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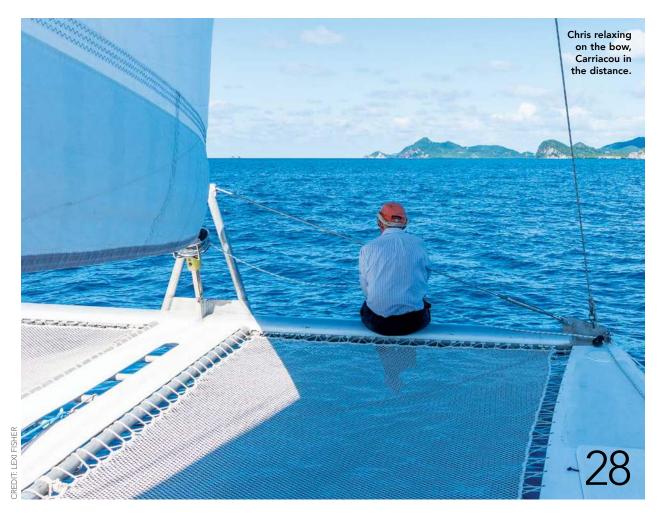






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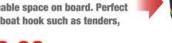


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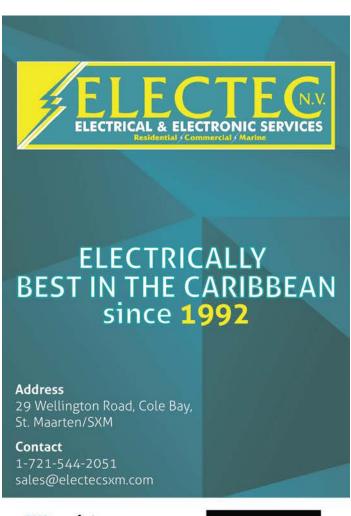


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Hello,

I am an enthusiasttic reader of All At Sea since I arrived in the Caribbean with my dear small ketch (a 43' Amphitrite by Wauquiez). I bought her in 2004 in San Diego, transited the Panama Canal in February 2006 and arrived in Curacao just before the 2006 hurricane season. Since then, we cruised all the Caribbean. The boat is presently based in Grenada.

When I read some papers from Capt Fatty, I recognise and enjoy the way he tells us about the up and down about the Amphitrite, which is an incredible boat!

I remember an article you published not so long ago about the etiquette which should be in use at our Caribbean dinghy docks, which are quite often very crowded... May you help me to get it again (perhaps a simple link to the corresponding web page)? Some new comers seems to ignore that it is better

to tie "long," to offer more space to the other users, and also seems to ignore that it is an heresy to get the outboard out ot the water when tied on a public dinghy dock ...

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to All At Sea team for 2023. Eric Poot, Grenada

Good afternoon Eric,

Thank you so much for reading ALL AT SEA and thank you for your patience...

I think this might be the "recent" fun article you were looking for: https://www.allatsea.net/dinghy-misadventures/

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The road to fame started in 2017 when the team for Canadian filmmaker, James Cameron of Titanic, Aliens and The Terminator fame, reached out to the Austrian-headquartered company to see if it could provide ScubaJets to support the film's underwater scenes, tells Sabrina Hanneman, co-founder, and chief marketing officer. "We provided our ScubaJets with a custom-made controller. It's called the ScubaJet jet pack. The actors put these on their backs. They could then trigger the ScubaJet themselves whenever needed."

Essentially, after the actors completed a stroke and were in the glide phase of the swim, they'd trigger the jet packs, and it would push them forward several feet. At the same time, the actors moved their hips as if they had a tail making the propulsion seem natural. ScubaJet played such a significant role in making the movie's underwater scenes that the watersport device was listed in the credits.

Beyond filmmaking, ScubaJet is a perfect watersports gadget, says Hanneman. "The Pro model weighs only 6.6 pounds and is 16.5 inches long, meaning it can fit in backpacks and even carry-on luggage due to its smart stackable fly battery. Those

who want to go underwater for their own filming can buy a modular mounting system for accessories like the Scuba-Jet camera mount. In January, we launched a brand-new ScubaJet Performance product line that we think will be an industry game changer."

