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Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. Hopefully the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel is getting bigger and brighter and it is not a train coming at us! We've gotten our vaccinations and boosters and so far have managed to avoid the beast. Hopefully, all of you are staying safe, healthy and sane. And now, get ready for the big news!!!

Retiring Jamann Sailing Adventures Charters!

It has taken almost 6 months to get this newsletter completed. A bittersweet moment. All good things must come to an end and so it is with Jamann Sailing Adventures Charters. We successfully made it through the hurricanes in 2017. And then were dealing with the pandemic until other things started to change. In brief, changes in laws, regulations, and enforcement in the BVI primarily as well as the USVI have made it extremely difficult and not profitable for us to continue taking charters over to the BVI. This has impacted many other USVI based charter boats similarly. As a result, many charter boats are now doing USVI charters only making it quite crowded here in the USVI now. That makes it very difficult for us logistically with our limited storage for provisions to even do charters in the USVI. So, with all of these challenges taking the fun out of what we were doing we have made the hard decision to retire the charter business. It was a great run and we loved it! What a great way to enjoy the beauty of these islands sharing the adventures with our guests. Lots of memories that we are grateful for and will never forget.

So now what, you ask? Well, the boat is still floating, and our sails still drive the boat forward. There are still lots of great places in the Caribbean for us to sail to and explore. While we will maintain our home base here in the USVI and continue with our work at the Captain School here in Red Hook, we'll now spend more time sailing to and exploring some of the islands we have yet to get to and return to further explore some of the favorite islands we have visited in the past. First stop will likely be a trip to St. Eustatius to dive with our friends at ScubAqua. An extended visit to Antigua with a side trip to Barbuda



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is definitely on the list. It's been quite a while sense we've been to Anguilla. As far as islands we have yet to visit, we would like to visit Monserat and make it all the way down to Grenada. Who knows, we might even make it over to Bonaire and Curaçao and spend hurricane season there some year. And we'll have more time for some other bucket list traveling that does not involve a boat that we would like to do as well.

For those of you who do not know where our homeport of Red Hook Bay on the east end of St. Thomas is click on this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/tRqag7TEFjaKPdJL6> and type in Jamann Sailing Adventures in the search area (depending on if we were home the day the satellite passed over You might actually see our boat in the satellite view but our mooring is just north of the Muller Bay Beach, just a few swim strokes to the beach).

So, stay tuned as we'll keep the website and the Facebook page up and active so that we can chronicle our upcoming adventures and our previous guests will still have access to photos from our past adventures. We hope you'll stay with us, stay on the email list and check out the website and Facebook page frequently. Looking forward to putting a lot more nautical miles under the keel and lot more wind in the sails.

COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands

The variant surges have subsided significantly and more of the protocols and restrictions are being eased. Businesses are finally getting back to full capacities. The cruise ships are coming back on a regular schedule almost to what it was pre-pandemic but still with lower capacities. Sailing friends with whom we explored the Chesapeake Bay and a couple of high school classmates have stopped by recently on cruise ships. Let us know if you might be cruising our way. As mentioned above the charter industry is still going strong. Hotels, AirBnBs and VRBOs are all doing well. And the local economy is gaining strength on a daily basis. So things are definitely looking up as far as the pandemic is concerned. Like everyone else we are hoping that the situation continues to progress.

Jost Van Dyke Primary School Update!

The last information we got regarding the new school was that meetings were being held and requests for construction bids were going out. Unfortunately, it seems that the pandemic and possibly other factors have brought things to a standstill with no path to move forward being identified for the new school. So, for now we are suspending collection of any more donations at least until after there is more specific information



available about the new school and the possibility of it being built. At this point though we would like to point out that with your help the project to help the Primary School has been a huge success well beyond our earliest hopes having collected over \$11,000 which was used to purchase a huge variety of school supplies, materials and equipment, as well as water, food and cleaning supplies immediately after the hurricanes. Also, we have received donations of hundreds of books for students of all ages, Christmas gifts for the students in 2018, and art supplies. After there is a new plan for the new school we will re-evaluate the situation to see in what ways we may be able to better support the students, teachers and administrators of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School.

Latest Adventures!

Our sailing adventures have been severely limited due to the pandemic. Just a few day trips here and there. But we did make a trip over to St. Croix back in December 2021 – by plane rather than by boat. We stayed in Frederiksted this time at a really nice place called Cottages by The Sea. Got to play tourist for a few days driving around the island. Bonus to the trip we got to spend time with our “Island daughter” Kaitlyn Livie and Tyler Weiss who flew over to join us. Lots of fun with the kids! Check out the photos from the trip:



<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MWVHq5q2vmjcmPji9>

Frequently Asked Questions!

Here's a question we often get asked: ***Do you miss the seasons?***

Well here in the Caribbean we do have seasons. There not quite the same as up in the states and other parts of the world and the changes between seasons are not as drastic and marked by different changes. So we have Winter, Spring and Summer/hurricane seasons.

Our winter is from around November 1st to the end of February. Mid to end of December we get our annual Christmas winds when for several weeks winds will be in the 18-23 knot range (21-26 mph) with higher gusts. As our friend Michele Miller would say “makes for some really ‘sporty’ sailing”! Hold on to your hats and stomach! By mid-winter, Mid-December to the end of January, winds are in the 15-20 knot range (17-23 mph), water temps have dropped to 76°-78° and the nighttime temps drop to 72°-74°. But our daytime high temps will still be in the 82°-85° range. And of course, no snow, except what we see on TV and our friend's Facebook posts.

Our Spring season is March - June. Water temps are warming back up, winds shift more to the East and wind speeds ease up. By the end of April winds are in the 10-15 knot range (12-17 mph), water temps are up to 80°-82° and daytime highs still 82°-85°. It's the best time of the year for a great balance between good sailing and comfortable water temps for swimming, snorkeling and diving.

And then comes Summer/Hurricane season. National Hurricane Center says hurricane season is June 1 to November 30. People don't start doing much about hurricane season until the beginning of July. By mid-Summer, August-September the winds have shifted to the Southeast in the 5-10 knot range (6-12 mph), water temps are up to 84°-86° and nighttime temps are only dropping to 79°-81°. Day time temps creep up a little to 85°-87° and are often the same as the water temps. The height of hurricane season is mid-August to mid-October with October 15th being Hurricane Thanksgiving Day.

One of the beauties of our seasons is that there is almost always some flowers blooming in each season and fruits and vegetables can ripen in multiple seasons. So the local fresh produce markets actually do pretty well year round.

Living the Dream!

So not much else to report in this brief newsletter. We are still living the dream but heading off into a slightly different chapter. Looking forward to our continued adventures. Wishing you all good weather and good health!!!!

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

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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