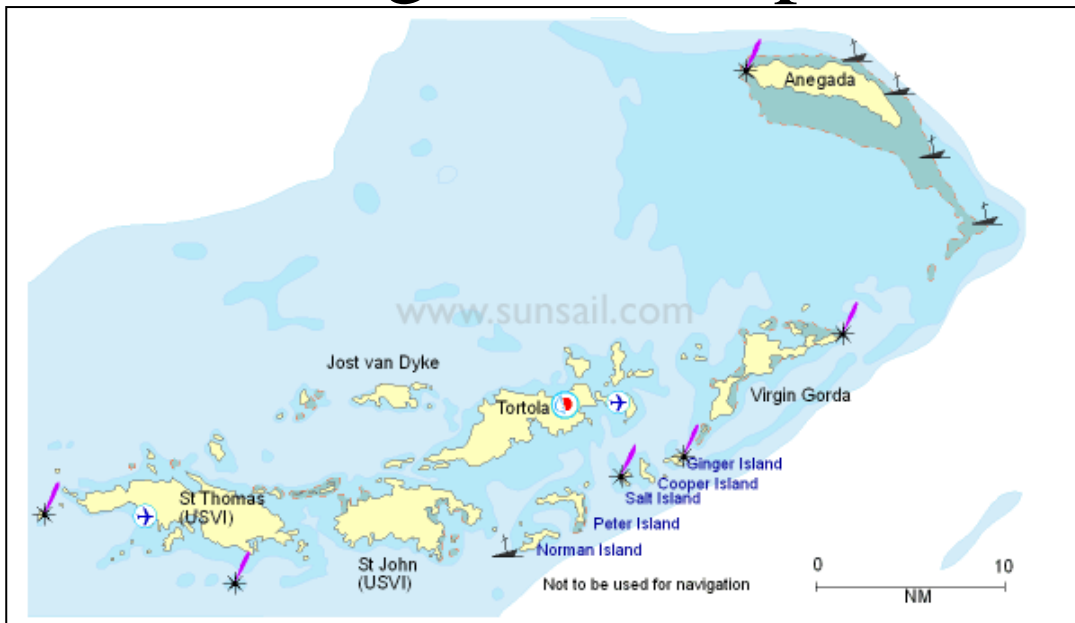


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BVI Location Map



BVI Sailing Area Map



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CARIBBEAN CRUISING AREA LIMITS

- BVI:** All the British Virgin Islands, including Anegada and US Virgin Islands (Chase boat coverage and 4-hour guarantee is not offered when charterers visit Anegada and USVI).
FOR Bareboat Charter with Sunsail Crew NO sailing in US Virgin Islands and Spanish Virgin Islands.
Clients wishing to sail into the USVI must have a US Visa which has to be obtained before they arrive in the Caribbean
- Rest of Caribbean:** No further than 20 miles out from Puerto Rico to Grenada, excluding Saba, Montserrat, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago

There are some other restrictions throughout the whole Caribbean, which are detailed in the Cruising Area Section which can be found by clicking [HERE](#)

Wickhams Cay II Base Map



WICKHAMS CAY II, TORTOLA, BVI



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 Road Town
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■ **Location**

The Sunsail base is located at the Wickhams Cay II Marina just outside Road Town.

■ **Base Open Hours**

The base is open 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, 7 days a week (evening staff to cover till all flights have arrived).

■ **Out of Hours Arrival Procedure**

If we have arrival details for clients coming in after 5:00 pm, the Night Manager will be on base to meet them. If we do not receive arrival details, (and there are no confirmed times for other clients arriving that night) a message will be left on the front door indicating where their boat is on the dock.

■ **Sailing Experience Level**

Experience levels are based on sailing conditions.

This rating scale is designed as a guide based on the prevailing conditions during the most popular season

BVI	Description
Level 1/2+	Equates to 10 days sailing, 200 miles on an equivalent yacht or RYA Day Skipper. (Must Have Tidal Experience)
WIND / WEATHER:	15-25 knots
NAVIGATION:	Line-of-sight sailing Basic knowledge of charts Ability to plot a position
ANCHOR / MOORING:	Primarily mooring buoys Areas with good holding for anchors Protected anchorages

■ **Sailing Licences**

No sailing licences are required for cruising in the British Virgin Islands.

■ **Currency**

US Dollars and US\$ travellers cheques are used throughout the BVI.
 Visa and MasterCard are also accepted in most places.