ScubaJet models range in cost from just under \$1,200 to over \$4,000 with accessories. Buyers can order via the company's website or Caribbean-based dealers such as Blue Ocean Marina, in Carolina, PR. www.scubajet.com

WALLY CASTRO MARINE EARNS OUTSTANDING SALES AWARD FROM BOSTON WHALER

The year 2022 was a very good one for Wally Castro Marine, located at Puerto del Rey, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. The Boston Whaler dealer earned the first place Outstanding Sales award at the brand's Regional Dealer Forum held on October 26. What's more, Wally Castro Marine employee Javier Perello picked up an engraved plaque in recognition of

Sales Excellence by an Individual as did Jose Mosquera, who received an award for Top Sales Recognition.

"The sales team has done an outstanding job this year," says Castro. "The word is teamwork. We have an amazing team that is not only sales, but we also have an excellent service team that supports them. Boston Whaler is a great brand. Customers become family and stay loyal to the brand. As families grow, the Whalers they buy grow too!"

In 2023, Wally Castro Marine will open new offices, a shop, and a service center in western Puerto Rico. In Puerto del Rey, the company is expanding and renovating its service center to offer more services to its customers. The company also keeps enhancing the benefits of membership in the Puerto Rico Boston Whaler Owners Club and offering exclusive events, of which the largest is Christmas in July, in Virgin Gorda, BVI.

Boston Whaler, an Edgewater, FL-based division of Brunswick Corporation, also announced its regional Caribbean runnerups in Outstanding Sales. These are Performance Boats, with its Caribbean location in Cancun, Mexico, second; Harbour House, in Grand Cayman, third; Corsa Marine, in Trinidad & Tobago, fourth; and Paradise Boat Sales, in Antigua, fifth. www.bostonwhaler.com



CARIBBEAN'S PILLAR CORAL MOVED TO **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED LIST**

The chance to snorkel over stands of tan-colored, 6-8 foot tall, finger-like coral could soon be a thing of the past. Pillar Coral, (Dendrogyra cylindrus), found throughout the Caribbean from the Yucatan Peninsula and Florida to Trinidad and Tobago, is now on the Critically Endangered list. This news comes from the December-announced update to the Red List of Threatened Species by the Montreal, Canada-headquartered International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the world's largest and most diverse environmental network. Pillar Coral's move from Vulnerable to Critically Endangered is because its population has shrunk by over 80% across most of its range since 1990. The most urgent threat to Pillar Coral is Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease.



Les Fruits de Mer Introduces New Sea Activity Book for Kids



It launched for Christmas. Now, it's available year-round. The non-profit Les Fruits de Mer association's newest publication is titled Super St. Martin OCEAN! This bilingual activity book explores the island's undersea nature and heritage, and it is the highly-anticipated sequel to Super St. Martin! The latest book features over 130 plants and animals found in St. Martin's underwater world and offers young people over a hundred pages of discovery and fun, with mazes, word games, coloring pages, creative writing activities, and much more.

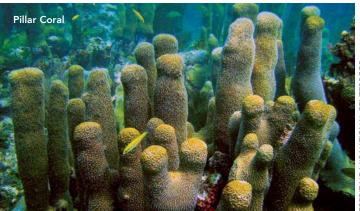
"We hope St. Martin kids and families will enjoy the book," says author Jenn Yerkes. "It's important for kids to have books about where they live. Imagine doing a word search about our coral reef creatures, solving a maze about picking whelks to bring to an elder's house, inventing short stories about our sea turtles, or drawing the fish attracted to a traditional handmade fish pot!"

"Every activity is in both English and French, so it's a great language-learning tool as well," added Mark Yokoyama, co-founder of Les Fruits de Mer, based in Grand Case.

The book is available as a free download at lesfruitsdemer.com, and for purchase on Amazon.com for \$14.99. Teachers and youth group leaders interested in copies can info@ lesfruitsdemer.com.

