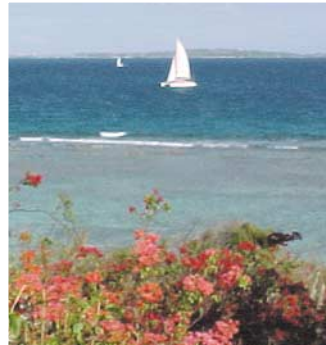




sailing the virgins since 1980



CYOA
YACHT CHARTERS

bareboat vacation charter guide



CYOA STYLE

Rainbow days, the milky way, blue skies and a staff of sailors will welcome you and send you cruising in style. CYOA has been chartering for over 20 years. We are a small company and take pride in offering personal service, well-maintained boats and reasonable charter rates year round.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Virgins have long been a favorite for chartering. The U.S. and British Virgin Islands are neighbors. All the islands are in easy sight of one another; the water is deep, and the skies clear. Customs and immigration stops are simple. Everyone accepts U.S. dollars and credit cards. There are many on-shore facilities for eating, shopping and entertainment, as well as for extending your vacation a few days at one of the fine hotels or resorts.

Our base is located in the world famous port of Charlotte Amalie, a great jumping-off point. We have a modern airport that lands jumbo jets and many direct flights from the U.S. Our overseas sailors easily connect through San Juan, Puerto Rico or St Maarten. A 10-minute taxi ride will bring you to our base, and you'll be on your boat enjoying a cool drink, warm breezes and "island time" in no time!

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EASY RESERVATIONS

Simply call our toll-free number or check our website for more details. Since our office is located in St Thomas, you'll always be talking with a staff member who lives, works, and plays where you will vacation.

If you know how many people will be vacationing with you and have some dates in mind, just check availability for the boat you prefer. A deposit will hold your reservation.



SMOOTH SAILING

We believe that "planning made simple" makes a vacation even better. Our staff will gladly answer any questions you have about chartering. Also, if you visit our website, you can learn more about the Virgin Islands and details such as insurance, cancellations, qualifications, books to read, hotel accommodations, suggested itineraries, and interesting links to other informative websites.



QUALIFICATIONS

Chartering a boat involves completing an application that provides CYOA with a history of your sailing or power boat experience and that of the crew that will be joining you. Generally speaking, it is important to have overnight cruising experience on a boat of similar size to that you wish to rent. Boat ownership, and formal training are also considered. If you haven't been out on the water for several years and are a bit rusty, or if you haven't had experience with a boat as large as you would like to charter, our Teaching Skippers and Skipper Guides are a great asset, particularly to first time charterers.

PERSONAL CHECKOUT

CYOA specializes in one-on-one checkouts aboard the boat you charter. Once you have arrived and settled in, our dock manager will review all the yacht's systems and operations, and provide a comprehensive chart review. We can help you plan an itinerary and update you on special island events.

SAILING SCHOOL

Don't know much about sailing? Maybe you'd like to learn more, or cruise on your own boat someday. CYOA offers ASA Sailing School courses on mono-hull and catamaran platforms. We feature small classes aboard boats from our charter fleet. If you are a beginner or want to advance your skills, a sailing school vacation may be ideal!



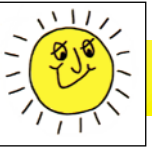
THE CYOA FLEET

CYOA has state of the art boats that sail well, handle with ease and have additional creature comforts for cruising the Caribbean. Hunter, Fountaine Pajot, Jeanneau and Mainship are some of the very well recognized names in the recreational boating industry. Be sure to look over our MEET THE FLEET pages to learn about each model's features. The number of people, the type of group you have, and the amount of privacy desired usually influence which boat to choose.



CABIN SAILAWAYS

Another great program for individuals who would like to join up with other sailors, is our CABIN SAILAWAY. If you're not experienced, or would like to meet up with new people, a week aboard one of our catamarans with a licensed skipper is the way to go. You'll visit a new location everyday without the need for cars or taxi service. Dine aboard or ashore. Sailing vacations let you experience the Caribbean at its best. Check out our all inclusive price for a week island-hopping the Virgins.



WHAT TO DO?

So many islands, so little time. Cruising is only half the fun. Chartering the Virgins means island-hopping and doing as much or as little of everything else as you would like to do.



ISLAND HOPPING

Planning where to go and what stops to make are part of the adventure. There are over 100 islands that actually make up the U.S. and British Virgins. Some anchorages offer lively nightlife with reggae music and moonlit dancing. Other anchorages are on the quiet side and perfect for cockpit dining and fine wine. If it is your first time cruising, try not to "see everything" because everything is beautiful and you'll need something to see next time. Repeat cruisers can get an update on what is new and different or what is still the same by visiting our website. Chat with our staff when you arrive to learn more about local color.



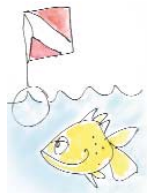
LOCAL COLOR

Every island has a carnival or festival. These celebrations are planned over a year in advance. The costumes, parades, dances, food fairs, carnival village, and music celebrations during carnival time are extremely festive.

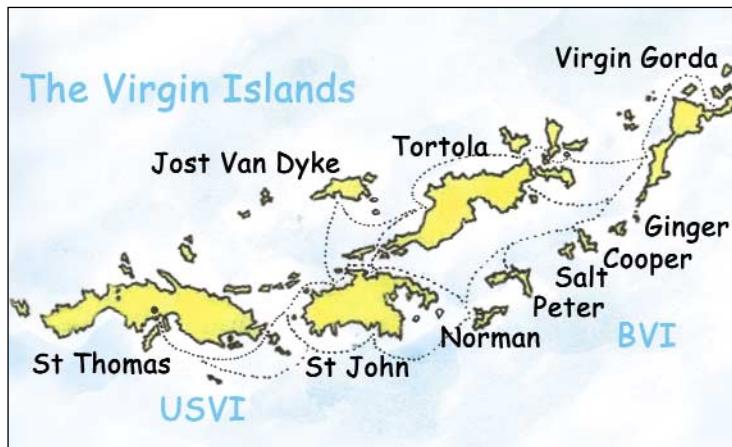


WATERSPORTS

Swim, snorkel, dive, sailboard or kayak. The water is so crystal clear and pleasantly warm, that you can wander for hours. There are several watersports shops that offer equipment rentals, so you don't have to overload your boat with too much gear.



Enjoy your favorite watersports or try some new ones.



REGATTAS

Though you may not be racing yourself, being a spectator can be exciting. The Virgins are popular year round for small local races as well as internationally famous regattas. You may be lucky to see some spinnakers flying down the Sir Francis Drake Channel .

SHOPPING

St Thomas remains famous for its abundance of shops. Gold and silver jewelry, china and crystal are popular purchases. St John features some of the most arts & crafty shops along your trip. In the BVI you'll find unique items reminiscent of pirate days, cool tee shirts, resort wear, and rum.

ENVIRONMENT

There are many organizations that are striving to protect the fragile coral reef environment. These wonders of nature are what make the islands beautiful. Please be sure to respect these living creatures. For your own interest, read up on coral reef ecology before you arrive. There are moorings in many of the anchorages. Visitors are encouraged to use these moorings to lessen the impact of anchor damage to bottom-dwelling inhabitants.

EXPLORING

Hiking the National Park Trails and exploring the old sugar plantation ruins on St John are great exercise. There are many historical buildings in St Thomas worth a visit. The BVI National Park Trust oversees several parks in the BVI that are quite beautiful and worthy of a stop.



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