■ **Smoking in the BVI**

From the end of May 2007 the BVI Government has introduced very strict no smoking legislation which makes it illegal for anyone to smoke in a public place (beaches included) or within 50 feet of a building.

Although Sunsail have allowed guests, in the past, to smoke above deck on board their Sunsail boat, the new law will restrict guests smoking on board when they are in a marina, moored within 50 feet of another boat or have a member of crew on board.

■ **Formalities & Taxes**

A valid passport & crew list is compulsory for clearance.

Permit / Tax	Price
Checking out of BVI by boat - paid to Customs Office	US\$1
Checking in to BVI by boat - paid to Customs Office	US\$7.30 approx
Departure Tax and security - paid at Airport	US\$20 per person
Departure Tax – paid on Ferry	US\$5 per person
Cruising Permit - paid on invoice 1 Dec - 30 Apr 1 May – 30 Nov	US\$2 per person per day US\$0.75 per person per day
<i>NB: Chartering one way from St Martin to Tortola, Customs will charge cruising tax on entry into the BVI.</i>	<i>US\$4 per person per day</i>
<i>These charges are waived for Sunsail crew on board</i>	
National Parks Day Time Mooring Permit - paid on invoice	US\$25-55 per boat per week
Night Time Moorings	US\$25 per night (Moor Secure Buoys) (although can be up to US\$65 per night at places like Peter Island)
Virgin Island Search & Rescue (VISR)	US\$2 – per person per charter
Fishing Permit	US\$45 per rod

Checking in and out of Customs is paid for at the Customs Office, the departure tax is paid for at the airport. Clients wishing to travel to the US Virgin Islands in one of our yachts must have a valid VISA which they must apply for BEFORE entering the territory and machine readable passport to allow them into US Territorial waters.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Non-US citizens/residents cannot go to the USVI on our yachts. A Non-US citizen/resident can only enter the USVI via a commercial carrier, i.e. ferry or airplane. Clients wishing to go to the USVI should contact their local embassy/consulate for further details.

■ **Fuel**

We would highly recommend that all clients’ pre pay fuel due to the distance of the nearest fuelling station from the base – i.e. the boat will not be full when they hand it back to us!

Cost Guide:	US\$5.98 per gallon
Fuel Station Location:	Marina Cay – approx 2 hours from base

■ **National Park Day Time Mooring Permits**

The National Parks Trust of the British Virgin Islands has established a system of daytime moorings in reef sensitive areas. This is to eliminate the erosion of reefs but also to help damaged reefs to recover.

For this reason, should you wish to moor, snorkel or dive in any of the BVI National Parks, a Mooring permit is required (see table above for price). Payment must be made to the sales office in advance with the final balance and the permit is issued on arrival at the base.

■ **Night Time Mooring**

Overnight moorings buoys, by Moore Secure, mostly cost \$25 per night, although this can be up to US\$65 per night in places like Peter Island. Payment can be made at the bar managing the moorings, or usually someone will come out to your boat to take payment. Dockage in Marinas runs currently starts at US\$1.50 per foot per night.

■ **Cruising Permits**

This is a government tax that enables you to cruise around the British Virgin Islands. Payment must be made to the sales office in advance with the final balance (see table above for prices).

■ **Fishing Permits**

Fishing permits are required, although it should be borne in mind that you are not allowed to fish in the National Parks and you are not allowed to use Spear Guns.

Ahead of time clients can visit www.laststopsports.com and follow the link to fishing equipment and then on the top line to license. Fill in the government form, email their passport or drivers license and pay \$55. Last Stop will then obtain a permit on their behalf. If clients wait until they arrive they will have to visit the government office themselves Monday – Friday during office hours.

Clients have to apply directly. Fines ranging upwards of \$1000 are imposed on charterer's fishing without the correct permits.

■ **Cost of Living in the BVI**

Prices vary from restaurant to restaurant, however the following is a guide for your reference:

- A bottle of wine costs about \$9 in a grocery or supermarket and from \$22 in a restaurant.
- A bottle of beer costs about \$3 to \$4
- A cheap snack can be bought for about \$5 (local chicken, rice dish)
- A budget meal will cost around \$10 to \$15 (burger, roti wrap – not including drinks)
- A mid range meal will cost around \$20 to \$25 (fish, meat in sit down restaurant – not including drinks)
- A top end meal will cost around \$60 to \$80 (Brandywine Bay, Sugar Mill, etc., 3 course meal – not including drinks)

The average shopping bill for 4 people for 1 week (suggesting all breakfasts, all lunches and 4 evening meals are spent on board) would be approximately \$350 to \$400.

