



# **Jamann**

## ***Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire***

[www.jamannsailing.com](http://www.jamannsailing.com)

Welcome to the Summer 2018 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. As the 2018 charter season comes to an end everyone in the islands is a bit anxious as we head into hurricane season but the spirit and drive to recover cannot be stopped. Check out the details below.

One of the reasons our rates are so low is that we eliminate all of the people in the middle between you, our guests, and us, the owners and hosts. It's just you and us which allows us to offer you the very best experience possible. As such 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.

### ***JVD Primary School Update!***

Our desire to continue helping our friends here in the Virgin Islands is stronger now than ever. So many of our friends, including those at the Jost Van Dyke Primary School, are still struggling to recover from last year's devastation from Irma and Maria. The good news is that progress is being made – slowly but surely. It appears that the charter industry was one of the first parts of the economy to come back. And with them came people who were willing to donate time, money, resources, equipment and materials to help with the clean up and rebuilding. Other people, like many of our JSAE friends, have been extremely generous and able to donate money and goods. We are proud to let you know that to date our own Jamann Relief for the Jost Van Dyke Primary School fund has collected \$5,511. As many of you already know we have been using those funds to purchase needed items for the school. In May we



Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire

Kathy & Jim Jackson

(a.k.a. Captains HiHo and Grey Beard)

August, 2018

Captain Greybeard the Pirate, Executive Editor

Captain HiHo, Contributor and proofreader

#### Inside This Edition:

1. JVD Primary School Update!
2. Books, Books and MORE Books!
3. 2018 Charter Season Wrap-Up!
4. 2019 Charter Season Information
5. Frequently Asked Questions!

We Be Jamann!!!

were able to deliver the most recent purchases which included copier/printer paper, double sided tape, push pins, permanent markers, glue, latex gloves, envelopes, laminating pouches, post its, binding machine, Class room clocks and power strips. Ms. Blyden, the principal of the school, let us know that the school successfully finished their school year in July with their Exit Ceremony and Awards & Prize-Giving Ceremony. Thanks to all of you who were able to make donations and for all of the well wishes for the school, the staff and most importantly the kids and their families. As there are others still asking how they can still help we will be keeping the donation site active and working with Ms. Blyden to identify needs for the upcoming school year which starts the end of August (not much of a summer break). So if you are so inclined or know of anyone who wants to help please click on this link to go to our donation site: [Jamann Relief for the Jost Van Dyke Primary School](#) or follow the link from our website. Jamann Sailing Adventures will cover all Paypal fees so that 100% of your donation goes towards relief for the school.

### ***Books, Books and more Books! Please!!!!***

Yes, the book drive for the Jost Van Dyke Primary School is alive and well! In addition to the items listed above that were delivered in May we were also able to deliver another big load of donated books. People who are friends of friends are getting into the action collecting and sending books. As Ms. Blyden says, we can always use more books! With the new year just about to start they could use more books. The best method for getting the books to us is to put the books in a USPS Priority Flat Rate box and ship it to us. Our address is

Jamann Sailing Adventures  
6501 Red Hook Plaza #201  
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Please include a card or note about who you are and where you are from. Your continued help with this project is GREATLY appreciated!

### ***2018 Charter Season Wrap-up!***

It's been a tough season for the charter industry but it has turned out much better than many had expected. All of the charter companies including us experienced a significant drop in the number of charters going out. Fortunately lots of people worked together to get the beaches and other areas cleaned up and many of the restaurants and beach bars were able to reopen, in some cases with only limited services but open none the less. We were able to fill in some of the gaps with a number of day sails both here in St. Thomas and from Cooper Island Beach Club on the British side. We were also able to help out filling in at the Red Hook Dive Center (Jim driving the dive boat and Kathy leading dives) and working at The Captain School here in Red Hook (Kathy doing some administrative work as "office manager" and both of us teaching the courses that prepare captains for their US Coast Guard licenses and other endorsements). For a couple of retired persons we were able to stay quite busy.

Those of you who have been with us to Sidney's Peace and Love Restaurant will be glad to know that the family is fine and working hard to fix up their building after the upside down ferry had been lifted off of their building. They have been able to serve food and drinks in part of the building which sustained the least amount of damage while they rebuild the kitchen and dining area. We had a chance to stop there to see everyone and have dinner. Lots of smiles and hugs visiting with Strawberry, her mother (she just celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and still working in the kitchen) and her sisters and brothers. The lobsters and ribs are just as good as they have ever been!

The Willy T, the permanently anchored floating bar and restaurant that had been in The Bight on Norman Island, was beached and destroyed in Irma. But a new Willy T has been delivered and is now located in Great Harbor on Peter Island. Business and fun are back to being great at the new Willy T.

Our other favorite, Cooper Island Beach Club, was able to not only get repairs done but was able to renovate and improve some areas (relocated and expanded the rum bar!) and re-opened to great fanfare on April 1<sup>st</sup> (no fooling!). Dinners there are still great and the property is looking beautiful.

