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Welcome to the Late Summer/Early Fall 2021 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. Hopefully there's light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. We've gotten our vaccinations. Hopefully, all of you are staying safe, healthy and sane. Time to start focusing on 2022 and 2023. Check out the details below!

We have said it before and we'll say it again, 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 your family and 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.

COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands

Luckily the USVI was able to get the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines quickly. Distribution has gone well with approximately 48% of the population over 12 years old fully vaccinated at this point but we wish and need those numbers to be much higher. Out of a population of 110,000 to date the USVI has had 5,934 confirmed cases and 57 deaths. Approximately half of the cases and half of the deaths have occurred due to the Delta variant which appeared here in late June after the vaccines had begun distribution. All of the current cases and deaths since the end of June have been among the un-vaccinated population. While the health care system here has been stretched the protocols and practices in place have prevented the system from becoming overwhelmed which is the biggest fear. There is hope that with the FDA full approvals of the vaccines the number of vaccinations will again rise significantly with the goal of reaching at least 70% of the eligible population while hoping to reach 85%.



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We Be Jamann!!!

The BVI has not fared as well dealing with the Delta variant. Before the end of June with their very strict measures in place they were able to control the numbers with confirmed cases of around 50 and only a single death. As they were starting to ease some of the restrictions the Delta variant hit and their number of cases and deaths skyrocketed forcing them to re-institute some of the measures they had started to relax. Out of a population of about 34,000 they now have had 2538 confirmed cases and 37 deaths, again with the changes in the numbers since June in the un-vaccinated population. While the BVI borders are somewhat open there are still restrictions in place with entry protocols. At this point foreign based charter vessels are not allowed entry and it is anticipated that it may be more difficult for foreign based charter companies (i.e., including Jamann Sailing Adventures) to operate in the BVI once the borders are open.



Part of the school that was rebuilt

Jost Van Dyke Primary School Update!

Several of you recently have asked about our friends at the Jost Van Dyke Primary School and a few additional donations have come in. Like so many other schools they were forced to go virtual for an extended period during the last school year. But they did manage to get back in the classroom and will be able to do so

again this school year. We do still have a few funds available to assist the school but with their lockdown and border closures up until very recently we were not able to go over there with any supplies. Hopefully things will ease up over there and we'll be able to head over and provide some resources and assistance. The very good news is that the project to build a new school seems to have been revived and a meeting was held just in the past few weeks working on the process to select bids for the construction of the school. The site for the school has already been designated and building designs are under review. As the existing school was never completely rebuilt after hurricanes Irma and Maria the new school will be a great accomplishment. If you are so inclined and wish to make donations to our assistance fund for the school click on this link, [Jamann Relief for Jost Van Dyke Primary School](#). The link can also be found on our website. We are wishing and hoping for a successful school year for the students and staff.

Was There a 2021 Charter Season?

As in 2020, COVID-19 thwarted our chartering plans for 2021. We only got to do 1 term charter in 2020 before everything shut down. Then after rescheduling the remaining charters from 2020 to 2021 we found ourselves rescheduling those charters yet again from 2021 to 2022. There was still too much uncertainty with the way things were going for either us or our guests to feel comfortable doing a charter this season. Other charter companies have been managing to get charters as guests are

returning to the Virgin Islands. We simply did not need to take the risk. We didn't even do any day sail charters this season. The good news, with the USVI being among only a few places people could go to vacation the second half of the tourist season actually turned out relatively well for many of the hotels and rental properties that were open as well as for many of the charter boats that were operating. So now everyone is looking forward to 2022 with guarded anticipation.

However, we did get to participate in the Virgin Islands Professional Charter Association's Apprenticeship Program which offered a 6-week internship to 11 local youth introducing them to all aspects of the marine industry here in the USVI. This was our 4th year participating in the program. For our portion of the program, we took the interns out for a day of sailing on Jamann giving them hands on operating experience of a larger monohull. It seems this year's group was the best yet. Several of the interns were hired by some of the other participating companies as soon as they completed the program. We wish all of the interns



VIPCA Apprenticeship interns sailing Jamann

continued success and we thank the Virgin Islands Professional Charter Association for letting us be part of the program.

2022 Charter Season Information

We are looking forward to a great season in 2022. By then the expectation is that the BVI marine borders will be open and at least some of the restrictions and entry protocols will have been reduced or eliminated by then. But this is a work in progress and there may be new restrictions and changes in the British laws that may impact our ability to do charters in the BVI. We will have to see how that all works out. As mentioned above we already have several charters booked for the 2022 charter season, those who rescheduled with us from the 2020 and 2021 cancellations. We have also picked up several additional new charters for 2022. **So, at this point our 2022 schedule is almost full with the only available time slot being June 25- July 2.** If that time slot works for you give us a call now and let us set something up!