■ **Area & Sailing**

Starting from our base at Wickhams Cay II Marina in Road Town, clients are able to cruise the numerous surrounding islands, visiting places such as Cooper Island, Norman Island, Peter Island, Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke Island, etc. Most of these islands are sparsely populated and scenic, with many very good and entertaining bars and restaurants.

Cane Garden Bay on Tortola is one of the most beautiful anchorages in the BVI, with great swimming and a wonderful beach, as well as some interesting bars ashore.

Sandy Cay and Green Cay must not be missed and are probably the most photographed of the islands in the BVI, along with White Bay on Jost Van Dyke.

The Virgin Islands do have tides with a range of about 1 ft, depending on the time of year. Occasionally, tidal streams can reach 1-2 knots.

■ **What happens once the client is onboard?**

All boats are prepared as per the booking for midday or 6pm boarding time. For 6pm starts the first evening is a sleep aboard where clients have the time to unpack provisions and settle into their boat.

The following morning the client will receive an onboard Boat Briefing that is mandatory and takes approx 1 hour. If we have 2 of the same boats starting we may do this brief with more than one client. Briefings start from 8am (7.30am on Saturday's) and are scheduled by the base not the client.

The client is also required to attend a chart briefing. For bareboat charters this happens at 9.30am each morning and is mandatory unless the skipper has sailed the area in the past 2 years.

One-week flotilla briefings happen at 08.30 every Saturday and two-week flotilla briefings happen at 10.30 every other week, these are mandatory.

Most clients will be ready to leave the dock by 11.30am or later.

■ **What happens at the end of the charter?**

Clients have to be off their boats by 11 am or 9am if on the First Choice flight.

Before departing their boat they will need to collect a debrief form from reception. The debrief form is to let us know if they encountered any problems with the boat or broke anything during their trip, this enables us to work on the problems for the next charter.

In addition to filling in forms we also require guests to bag their dirty laundry and leave in the cockpit, empty all cupboards and fridges of food and throw away, return snorkel gear and any lifejackets borrowed from reception and ensure that the boat is handed back to Sunsail in a clean and tidy state.

We reserve the right to charge clients for boats left in a mess.

■ **Weather**

With its location in the Northeast trade belt, the Virgin Islands are blessed with almost perfect weather for 12 months a year. The area is also fortunate in having the seas broken up by the island chain, so that sailing conditions are almost perfect.

Weather conditions are very stable, with the prevailing wind in the winter from the north-east blowing between 15- 20 knots, and in the Summer from the south-east blowing between 10-15 knots. Occasionally, over Christmas, the renowned Christmas winds can blow for several days at a time, ranging between 25 and 30 knots.

Between December & May – Winter Months

The weather is stable with East to North-East trade winds at 15 to 25 knots. Occasionally, over Christmas, the renowned "Christmas winds" can blow up to 40 knots, sometimes for several days at a time. The water temperature is about 26 degrees C°, air temperature range from about 30 degrees C° during the day to a cool of 20 degrees C° in the evening.

Between June & November – Summer Months

The weather is more unstable with normal winds between 10 and 20 knots blowing East to South-East. The water is about 28 degrees C°, air temperature 32 degrees C°.

Clients should be aware of Tropical Storm / Hurricane alerts, follow the development of the weather systems attentively and respect the bases orders.

■ **Provisioning**

Good food can be as high on the list as good weather when it comes to a charter holiday and Sunsail aims to make sure this happens. Sunsail's online provisioning system has been designed to make your holiday as simple as possible. You fill in the form from the comfort of your home before you set off, and when you arrive at your yacht all your provisions are waiting for you.

This facility will guide you around our provisioning store and allow you build your provisioning list by placing our NEW provisioning packages or single items into a shopping basket. When you are happy with your order you can then confirm your order for processing.

Provisioning with Sunsail allows you to:-

- Take it easy while your provisions are delivered to your yacht at the start of your holiday
- Plan your menus to fit your sailing itinerary
- Avoid the hassle of re-provisioning once you've set sail
- Know your provisioning costs in advance

The Sunsail provisioning service is tailored to local conditions. Menus, prices and selections vary from base to base, vegetarian and special diets are catered for, where possible. Don't forget: our dedicated sales team is always on hand to assist you and to answer any questions on your provisioning needs.