This has emerged in the past four years and is highly contagious, infecting between 290- and 320-feet of reef per day. Bleaching caused by increased sea surface temperatures and excess antibiotics, fertilizers, and sewage running into the sea have weakened corals and made them more susceptible to disease. Overfishing around coral reefs has depleted the number of grazing fish, allowing algae to dominate and putting further pressure on corals. On the positive side, research is and has been underway to stop this disease with some successes so far.

"The pillar coral is just one of the 26 corals now listed as Critically Endangered in the Atlantic Ocean, where almost half of all corals are now at elevated risk of extinction due to climate change and other impacts," says Dr. Beth Polidoro, associate professor at Arizona State University and Red List Coordinator for the IUCN SSC Coral Specialist Group. "These alarming results emphasize the urgency of global cooperation and action to address climate change impacts on ocean ecosystems." www.iucn.org



COLGATE NEW ADVENTURE VACATIONS -ABACOS & GRENADA

Cruise somewhere new! Offshore Sailing School, head-quartered in Fort Myers, FL, USA, is offering its Colgate Sailing Adventures Flotilla Cruises to The Abacos, Bahamas, and Grenada, in 2023. The Abacos flotilla, set for March 6-13, departs from Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island, aboard a fleet of 42' and 45' Moorings catamarans. Islands with sandy cays, beautiful barrier reefs, and a super friendly culture awaits. The Grenada adventure, from November 4-11, leaves from St. George's, on 45' and 50' Moorings catamarans. Known as the 'Spice Island of the Caribbean', trips ashore to spice markets, hikes to beautiful waterfalls, and anchoring in bays with the backdrop of lush mountainsides lie ahead. The company also had a flotilla to Thailand planned for April 22-May 2.

"We like to offer exotic sailing destinations such as Thailand and some island adventures closer to home, i.e. The U.S., such as the Abacos and Grenada. We have hosted flotillas in both places and found The Moorings/Sunsail charter bases very accommodating, the boats well



maintained, the residents so warm and welcoming, amazing food and cultural destinations for touring," says Beth Oliver, vice president, director of sales and marketing.

What makes an Adventure flotilla a good way to sail to a destination for the first time is that all the details are handled in advance and during the trip, according to Oliver. Hosts, Nate and Heather Hild-Atwater, organize the crews based on completed Sailing Resumes so there is an experienced skipper and navigator aboard each boat in the charter fleet. The Atwater's also arrange the provisions and coordinate the Welcome Dinner and grand farewell event. Offshore Sailing School provides a comprehensive Trip Program Book upon enrollment, so participants have all details on dates, times, where to meet, how to get there, what is included, and what is not. www.offshoresailing.com

SHOP TO SUPPORT THE LIFESAVING MISSION OF THE SNSM ST. MARTIN

Life is priceless. Now, there's a new way to support the SNSM St. Martin, the local branch of the Paris, headquartered Les Sauveteurs en Mer (SNSM), whose mission is to save lives at sea. In December, the group opened a shop at its base, located in front of the Marina Fort-Louis next to the Plongeoir restaurant. The shop sells items such as waterproof bags, beach bags, T-shirts, headbands for sunglasses, mugs, trays, and more. Also for sale are special bracelets, designed by the SNSM and with DIAL (Individual Alert and Localization Device) placed internally, which can prompt a real-time emergency rescue of wearers who are in trouble at the beach or out at sea. Profits from sales of the shop's products are devoted entirely to supporting the operating costs of the SNSM St. Martin station and its two rescue vessels. The shop is open year-round on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. station-saintmartin.snsm.org



FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS



FEBRUARY 3 - 5:

Caribbean Multihull Challenge.

The fifth anniversary of this two-hull-or-more-only event, the only regatta of its type in the Caribbean, is poised for its biggest participation ever with well over 20 vessels registered by late December. Entrants include the UK's Anthony McVeigh's Schionning 51C, 2-2-Tango; the USA's Greg Slyngstad's Bieker 53, Fujin; Australia's Guy Chester's Crowther #93 trimaran, Ocean Tribute; and local favorites like St. Maarten's François Nel's Custom Joubert/Nivelt 52, Arawak. "CSA 1 race boats will be offered three longer distance courses combined into a Trifecta," explains Steve Burzon, volunteer director of marketing. "The Trifecta winner will receive bragging rights, plus an Oris Aguis Diving Watch worth \$2000." The Trifecta is composed of the Caribbean 60 Mile Multihull Sprint, the 52 Mile Around Saba Dash, and the new 27 Mile SXM Circle Race." New too for 2023 is a three-day rally for cruising multi's that will run concurrently with the CMC and take sailors to St. Martin and Anguilla and back. caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com

FEBRUARY 5:

Miami Offshore Fishing Event.

