our most effective marketing strategy continues to be referrals from those of you who are kind enough to help spread the word. Thank you for helping us in that way. Please feel free to share this newsletter with all of your friends who might be interested in a great Caribbean sailing/snorkeling/dining 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's Got new Stuff!

The 2015 and 2016 seasons (plus Capt'n HiHo's side job teaching at The Captain School USVI) were really good for us. So over the last year we've been able to get a number of things accomplished to help keep Jamann in ship shape condition. Back in September 2015 we hauled Jamann out of the water and put her on the hard which allowed us to check to make sure everything below the waterline was functioning properly. And then we gave her 3 coats of new anti-fouling bottom paint. That will keep stuff from growing and attaching to the bottom and allow her to sail faster. We got some teak work done to the transom to make that look good again. And we got the rigging tested and check to make sure everything was okay up there.



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We Be Jamann!!!



Then in October we got our new Quantum Genoa and Main sails complete with our Jamann Sun Logo on the main sail. These will give Jamann better balance under sail and even more speed. Of course with the Jamann Sun logo flying above us we'll always be sailing under the sun. We'll be easy to spot out sailing when everyone else is just motoring.

A new bimini and longer sun shade was the next order of business in December. The material for the bimini is water proof which makes the cockpit a little drier if we get caught in a shower. And the new sun shade provides lots of shade in the cockpit especially during the late afternoon helping to keep the cockpit cool and comfortable and the adult libations cold.

To keep our power usage down and help make our house batteries last longer we replaced our old freezer compressor with a new one which uses a lot less power and works much more efficiently. So Chef HiHo is happy that we'll be able to keep the food cold and our electrical engineer is happy to be able to get more life out of our electrical systems.

To improve our communications capabilities we replaced our VHF radio. The new one has a built in GPS which gives us a backup unit. It also has a remote mic allowing the radio to be operated from the helm as well as down below at the navigation station. This improves our safety and ability to respond quickly to VHF calls.

Up until July we would tow the dinghy behind us when sailing. Once while sailing in the BVI in the middle of the Sir Francis Drake channel we heard a loud snap and both turned to see the dinghy drifting away as the tow line had snapped. We were able to go back and get the dinghy and re-tie it. But luckily this happened in daylight in relatively calm conditions. This would not have been fun at 3:00AM on a moonless night in the rain! Now we've installed dinghy davits off the stern which allows us to lift the dinghy out of the water and secure it. No need to worry about the tow line breaking and we can actually sail faster!

And finally our start batter was probably over 8 years old and was starting to show weakness. So we replaced it and don't have to worry about that now.

So Jamann is in good shape and ready for the 2017 charter season.

2016 Charter Season Highlights!

We had a very nice mix of term charters and day sails this past season.

The season got off to a very early start with a visit from Alice and Roger Brubaker in November 2015. We had a great time



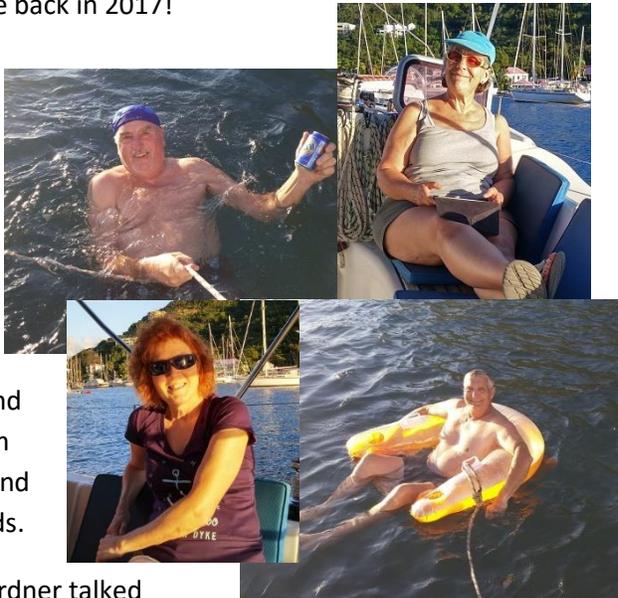
picking them up in Downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, then sailing around St. John and ending up back in Red Hook. Lots of fun things including turtle watching off Buck Island, hiking to the Reef Bay Great House and the Petroglyphs, St. John's best burgers at Skinny Legs Restaurant (home of same day service), hike to the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins and lots of snorkeling at almost every stop.