NEW – Provisioning Packages

We now have a number of provisioning packages available for you to choose from, which can be booked and paid for in advance of your holiday via the Sunsail website.

LAST ORDERS

Arrive on your yacht to beers chilling in the fridge and tasty snacks on board to enjoy as you watch the sun set on the start of your holiday. Order our Last Orders pack and get beers and nibbles for your first night. (1 pack will feed four and consists of a bottle of wine, beer, soft drinks and nibbles.)

EARLY RISERS

Combine this pack with our Last Orders options and you can have a leisurely morning on your first day as well as a late night! Early risers contains breakfast essentials such as coffee, tea, milk and croissants. 1 pack will feed 4.

GET GOING

With the purchase of our Get Going package, you have the essentials you need upon arrival of your yacht. Basic cooking supplies, dried goods and condiments, breakfast and snack items, water, fresh dairy and produce will await you, allowing you to experience the flare of local markets for your meats, vegetables and regional delicacies.

Caribbean Only – We have introduced two extra special provisioning packages to all of our Caribbean bases.

DINE ASHORE

Make the most of your time in the Caribbean by sampling some of the delicious local cuisine. Our Dine Ashore option supplies you with all breakfasts, all lunches, snacks and enough provisions for one evening meal aboard; leaving you free to dine ashore on the other nights.

DINE AFLOAT

If you are a true water baby and love to spend every minute of your holiday time on deck, then our dine afloat option is perfect for you. Supplying you with enough provisions for every breakfast, lunch and 3 evening meals, along with a number of snacks – you will hardly ever need to set foot ashore.

■ **Transfers**

Tortola’s airport is situated at Beef Island, at the eastern end of Tortola.
 Beef Island Airport to Wickhams Cay II Marina: - Taxi ride: 30 mins

Transfers from/to Base	Type of Transport	Transfer Cost (one way)	Transfer Duration
Met at STT, transfer to Roadtown Fast Ferry, ferry to Road Town and taxi to Wickhams Cay Marina	Taxi / Ferry / Taxi	Adults \$76 round-trip \$38 one-way Children (4-11) \$61 round-trip \$33 one-way Toddlers (1-3) \$15 round-trip No commission available.	90 minutes from STT to base
Beef Island Airport to Wickhams Cay Marina	Taxi	For clients taking First Choice Airways flight only – cost included in flight inclusive package	30 minutes approx
Beef Island Airport to Mariner Inn, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town	Taxi	\$9 per person, minimum charge \$27	30 minutes approx

If clients pre-book a taxi, the local taxi driver is advised of the client’s arrival time, and carries a Sunsail sign to identify himself at the airport.

TRANSFERS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THE CLIENT TO THE DRIVER DIRECTLY IN CASH, UNLESS TRANSFERS WERE INCLUDED IN A FLIGHT INCLUSIVE PACKAGE AT THE TIME OF BOOKING (e.g. UK Flight Inclusive Package) IN WHICH CASE THEY MUST PRODUCE A SUNSAIL VOUCHER ON ARRIVAL.

St. Thomas Transfers

If you are landing into St Thomas in the morning or before 4pm (approx) you should be able to make the ferry to Tortola.

To pre-book a taxi from the airport in St Thomas, the ferry and the taxi from the ferry Terminal in Tortola to Sunsail base please contact your Sunsail booking location.

Please provide accurate flight details including flight numbers, times of arrival and departure, and number of passengers.

The transfer costs are as follows:

- Adults \$76 round-trip \$38 one-way
- Children(4-11) \$61 round-trip \$33 one-way
- Toddlers(1-3) \$15 round-trip

Transfer costs are subject to change, please confirm costs when booking directly with Island Magic.

If you are arriving before 4.30pm and cannot make the last ferry or wish for a private transfer you must contact [Dohm's water taxi](#) and book a private transfer: +340-775-6501. They do get booked up so please don't leave this option too late to confirm.

If you are arriving later than 4.30pm or wish to spend a night at St Thomas we would recommend;

[Holiday Inn](#) is a 10 minute taxi from the airport and across the road from the ferry terminal. This hotel is within the downtown area of Charlotte Amalie, where you can walk to various restaurants and duty free shops. If you are flying in the day before your 6pm charter start, we would highly recommend that you enjoy a day in St Thomas prior to arriving at the Sunsail base.