The popular Florida, USA-based 'Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!' (LLGF) University will start the year with its first event aboard the Reward with Capt. Wayne Conn, out of Miami Beach Marina. "Participants will learn fishing skills on the boat and



target sailfish, tuna, and bottom fish for an afternoon half-day trip," invites Betty Bauman, the LLGF founder. Registration is \$30 and charter fishing is \$85. The non-profit's next saltwater event will be April 14-16, at the VFW in Fort Lauderdale, where there will be a Meet & Greet on Friday. Saturday Seminar and Sunday offshore and bottom fishing trip. Advance registration is required. www.ladiesletsgofishing.com

FEBRUARY 10 - 12:

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Valentine's Regatta.

Racing takes place off Antigua's West Coast around the Five Islands Bay area. "We expect to have the usual number and types of boats along with a small fleet of 'RS Elites'. The RS's make for



FEBRUARY 9 - 11: The Sailfish Bowl.

Fish the kick-off event of the Dominican Republic's world-famous billfish season. The title species is the Sailfish, but all billfish are eligible. Two divisions are Billfish (All Release) and Game Fish (Wahoo, Tuna & Mahi Mahi). Over a dozen prizes include Best Boat; Best Sailfish Angler; Best Overall Angler; Largest Wahoo, Tuna, and Mahi-Mahi Anglers; Best Lady Angler; Best Youth Angler; and Best Captain. "The Dominican Republic is one of the hottest destinations for sport fishing and Marina Casa de Campo has been ranked in the top 10 by The Billfish Report, attracting international and local anglers for years to enjoy fishing," says Alma Taveras, tournament director. Inboard and outboard boats are permitted. For information, contact: marinacasadecamposail fish@gmail.com or wtevents01@gmail.com.

good one-design racing," says David Ross, commodore of the host Jolly Harbour Yacht Club. "As this is the 25th Valentine's Regatta, we expect the social side of the event to be larger." Last year's class winners included TAZ, Blue Peter, Shades of Gray, and Whiplash. Skippers Meeting on Friday, two days of racing Saturday and Sunday, with prizegiving after racing on Sunday. It's a regatta to love. www.jhycantigua.com

FEBRUARY 11 - 12:

Sweethearts of the Caribbean & Classic Yacht Regatta.

The BVI's West End Yacht Club on Tortola hosts this perennial favorite with race courses around the Thatch islands and Sandy Cay to the west near Jost Van Dyke. Prizegiving will be at the Club's headquarters at Omar's Fusion in Soper's Hole. Last year, Dr. Robin Tattersall won the Spirit of the Sweethearts trophy on his refurbished classic Herreshoff -designed 1961-built Cape Cod Marlin, Tern. www.westendyachtclubbvi.com





FEBRUARY 12 - 18: BVI Wreck Week.

Back for the first time since 2019, this is the time to dive in and explore the BVI's most incredible underwater wrecks and art reefs. Additional events include a Pirate Party at Hendo's Hide-Out on Jost van Dyke, Anegada Day to visit the Flamingos, a Beach Clean-up at Cane Garden Bay, and a Farewell Party at Nanny Cay with the unveiling of the Giant Turtle Found Object Sculpture, Tortola Sloop presentation, Heritage Dancers and Lionfish cook-off by the local community college's culinary students. "All events are drop-in, so no need to book," says Kim Huish, organizer. "All our local dive operators are offering some kind of special that week too." bviwreckweek.com

FEBRUARY 13 - 24:

RORC Nelson's Cup Series & RORC Caribbean 600.