It's always great to have the Haberle's return for another sailing adventure in early January. And returning with them this time were good friends Christina and Gary Seldomridge. Since both couples have sailed with us on previous trips the itinerary was a little bit more of a challenge. This year we picked them up here in Red Hook so they could see the horses swimming in the morning, then snorkeling in Hawksnest bay and Maho Bay on the north side of St. John. On Jost Van Dyke a stop at the Soggy Dollar Bar and dinner at Foxy's (and met the legend himself, Foxy Callwood). Any Haberle adventure has to include a stop at

the Cooper Island Beach Club. We were too early for the opening of their new microbrewery but beer was brewing! So we had to settle for another rum tasting. Then it was back to the US side to finish at Cruz Bay, St. John. Rumor has it the Haberle's will be back in 2017!

A former co-worker, Olivia Stewart along with husband Clint Buswell and friends Jane and Dave Paligo made the trek all of the way from Portland, Oregon down here to the BVI the end of January. So far they hold the record for longest distance traveled. Going clockwise around Tortola we enjoyed dinner at Sidney's Peace and Love Restaurant on Jost Van Dyke, the bubbly pool was good fun, snorkeling at Monkey Point on Guana Island before a little shopping at Trellis Bay, dinner and rum tasting at Cooper Island Beach Club and snorkeling and kayaking opportunities at Cooper and Norman Islands.



After a referral from her big brother Rob, Margie Gardner talked Debbie Lucas, Doreen Mouzakes and Kathleen Biederman into joining her for a sailing adventure with us in the BVI. Apparently it didn't take a whole lot of convincing. Lots of adventures including dancing at Sydney's Peace and Love Restaurant, a WILD romp in the open ocean on the north side of Tortola (winds in the mid and upper 20's, 6-8 ft seas – and all survived), a chance to meet the artists at the Trellis Bay Local Arts Centre, snorkeling and rum tasting at Cooper Island and snorkeling at Norman Island.



Penny and Jeff Pritchett had such a good time in 2015 that they came back again this year bringing their friends Pam and Frank Dogger with them. We managed to find a couple of new spots for the Pritchetts while

getting to a couple of their favorite spots from the previous trip that they wanted to make sure the Doggers got to see. The run over to Anegada, afternoon on the Cow Wreck Beach and dinner on the beach at the Whistling Pines Restaurant was clearly one of the highlights of the trip. Teaching Jeff and Frank how to float was another highlight. And Frank was our first guest to be able to get a mug of one of Cooper Island Beach Club's new beers from their new microbrewery that just opened this year. He said "Quite good!". Heard another rumor that the Prichetts might be back in 2017, too!



We also had the opportunity to do several day sails with new and old friends. Our good friend B.A. McGettigan brought her entourage to St. Thomas in February for a few vacation days and we enjoyed a beautiful day sail with them to Maho Bay and Henley Cay on the north side of St. John. Sarah and Don Goulding joined us for a day sail out of Cooper Island Beach Club going up to the Dogs, the backside of Ginger Island and the south side of Cooper Island. Kara Schaake and Dave Hartnett had contacted us about doing a day sail with us when their cruise ship would stop here in St. Thomas in April. By the time their ship arrived they had gotten Jackie and Gregg Rugani as well as Tracy and Brett Lanz, new acquaintances from the cruise ship, to join them. So over to Hawksnest Bay and Henley Cay we went. Tom Johnson and Angela Fannesbeck had planned a vacation on St. Thomas and definitely wanted to do some sailing. Fortunately they got in touch with us and we had a great day sailing up to Maho Bay and Hawksnest Bay. We still have one more day sail to do this year in December for John Perry when he and his friends are vacationing on St. John.