2023 Charter Season Information

If 2022 is not going to work out for you then you should start thinking about 2023 now to decide when during the season would be best for you. If you are really into the sailing part and do not care if we ever stop sailing, you might want to consider January or February. If you want to maximize your time playing in the warm clear blue water, you might want to consider May or June. If you want a great balance between great sailing and great fun in the water and on the beaches, you might want to consider March

or April. If our regular charter season of January through June doesn't suit your schedule it might be possible to charter in July, November or December but these are the months when we take off ourselves for our own adventures or may have other things going on. We do not charter in August, September or October (height of hurricane season). Bottom line no matter when you come down to sail with us you will have a great time relaxing and enjoying life in our sunny warm breezy neighborhood. To get the best time that suits you contact us now and let's get the planning started. **P.S. – 5% discount for return guests!**

Frequently Asked Questions!

This question has come up numerous times: ***Do you miss the snow and all the skiing you used to do?***

We had a lot of really great times and adventures snow skiing, particularly with all of our friends in the Lancaster Ski Club and the instructors at Roundtop Mountain Resort where I used to teach. With the ski club, whose motto is "We Ski the World!" we did ski the world including many of the resorts up and down the east coast of the US, all over the Rockies and western US ski areas, Eastern and Western Canada, France, Austria, Italy and even down to Chile and Argentina. A week of helicopter skiing in British Columbia, Canada was certainly one of the highlights of the many trips we took. Skiing with Olympic and World Cup ski racer Alberto Tomba in Argentina was another highlight (he tried to steal my beer one afternoon at the hot tub, but he was in training and his coach wouldn't let him drink it!). Of course, the fact that Kathy was also a very good and avid skier (often it was me trying to keep up with her as we would go flying all over the mountains) made the adventures even that much more unforgettable and cherished as we shared them together.

For me, becoming a ski instructor (Kathy's idea) was a phenomenal experience through which I made a lot of really great friends both as fellow instructors as well as clients who came back many times for lessons. It was hard work at times but always rewarding when you see the smiles on the students faces after a great run. Of course, it let me take my own personal skiing to levels that far exceeded my early expectations careening down the hillside in Mont Tremblant, Canada on my second day of skiing ever (Lessons? Who needs lessons? Just point 'em downhill and go!).

The original retirement plan was come down here and do sailing charters for 7 months of the year December to June (winter and spring in North America) and then go down to Chile to teach skiing for 5 months of the year July to November (winter and spring in South America). We were all set with purchasing Jamann and where we would be located for chartering. I had been in contact with the ski school in Valle Nevado, Chile and could get the job there. But our last season of skiing in 2011 showed us we were lucky to have 3 and half good knees between the two of us and that going out at the top of our game might not be such a bad idea. All four knees, original equipment, are very happy soaking in the 80-86 degree Caribbean waters these past 10 years since throwing my old ski boots in the dumpster.

Sooooo, do we really miss the snow and the skiing? Don't really miss having to do all the shoveling. Don't really miss the sub-zero temperatures. Don't miss having to go out to class lineup at Roundtop IN THE RAIN because some paying customers were out there waiting! But we do miss the beauty of fresh

fallen snow on the mountains and trees, how quiet it gets especially at night when it is snowing, the first run down the hill in untracked fresh powder snow and that last cruising run heading to the hot tub and après ski beverages. But most of all we miss the people, lifelong friends who are much more like family. Fortunately, we can still stay in touch with many of them and a number of them have come down here for sailing adventures with us. Life be good in da islands, brothers and sisters!

If you have any particular questions you would like our resident Mr. Know It All (guess who that is on Jamann?) to answer let us know and he'll be glad to share the answers with everyone else, especially if you offer him a tot of Pusser's.

Living the Dream!

Perhaps and hopefully the world will be able to turn the corner on this pandemic as the vaccines get distributed and administered. A return to normalcy is something we all desire. Hopefully that will happen soon. Each day I come up into the cockpit and as I look around I can't help but say WOW! I hope you can do the same wherever you call home in your own version of paradise as we are all very fortunate wherever we may be. Wishing you all good weather and good health!!!!



Thanks and see ya in da islands, mon! Up spirits! Pass the Pusser's!!! Argghhhhh!!!!

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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