Race the inaugural Series, a three-day event with six races scheduled for IRC, MOCRA, One-Design, and others. Series entries include RORC Vice Commodore Eric de Turckheim's NMYD54 Teasing Machine. "Major offshore races are historically part of a series, like the Fastnet and the Admiral's Cup. The RORC Caribbean 600 Series will have a similar format with inshore racing, a medium length offshore, and a long offshore race," says Turckheim. On February 20, some 80 boats will launch on the 14th annual RORC Caribbean 600 race, a 600mile course around 11 islands. Prize-giving wraps up both events on February 24th. caribbean600.rorc.org





FEBRUARY 15 - 19:

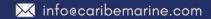
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CRUISING

BY CAP'N FATTY GOODLANDER



hen I first started writing for marine publications—yes, it was considerably after the Civil War—the newbie boater and wannabe world cruiser had no choice. They either had to buy a major magazine to read me—or they didn't read me.

They had to either take it or leave it—to put up or shut up.

This bred an arrogance in the publishing industry, as being the only-game-in-town often does.

Nowadays, things are different. Anyone with a mobile phone can instantly access a wide variety of sea gypsies like myself in their natural habitat at the furthest corners of the Seven Seas—for free, in living color, and on a weekly, up-close-andpersonal basis.

Anyone on the planet with a phone can be—and increasingly is—a content creator.

That's big. Actually, it is bigger than big—it is industrychanging.

And change is what life is all about—whether we like it or not. So, that said, here's the sad truth as I see it: freelance writing is currently an awful profession—if you look at it through the telescope of money.

However, being a freelance writer—even at the lower end—is a fantastic lifestyle. And it is quite ego-boosting. Thus, there's no shortage of applicants, especially among the wealthy. And that's part of the problem. I work for publications that pay me upwards of \$3000 for a feature article. All the while, those publications get thousands of submissions per month, each

of which are written by writers who would be ecstatic to receive a \$40 'honorarium' and the ability to proudly show their byline to their mothers.

So how do you actually earn a living as a freelancer—other than the ole weary 'write well' cliché.

Well—honestly? I don't know 'how to do it correctly' but I can tell you how others have done it and how I did it, step by step. First off, I fell in love with the process of writing, not the result. I didn't just 'want to have written,' I wanted to write. Daily. For the rest of my life. And from an early age.

Thus, I never wrote a story and waited to see if it would sell. I wrote my heart every day and merely offered my scribblings to the marketplace—a market place which took years to take (initially lukewarm) notice.

I never asked myself if my writing was good—only if it was the best I could do on any given day. And I never lost sight of the fact that I didn't get paid solely to write—I really got paid to send off what I'd written. I got paid to consummate.

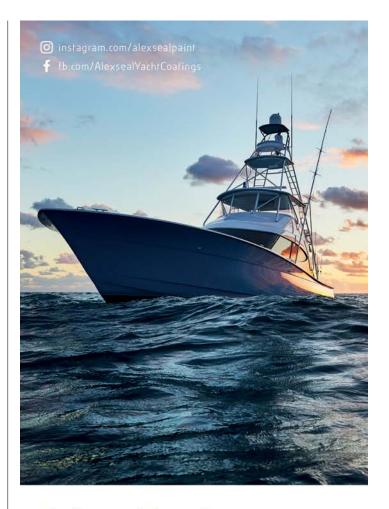
Now, the first thing you have to do with magazines and publishing houses is to get by the editor. Notice I didn't say please the editor! Here's the truth of it—the reader signs my paycheck, not the editor. I merely had to write well enough, and PC enough, to get around the editor so that the reader feeds back to that editor and their publisher my actual worth as a communicator.

In essence, editors are often wrong—readers are never wrong! That's it. That's the key. That—and to write the truth because truth always resonates. But the bottom line is that a writer's job is to please the reader—to be worthy of their momentary attention—and everything else is BS.

How do I know my writing has worth? Because, for the last four decades, people have been paying me for it.

I've had editors who personally hated my guts and ones that loved me—but so what? What counts is reader feedback with a climbing subscription rate.

Speaking of subscription rates and why contemporary magazines are in trouble—just as the readers had no choice but to buy the mag to get to the writers—the advertisers also needed the mags to get to those same readers. RayMarine simply had no choice. If they wanted to advertise their products, they had to buy the back page of the December issue or, gasp, the evil empire of Garmin would.