IF TRANSFERS ARE NOT REQUIRED, IT IS STILL ESSENTIAL THAT THE BASE RECEIVE ARRIVAL DETAILS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

■ **Shore Facilities**

Wickhams Cay II is a good place to stay, as it has the following facilities: -

- 32-room hotel – Mariner Inn
- Restaurant / bar
- Provisioning services
- Renport – Internet Café
- Renport – DVD movies/players and electronic gadgets rental
- Last Stop Sports – water sport rentals

Base/Local Facilities	
Customs fees	Approx. US\$10 (in & out)
Water	Yes
Ice	US\$3.50 per bag
Fuel (diesel)	We advise all guests to pre pay as it works out more cost effective
Showers	Yes
Laundry	No
Garbage disposal	Yes
Gas	Yes
Provisioning	Yes
Accommodation	Yes
Bar & Restaurant	Yes
Money Change	Road Town Monday – Friday only
Bank	ATM machine on site Other machines in Road Town & Spanish Town
Telephone	In hotel reception – calls made by credit card only
Jeep/Car Hire	Available through reception

Local banks on Tortola include First Caribbean, Banco Popular, Scotia Bank and First Bank. Travellers checks, Visa and Mastercard are accepted by most restaurants and hotels, but not by local stores or supermarkets. We do advise clients to change money before arriving in Wickhams Cay, although US\$ traveller cheques are accepted as widely as Dollar bills.

■ **Luggage**

Due to the increasing amounts of luggage not arriving with clients (24 hours late in some cases) we would advise clients to carry in their hand luggage medication, swimwear, basic toiletries and one change of summer clothes. If travelling with a partner it would be prudent to pack ½ bag with each others clothing just in case one bag gets through and the other is delayed. Clients need to report any missing bags with the airline at the airport – Sunsail cannot guarantee to make at sea deliveries.

■ **Cool Boxes**

Cool boxes are available at the base on a first come first served basis at no additional charge. Clients must sign these out and return them clean and undamaged otherwise they will be charged for replacement. Only one per boat.

■ **Restaurants**

Restaurant – On site
Spaghetti Junction – 5 minute taxi
The Dove – 5 minute taxi
Le Cabanon – 5 minute taxi
Pussers Road Town – 5 minute taxi
Capriccio del Mar – 5 minute taxi

■ **Shopping**

At the base there is a small souvenir shop, the BVI are not renowned for great shopping, however Rum is cheap and there are large duty free jewellers in Road Town

DVD / Internet / GPS Packages

If clients need to stay in touch or fancy settling down to a mid-week movie, they can consider the excellent packages available from Renport, conveniently located at the base. Coffee Makers, hairdryers, inverters, blenders, and toasters are also available for hire. These products must be booked via Neptune. Clients can visit www.renport.com for further information regarding the available packages.

■ **Hotels**

Mariner Inn Hotel – located at the base and can be booked on Neptune

The Mariner Inn Hotel at the base has rooms available for those who want to overnight, or stay longer. Each room has A/C, and private bath with shower. Hotel room bookings should be made through Neptune, although please note that this hotel is not actually operated by Sunsail.

The hotel accommodation is great for one night before or a night after sailing. There are other hotels that may be better suitable for clients that are looking for somewhere to stay for longer (or indeed alternative accommodation choices). A list of other hotels is available upon request.

Address – Mariner Inn Hotel
Wickhams Cay II
Road Town
PO Box
British Virgin Islands
Tel: 001 284 494 2333

Mariner Inn Hotel is situated just 20 minutes taxi ride from the airport and 5 minutes taxi from Road Town.

Mariner Inn Hotel consists of:-

- 32 regular rooms with air conditioning
- Regular rooms has either a king bed (accommodates 2 pax) or 2 single-bed rooms that accommodate up to 2 pax or 3 with a rollaway (at additional cost)
- Each room has a private bathroom , a small under-counter fridge, sink and coffee making facilities telephone, wireless internet, TV, in-room safe, hairdryer, iron and ironing board
- Please note that none of the regular rooms adjoin.

Hotel facilities consist of:-

- Nearest beach (20 minutes drive).
- On site supermarket.
- Swimming pool.
- Bar and restaurant (last orders 9.30pm).
- ATM on the base.
- NEW - Charlie's Bar (built over the water and overlooks the harbour)

■ **Anegada**

If experienced clients wish to go to Anegada by themselves, this is not a problem as it is included in the BVI cruising grounds, however, Chase boat coverage and 4-hour guarantee is not offered when charterers visit Anegada.