Another great year of sailing adventure and fun. Thanks to all of you who sailed with us this season.

Jost Van Dyke Primary School Update!

In our continuing efforts to help out the students, great teachers and principal of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School (our charity of choice) we held a Book Fair Donation Drive and asked our Jamann Sailing friends to help us collect some books. You guys were GREAT!!! We were able to collect and donate over 250 great books to the school for which they were truly grateful. That was twice as many as we had hoped for! The kids couldn't wait to get the hands on them. Additionally to help with the holiday celebrations we provided them with strings of icicle lights so that they could decorate and light their outside meeting area for their holiday programs held in the evening for the parents and island residents. We have also been able to provide the school with an overhead projector donated by one of the businesses here in St. Thomas.



With such a success with the book fair donations last year we'd like to try it again this year because as the principal and reading specialist told us "we can ALWAYS use more books!". So we accept the challenge and come back to you, our Jamann Sailing friends to help us collect more books for the school. There are just under 300 of you receiving and reading this newsletter. Just imagine how happy these students will be if we could get ALL of you to help with these donations (your family, friends and neighbors are welcome to join in the effort, too). There are 40 bright and intelligent kids in the primary school eager to learn and who will jump for joy with you help. The books can be new or gently used. We need books for both girls and boys. And of course the books should be geared for primary school



grades. If each of you could purchase or obtain a few books for the students and send them to us by October 15, 2016 that would be great. The best way to ship those books to us will be by US Postal Service Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes. That will allow the books to get to us relatively quickly at a relatively low shipping cost. Our mailing address is 6501 Red Hook Plaza #201, St. Thomas, VI 00802. Thanks in advance for your support and assistance!

Web site Past Adventure Photos

Our webmaster (that would be Grey Beard) has been taking a beating of many lashes with a cat o' nine tails for getting behind on organizing all the photos taken on many of our sailing adventures over the last two seasons. After threatening to withhold his daily ration of Pusser's and other punishments he has finally gotten on the right tack and has gotten slideshows put together for all of the day sail and term charter adventures we have had over the past two seasons that we have photos for. So please go out to our website to view these slide shows, especially if you are in one of them, and see how much fun our guests have had during the 2015 and 2016 seasons. For those of you who have yet to sail with us hopefully this will help motivate you to come down and have some fun and excitement with us.

View us on Trip Advisor!

Trip Advisor has turned out to be a great resource for us as we continue to hear that many people interested in our type of adventure very often consult Trip Advisor to find out what others think about a business and experience like what we have to offer. We have gotten a significant number of inquiries and a few bookings as a result of our presence on this platform. Thanks to our guests who have already posted reviews. If you have been one of our guests and haven't yet posted a review we would kindly ask you to do us the favor of posting a review. It's simple and easy to do. Your comments are greatly appreciated and will help us to guarantee that all of our guests will have an experience that will exceed their expectations which is our goal. We again invite you all to check out our Trip Advisor page and read the reviews by clicking on the following link: [Jamann Sailing Adventures Trip Advisor Page](#) or just do a search for us from the Trip Advisor home page.

2017 Charter Season Information!

For those of you who are still thinking that 2017 will be the year you will join us for a sailing adventure we already have a number of confirmed charter reservations for 2017 but we still have charter dates generally available in Mar, April and June. We might be able to squeeze in a charter or two during other parts of the regular season as well. So now would be a great time to contact us, even if you are not quite ready to confirm a reservation. 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.

As mentioned in previous newsletters and on our website our regular 2017 charter season will run from Jan. 15th through July 15th. We generally do not do any charters between July 15th and October 15th due to the challenging and unpredictable weather (i.e. hurricane season). This year we will be taking off on a big sailing adventure down island leaving towards the end of October and not returning until the beginning of December. So this year we will NOT be able to accommodate any charter requests for dates during the period of Oct. 15th to Dec. 15th as we have been able to do in the past. 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.

So please contact us immediately and let's get rolling. As Warren Miller says "if you wait another year you'll just be one year older when you do".