We have been able to check out a few of our favorite snorkel spots and dive sites. While there is clear evidence of damage to the corals, particularly in the shallow areas there is definitely signs of new growth with lots of juvenile fish and reef creatures to be seen. Those of you on Facebook can check out a few videos we recently posted.



Things will be getting quiet around here in the coming weeks as many of the charter boats will be leaving the area for the hurricane season, many heading down island to Grenada while others are heading north to New England. We and Jamann will be staying here in the Virgin Islands and if necessary we'll sail over to the southside of Puerto Rico and hide in the mangroves near Salinas where we luckily and successfully survived Irma and Maria. Wish us luck!

## ***2019 Charter Season Information***

So as the old season ends we just got some maintenance items taken care of in Nanny Cay, BVI. It's



been 3 years since our last haul out for maintenance. We were a bit overdue to get Jamann polished up, bottom painted and get through hulls checked and repaired as well as a number of other mechanical inspections and repairs. So Jamann will be "shipshape in Bristol fashion" for our 2019 guests.

During the off season this fall we'll be sailing off on another adventure sailing down to the island of St. Lucia where we'll meet up with our friends from the Goin' Down Divin' scuba diving club. We'll leave

around mid-October and return in early December. We'll spend a couple of weeks getting there, dive with the group for a week and then spend a couple of weeks getting back. We'll have the opportunity to stop at a few different islands both on the way down and on the way back. Looking forward to this great adventure. Stay tuned for lots of pictures and videos.

When we get back the new charter season will begin. One of the main impacts from Irma and Maria are rising costs, especially for insurance. Many charter companies are finding their insurance premiums doubled or tripled. Our insurance company just decided to get out of the business and closed up! So we had been forced to find other insurance – at a much higher cost of course. With other costs also going up we are clearly anticipating having to raise our charter rates. The new rates will take effect sometime after October 1<sup>st</sup>. **We are currently booking 2019 charters still at the 2018 regular rates - \$7,750 for 7 nights for 4 guests. If you are considering chartering with us in 2019 please contact us now so that we can possibly get your reservation made at the 2018 rates.** Please see our website for charter details and then contact us immediately.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions!***

One big question keeps coming up after last year's experiences: So what is there to do on a 7 night charter, especially after Irma and Maria? Your adventure starts when we meet you either in St. Thomas or Tortola. While the impact of the storms is still quite visible you'll be amazed at how quickly Mother Nature and the good people of the Virgin Islands have rebounded on their road to recovery. Many of the beautiful things about these islands remain as such and are ready for your visit. A sail over to Cooper Island will allow you to do some good snorkeling right off their beach, have a great dinner at their restaurant and finish off the evening with rum tastings at their rum bar and beers from their microbrewery. A stop at The Baths to walk through that geographic phenomenon leads to a sail to The Dogs which offers good snorkeling and a quiet secluded night with star gazing after a great dinner. A run over to Anegada offers you the solitude of the miles of uncrowded beaches and the best lobsters in the Caribbean. A stop at Cane Garden Bay to enjoy the beach, visit the Callwood Distillery and sip a few Dark 'n Stormies on the beach at sunset. A hike out to the Bubbly Pool off Jost Van Dyke with snorkeling off Diamond Cay is always a favorite. Jost Van Dyke also offers an afternoon on the beautiful beach at White Bay, home of the infamous Painkiller and Happy hour at Foxy's Bar and Restaurant. Norman Island offers more beach time, a few great hikes to majestic views of the islands and really great snorkeling at the Treasure Caves and The Indians. But the best part is the beautiful relaxing sailing as we move from island to island with plenty of time to just relax, soak up the sun and enjoy the cool breezes on a custom itinerary built just for you. There is still many more things to do than you can fit in one week. So you'll have to plan a couple of trips with us to see it all!

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

What a year it has been! But we are ready for the year to come! While there is still a long way to go, it has been inspiring to see the recovery the islands and people are making after Irma and Maria. Thanks to all who have participated in our efforts to help with the recovery of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School, its staff, its kids and their families. Most importantly there is still a lot of beauty, fun and good times to

experience here in the islands. The dream of living in the islands is still a beautiful dream that we are grateful for, appreciate and enjoy every day. And we still love sharing our island life with our family, friends and guests. We invite you to come down and see it all for yourself. Thanks and see ya down here in da islands, mon! Pass the Pusser's!!! Arrghhhhh!!!!

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

***Kathy & Jim Jackson***

(a.k.a. Capt'n HiHo and Capt'n Grey Beard the Benevolent Pirate of Red Hook)



***Jamann***

***Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire***

[www.jamannsailing.com](http://www.jamannsailing.com)

6501 Red Hook Plaza #201  
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, 00802-1306  
Website -

[www.JamannSailingAdventures.com](http://www.JamannSailingAdventures.com)

Email - [jamann@JamannSailingAdventures.com](mailto:jamann@JamannSailingAdventures.com)

Facebook Page – [Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire](#)

Trip Advisor Page – [Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire](#)

Cell - 717-917-7118

Skype – Jamann.Sailing