Sunsail run a flotilla for boats who wish to travel to Anegada with a chaperone – this happens every other week, on the first week of the 2 week flotilla. (weather permitting)

■ **First Choice clients – Final Friday Information**

ON YOUR FINAL FRIDAY - You will need to be off your boat by 9am. Upon return to base please ensure that a member of your crew checks your return flight and taxi transfer time (posted on the door at Sunsail reception) and collect the end of charter paperwork from reception.

If you are on LIAT flights 409 or 509 and transferring to First Choice please take your luggage to Sunsail reception between 9 and 9.30am on Friday morning where Sunsail staff will tag your hold luggage from Antigua through to London.

For all other flights your bags will need to be collected in Antigua and rechecked.

At the airport you will need \$20 cash for departure tax, \$5 for under 6 year olds

■ Tours

DOLPHIN DISCOVERY - This 'experience of a lifetime' enables you to stroke, kiss, dance, be pushed by foot and towed along by the dolphins. Following an introductory film you will enter the water to take part in the royal swim. The cost is \$139 per person (credit cards accepted) plus taxi, approx \$14 cash round trip. (Approx £75) Photos and DVD's are available to purchase.

Your taxi will leave Sunsail car park at **9.15am** and return at around 11.45am. Afterwards use the facilities at Sunsail for changing / showering / lunch and take your 2pm transfer to the airport.

ECO KAYAK TOUR – Take to the water aboard a sit on top kayak for a guided paddle tour through the mangrove forest. Learn about the colonization of the BVI and the significance of mangroves to the underwater world. Kayak to a secluded beach where you can lie back and relax or snorkel to the fringe of the mangrove forest. Kayak back to the marina where there will be time for you to shower and have lunch before being taken to the airport. The cost is \$89 per person or \$69 for 12 years and younger (Must be accompanied by an adult) (All major cards, cash and travelers checks accepted - 5% c/c surcharge) plus taxi, approx \$8 per person cash. (Approx £48 adult / £38 child)

Your tour will leave Sunsail car park at **9.30am**. Please take all belongings with you, as you will be taken directly to the airport at 2.20pm * We require a minimum of 6 people to run this tour (maximum of 20) Please make sure you have your hold luggage tagged before you go.

ISLAND TOUR - Most of our guests visits the BVI but never get the chance to see Tortola our main island! Sunsail offers a full island guided tour (approx 2 ½ hours) in an air-conditioned bus for \$25 cash only (approx £12.50).

Your tour will leave Sunsail car park at **9.45am** and return at around 12.15pm. Afterwards use the facilities at Sunsail for changing / showering / lunch and take your 2pm transfer to the airport.

* We require a minimum of 3 people to run this tour.

What if the client is on an early flight departing Tortola and has time in Antigua?

If they have only a couple of hours we would recommend that after collecting luggage and checking in for their next flight, they should walk across the grass to the Sticky Wicket bar and restaurant. Here they can purchase nice food and drinks whilst overlooking the beautiful cricket pitch!

If the client has longer to wait they may wish to be a day guest at Club Colonna. Once they arrive they have to check in at reception for security reasons. Reception will book them a return taxi to the airport. They can then use pool, restaurant and bar. Clients are responsible for their own taxi payments both ways and for any food, drink or towel hire costs that they incur. For \$65 US they can purchase a ½ day visitor pass to use the watersports facilities.

■ Cell phones

Every yacht charter comes with a cell phone - these must be collected from Renport before departing the base. This will also be covered in the chart briefing. These phones allow free calls to the base numbers which are pre set up in the phone memory and also gives the base the ability to contact the client should the need arise. If clients want to use these phones to make local and international calls they can purchase credit with the phone - this is cheaper than roaming rates for calls.

■ **Charts & Pilot Book**

Charts and pilot books can be from the UK chandler Kelvin Hughes by contacting them direct on 02380 634911 or <http://www.kelvinhughes.com>.

Recommended Reading - BVI Cruising Guide

Title: Cruising Guide to the Virgin Islands 2006-07

Author: Simon & Nancy Scott

■ **BVI Charts**

Chart A233: Virgin Islands A231 and A232 printed on a double sided sheet. From IMRAY.

Chart A231: Virgin Islands - St Thomas to Virgin Gorda. Plans Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour, Roadtown Harbour, Sea Cow Bay & Nanny Cay Marina, Cruz Bay 1:88,300. From IMRAY.