Frequently Asked Questions!

A couple of questions have come up numerous times since our last newsletter.

What do you do about Hurricanes? The easy answer is RUN or I guess more precisely SAIL! One of the first things we did was to make sure we had a very secure mooring (a permanent anchoring system that we tie up to in our home bay/anchorage instead of being in a marina in a slip or dropping the anchor every time). We "spared no expense" in preparing our mooring – okay well let's just say we made a very hefty system that we could rely on to keep Jamann where she belongs in a very heavy storm. Of course our location here in Red Hook does provide significant protection from most storms. Weather forecasting for hurricanes and tropical storms continues to be quite accurate, all things considered. We generally have 6-9 days advance notice of approaching weather systems that we may need to pay attention to and plan for. With knowledge of an approaching storm's track we can make a decision if staying here on our beefy home mooring is the best place to be or if we need to seek shelter elsewhere. There are a couple of places we could move to to get out of the path of a storm or to at least get to an area where the impact of the storm on us can be minimized. Of course with hurricanes there are no guarantees and anything can happen with winds reaching 136 knots (156 mph) in a Category 5 hurricane. Two other things in our favor are that in our location we are more vulnerable to the early

season storms that generate in the eastern Atlantic than those that generate later in the season in the south or western Caribbean. So the chances of us having to deal with storms decreases fairly rapidly once we get past the first half of the season. And very often storms passing us are still in early stages of development. So with the official Atlantic hurricane season being June 1 to November 30 our blood pressure starts to rise around August 15th, peaks around September 15th and returns close to normal around October 15th. Thanks to all of our friends who have kept an eye on us and checked in to make sure all was okay over the last 4 seasons. Hopefully the 2016 season will remain relatively quiet at least for us.

What kind of sunscreen products do you use or recommend? While Capt'n HiHo The Fair may have her favorites we don't recommend any particular brand. However, there are certainly a couple of things to be aware of especially when lathering up down here in the tropical islands. There's lots of great info out there on the internet. In addition to the issues surrounding the impact of all the chemicals in sunscreens on your personal health there is also the impact on the marine environment to be considered. There are basically two categories of sunscreens: those with chemical blockers that absorb the bad rays and must be applied 10-15 minutes before exposure (which for some of you could be just enough time to get burned if you run right out after application) and those with physical blockers that reflect the rays and start protecting right away at application. Our on board medical specialist (that would be Nurse HiHo) strongly suggests you avoid sunscreens with the chemical blockers such as Oxybenzone (arguably the worse chemical in use), Butyl-paraben, Benzophenone-2 or Octinoxate. In addition to what they might do to your skin especially if you have a skin sensitivity issue they are also known to cause coral bleaching, killing the corals even at very low concentrations. Sunscreens with Titanium Dioxide or Zinc Oxide are physical blockers and are often recommended and preferred by the experts. Whatever your choice check for protection from both UVB and UVA rays, 30-50 SPF (over 50 is a waste of money for most people) and crèmes and lotions are far better from an application stand point than spray on sunscreens. An important note, aerosol spray on sunscreens are NOT allowed on Jamann or many other yachts as these sunscreens in particular will leave stains all over the fiberglass which our maintenance engineer (uh, that would also be Grey Beard) hates to have to clean up.

If you have any particular questions you'd like our resident Mr. Know It All (guess who that is on Jamann?) let us know and we'd be glad to share the answer with everyone else.

Living the Dream!

The end of our 5th season and none of the crew has been confined to the briny deep! The dream is alive and well and we are thoroughly enjoying the experience. We are especially looking forward to our upcoming down island adventure starting in October with plans to visit the islands of Nevis, Antigua, St. Eustatius, St. Barts and Anguilla making it back home to St. Thomas in early December. Stay tuned for pictures and posts on our Facebook page as we try to stay connected via the internet wherever we can. We certainly do love sharing our island life with our family, friends and new friends (a.k.a. guests). And we are humbly gratefully to be able to experience our life in the islands. 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! Arrrrghhhhh!

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