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## Sail Solomons Flotilla Information Sheet British Virgin Islands, January 2024

Join Sail Solomons next winter for a fantastic flotilla week in the British Virgin Islands! A flotilla allows you to “cruise in company” – sail as captain or crew on a beautiful, well-equipped charter boat with a professional Instructor-Captain, or skipper your own charter vessel. Flotillas give you the freedom to do as you please, with the security of knowing that there is help readily on hand. It's a great balance of independence and support for new and seasoned sailors alike. It is also a great chance to escape winter by sailing in the fantastic Caribbean!



Our Jan 2024 flotilla will sail amongst the British Virgin Islands. We will be sailing aboard Voyage 480, 4 cabin/4 head catamarans. Dates and prices are shown below. Deposits & payments are non-refundable but can be transferred if another guest takes your place.

- Cabins: prices are per person for double-occupancy cabins.
- Singles: if you'd like to share with another single, let us know and we'll try to match you up.
- Private single cabins: Calculate (cost/person x 2) - \$350 for provisions & taxes.
- **ASA Courses:** Sailors may choose to take ASA 104 (Bareboat Cruising), ASA 114 (Cruising Catamaran), or both. Course cost is an additional \$325 for 104/114, \$425 for both. Dinghy endorsement, ASA 116, also available for \$200 (\$100 if added to other courses).

WEEK 1	Jan 13-20, 2024		
Vessel	Cabin Configuration	Available/Berths	\$ Cost/Person*
LET IT GO Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
MOONSTRUCK Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
SAIL LA VIE Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
ELECTRIFIED Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
WEEK 2	Jan 20-27, 2024		
Vessel	Cabin Configuration	Available/Berths	\$ Cost/Person*
LET IT GO Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
MOONSTRUCK Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
SAIL LA VIE Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
ELECTRIFIED Voyage 480	4 cabin / 4 head	6 of 8	2950
* Deposit of \$1200 required to reserve berth. Balance due 1 Oct. Contact Jeff at 410-326-4917, <a href="mailto:jeff@sailsi.com">jeff@sailsi.com</a> for additional details or to reserve your spot.			



**Air Transportation:** To get to Tortola, BVI, there are some flights from the US to Tortola Beef Island Airport (EIS), or fly to St Thomas (STT) and take the ferry over. As of June 2023, round trip from Washington area, flights to Tortola can be found for about \$800/person, and about \$550/person to St Thomas. Plan to arrive on/before the charter start date listed below, and depart as soon as noon on the charter end date.

### Prices Include:

- Charter Catamaran with Instructor-Captain - per person, double occupancy, 6 days, 7 nights
- Week 1: Board 12 noon, 13 Jan, debark 9 am, 20 Jan
- Week 2: Board ~2 pm, 20 Jan, debark 9 am, 27 Jan
- Provisions (Expect 1-2 dinners ashore, all other meals aboard)

### About the British Virgin Islands:

An overseas territory of the United Kingdom, BVI is one of the most popular Caribbean destinations for sailors. Numerous islands, harbors, protected anchorages, steady wind, short distances, and Caribbean charm, make BVI a favorite for many cruisers. Our flotilla will begin and end in Sopers Hole, West End, Tortola. Wind and weather during the flotilla will drive locations visited. January weather in the BVIs is steady breezes, with average January temperatures of 73-84F, and warm clear waters. Snorkeling, swimming and beach visits are part of most days. The waters are full of tropical fish, sea turtles, and vibrant coral.



**Itinerary:** Itinerary will flex for weather and crew desires. Several varied schedules are being refined based on prior flotillas. Possible itinerary stops include: Norman Island, Peter Island, Cooper Island, Marina Cay, North Sound, Cane Garden Bay, Jost Van Dyke, and Anegada.

**Provisioning:** Each crew is provided a Cruising Kitty, (included in your flotilla fee) to arrange their own provisions. Crews will decide together on a menu, and may either have the food delivered to the boat, or shop at a local grocery. Each boat will maintain the Cruising Kitty for onboard expenses including: mooring or marina fees, ice, water, fuel, trash disposal, supplemental provisions and beverages.

Crews will decide to shop on their own, use a provisioning service, or some combination. While provisioning service is convenient, many crews find doing their own shopping very interesting and enjoy the opportunity to pick up unexpected fresh food and new products.



**Attractions:** There are a great many things to do and see while Sailing in the British Virgin Islands. Here are a few of the most popular:

**Sailing:** Steady winds, warm weather, tropical anchorages, and friends to sail with. Formal ASA courses, Bareboat Cruising or Catamaran endorsements can be taken for those who have the prerequisites. Informal instruction is available to all.

**Snorkeling & Swimming:** A snorkeler's dream, crystal clear water awaits you with dozens of different snorkeling and dive sites throughout the BVI. Swim among tropical fish, sea turtles, and vibrant coral. With hundreds of moorings located throughout the BVI, there is something for everyone.

**Dining:** Fantastic dining opportunities, featuring Caribbean cuisine ranging from fancy to informal. Lots of fresh fish and tropical fruits. Most crews elect to enjoy 1-2 meals ashore during the week. If conditions permit, we will gather all crews ashore for a meal in a local establishment.

**Beaches:** There are beautiful beaches throughout the BVI. You can expect time on a beach most days.

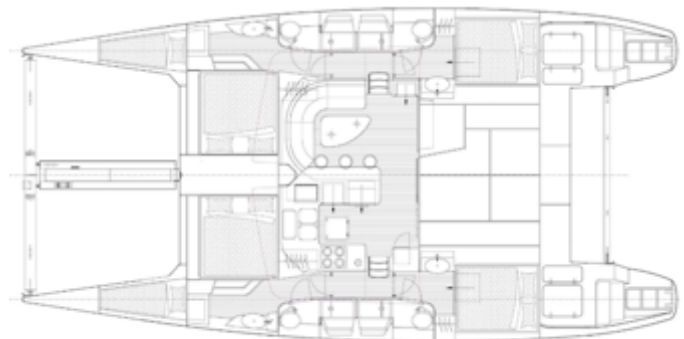
**Hiking:** Trails exist throughout the islands, from a scenic stroll from the beach to town, or up and down the island mountains.

**Planning:** We'll be providing more information and hosting a flotilla planning party/meet-up in late October or November. Please contact me soonest with any questions you might have. Deposits are required to reserve your spot onboard





**Our Boats:** Our fleet will all be VOYAGE 480 Catamarans, well known for their excellent sailing performance



VOYAGE 480 CHARTER LAYOUT