Chart A232: Virgin Islands - Tortola to Anegada. Plans Gorda Sound, South Sound, Roadtown Harbour and Approaches, Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour 1:87,550 This is the same chart that is used by the Tortola Base. From IMRAY

■ **Skippered Charter Information**

- The skipper's time is booked from 12:00pm to 12:00pm in 24-hour periods. If you have reserved him for the first day of your charter and have a 6:00pm start, he will use this time to ensure he is happy with all aspects of the yacht and will be at the base to meet you upon your arrival. If you have reserved him for a later date on your charter he will start at 12:00pm on that day.
- The skipper is responsible for the safety of the yacht at all times. He is not permitted to dive with you, nor leave the vessel overnight. He must conduct a safety brief with you before leaving the dock regardless of the duration of his contract with you.
- For "check out charters" (anything less than the full duration of the charter) the check out skipper's time is booked from 6:00pm to 6:00pm to allow for a meet and greet in the evening and go over basic systems, then a full day with you the next day. This skipper is required to give you a thorough briefing on all aspects of the yacht and dinghy in addition to assisting you with planning an itinerary for the trip and advising you how to contact the base, the return to base procedures and the emergency assistance procedures. It is suggested that you attend the scheduled chart brief that will be supplemented by the skipper during his time with you on the yacht. It is also suggested that you make it clear exactly what you want to cover...anchoring, docking, etc.
- The skipper will be required to give you as much information as you require concerning the yacht and its systems, sailing skills and navigation in general.
- The skipper fee does not include food or beverages for the skipper and are the responsibility of the client. It is suggested that you discuss this on the first day with the skipper and establish whether you will give the skipper cash for meals, whether you have included him in your provisioning or whether you will accommodate him as part of the group for meals ashore.
- The skipper must have his own cabin. We prefer not to put the skipper in the bow due to the shared head and size of the cabin. If you expect him to stay in the bow, please let us know well in advance so that we can choose the appropriate (small) skipper.
- For one-day check out skipper's it is the client's responsibility to get the skipper back to the base. If you prefer not to come back to the base you must pay for his expenses (ferry, taxi, etc.) to get him back to the base.
- The average tip for a skipper is 15 to 20 percent of the skipper's fee. This is, of course, at the client's discretion.

■ **Restaurants Closed During September – Low Season**

If clients are looking to travel in low season we could advise them that they will have a limited choice of restaurants to eat ashore and to provision accordingly. This would be a perfect time of year to enjoy a BBQ off the back of their boat.

Tortola

- Brandywine Bay: Closed from 25th July to end October
- Eclipse: Open throughout
- Fat Hog Bob's: Open throughout
- Jolly Roger: Closed from July 27th – 1st October
- Pussers, Sopers hole: Open throughout
- Quitos: Closed from August 19th to October 10th
- Secret Garden: Open for dinner/6:30 - Wednesday to Sunday for summer.
- Spaghetti Junction / Bat Cave: 6th September to 23rd October
- Sugar Mill: Closed from 28th July to 1st October
- Tamarind Club: Closed from August 3rd until further notice.
- Trellis Bay Cyber Café: Open throughout
- Myetts: Open throughout

Virgin Gorda

- Bath and Turtle: Open throughout
- Bitter End Yacht Club: Closed from 27th July to 6th October
- Biras Creek: Closed from 1st September to 15th October
- Chez Bamboo: Closed from August 1st – October 30th
- Fat Virgin Cafe: Open throughout
- Leverick Bay: Top restaurant closed from 1st August to Mid November
- Rock Café: Open throughout
- Saba Rock: Closed 28th August to 10th October
- Top of the baths: Open throughout but during the day only

Anegada

- Anegada Reef Hotel: Open throughout
- Big Bamboo: Open throughout
- Potters: Closed from mid September to 1st November
- Neptunes Treasure:
- Lobster Trap: Closed from 15th August to 15th October

Jost Van Dyke

- Foxy's: August 31st to 24th October
- Soggy Dollar: Closed from 26th Aug to 1st Oct (lunch from 10.00 until 18.00)
- Sidneys: Open throughout

Other Islands:

- Cooper Island Beach Club: Open throughout
- Peter Island Resort: Open throughout
- Pirates Bight, Norman Island: Closing mid August
- Pussers, Marina Cay: closed September
- The Last Resort: 23rd August to mid October
- Willy T: Will close the odd days in September for maintenance

SUGGESTED 7 DAY BAREBOAT ITINERARY

DAY	DESTINATION	NM
1	Norman Island	8
2	Marina Cay	13
3	Gorda Sound	11
4	Cane Garden Bay	19
5	Jost Van Dyke	6
6	Wickhams Cay	13
7	Wickhams Cay	

SUGGESTED 14 DAY BAREBOAT ITINERARY

DAY	DESTINATION	NM
1	Norman Island	7
2	Marina Cay	10
3	Spanish Town	5
4	Gorda Sound	5
5	Anegada	14
6	Trellis Bay	17
7	Cane Garden Bay	8
8	Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke	5
9	White Bay, Jost Van Dyke	1
10	Soper's Hole	5
11	Peter Island	9
12	Cooper Island	2
13	Penn's Landing	3
14	Wickhams Cay	1

BVI RACING EVENTS

- **BVI Spring Regatta – April**

The Spring Regatta ranks as one of the most enjoyable and important of the yachting events in the northern Caribbean, and Sunsail is able to offer clients the chance to take part in it as part of a one week charter. The racing is divided into a number of divisions, so that each entrant is racing against comparable boats and skippers. These divisions include a bareboat class.

This top regatta sails in Sir Francis Drake channel and is the third leg of the CORT series with hot competition and superb sailing. See Regattas section of the Product Manual for more information.

RYA SAILING SCHOOL

Sunsail operate RYA & ASA sailing courses in the BVI, for Day Skipper and Competent Crew. Full details can be found in the Worldwide Sailing Schools section.

BVI 1 WEEK FLOTILLA

■ **BVI One Week Flotilla - Example Itinerary**

GRADE 2 (departs Fridays)

Note: This itinerary is an EXAMPLE ONLY and may change at the skipper's discretion. This is very much dependant on weather, number of boats in the flotilla, local events and other factors.

ITINERARY	Day Stop	Overnight Stop
Day 1 – Fri	Join boat at 1800 hrs – Wickhams Cay	Sleep aboard at Sunsail base
Day 2 – Sat	Boat brief and chart brief	Marina Cay (mooring ball)
Day 3 – Sun	The Baths	Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda (marina)
Day 4 – Mon	Saba Rock	Biras Creek, Gorda Sound
Day 5 – Tue	White Bay, Jost Van Dyke	Cane Garden Bay (mooring ball)
Day 6 – Wed	The Indians / Caves	The Bight Norman Island (mooring ball)
Day 7 – Thu	Free Sailing	Return to base by 4.30 pm,
Day 8 – Fri	Vacate yacht by 1100 hrs (or 9 am if taking the Sunsail First Choice Airways flight)	

BVI 2 WEEK FLOTILLA

■ **BVI Two Week Flotilla - Example Itinerary**

GRADE 2 (departs Fridays)

Note: This itinerary is an EXAMPLE ONLY and may change at the skipper's discretion. This is very much dependant on weather, number of boats in the flotilla other local factors.

ITINERARY	Day Stop	Overnight Stop
Day 1 – Fri	Join boat at 1800 hrs – Wickhams Cay	Sleep aboard at Sunsail base
Day 2 – Sat	Boat brief and chart brief	The Bight, Norman Island (mooring ball)
Day 3 – Sun	Free Sailing	Sopers Hole (mooring ball)
Day 4 – Mon	Salt Island	Marina Cay (mooring ball)
Day 5 – Tue	Saba Rock	Biras Creek, Gorda Sound
Day 6 – Wed	Sail to Anegada	Anegada (mooring ball)
Day 7 – Thu	Free Sailing	Anegada (mooring ball)
Day 8 – Fri	Bitter End Yacht Club	Leverick Bay, Gorda Sound
Day 9 – Sat	The Baths	Virgin Gorda
Day 10 – Sun	White Bay	Cane Garden Bay (mooring ball)
Day 11 – Mon	Foxy's	Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke (mooring ball)
Day 12 – Tue	Free Sailing	Free Sailing
Day 13 – Wed	Free Sailing	Free Sailing
Day 14 – Thu	Free Sailing	Return to base by 4.30 pm, Last night meal
Day 15 - Fri	Vacate yacht by 1100 hrs (or 9am if taking the Sunsail First Choice Airways flight)	

Note. There are no flotillas operating in the BVI in September – check brochure for exact dates.

Flotilla BBQ – Price ranges from \$25 to \$30 per head (BBQ's are buffet style and done in a restaurant)

Flotilla Punch Party - No charge for punch party (usually always done on 1st evening).