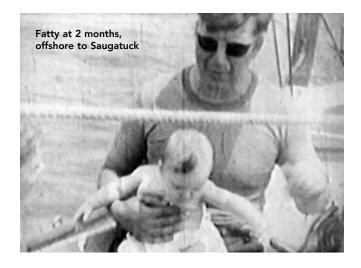


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Nowadays, each of us carries a spying device with us. If we click on a video of a young lass wiggling a cute butt as she grinds (sic) a sheet winch with Tahiti in the background on YouTube our iPhone knows that we're 1.) a sailor, and 2.) a pervert—and thus showers us with ads for RayMarine and Garmin.

That was never possible before.

Suddenly, the major mags no longer have a stranglehold on their advertisers or their readers! Double-damn!

Of course, not all print media is dependent on subscriptions. There are, ahem, wonderful fish wrappers such as Caribbean Compass. Latitude 38, and ALL AT SEA. I love these locallyfocused publications—they gave me my start as a saltstained inkslinger.

Because of them, I always encourage my publishers to go to boat shows, not to sell magazines—but rather to be sitting there when a drunken reader stumbles up and slurs, "That silly son of a bitch had me laughing so hard that I fell outta my chair!"

Yes, marine media is strange, freak'n strange!

Now, once the publication that you're working for thinks that you're the cat's meow—you have to take a deep breath and... are you ready? ...wait for it, dude... you have to quit. Trust me—this is how it works. Until publications are competing against each other for your work—your writing is, pretty much, valueless.

Once you're back swimming in the free market place, with at least one or two publishers who know your true worth, you've got a shot at earning a (meager but adequate) living with your pen. Then you arrange to be rehired by one or the otheronly now the thing that you're selling isn't merely your writing—it's your exclusivity.

That's where the real money is.

Whew, a dangerous game, eh?

Yeah, it is—especially in the marine field where there are only three or four publications on the planet that pay enough to make cashing their checks worthwhile.

For years I cashed paychecks that were so abysmally small that I'd mutter to the bank teller, "just a refund for my subscription' so she wouldn't think I was a brain-addled fool.

And all of this crap is happily bypassed if you're a YouTuber and in direct contact with the person who consumes your content.

Of course, YouTubers have a totally different set of problems which, since I'm not one, I know little of.

But all of us, like it or not, are slaves to the marketplace. I used to work for mags that were adding pages (and staff) on a monthly basis—and whose back covers were selling for six digits. Nowadays, those same publications are a mere anemic shadow of their former selves. Their weary ad salesmen are now pedaling the back page to such down-market commodities as 'sea monkeys' or local Mister Dollar stores.

Wow, how the mighty have fallen!

Of course, there are still those of us who are in love with words. My father wrote for Yachting. My mother wrote all her life—was published when she was in her 90s. My sister Carole published two marvelous books. For a while, my sister Gale was a professional grant writer. My brother Morgan had a workbook on Gestalt in print for a while.

It's almost an addiction, scribbling for spare change is. I write five hours a day, seven days a week and have for forty plus years. And, truthfully, I have little to show for it—save the coolest, happiest life on the planet.

Hustling on YouTube or begging Patreon just doesn't float our family's boat.

Which isn't to say that YouTube doesn't have its place. It does. There are sailors creating wonderful content there every week for free—a few of whom are more knowledgeable and talented than I: and far more-than-a-few who don't know their a-hole from their hawsehole.









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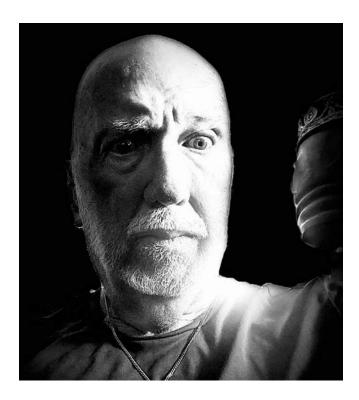
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So be it. The gatekeepers are gone—and long may they rot in their greedy graves. Publishers used to strain nearly all the money into their own bottomless pockets—only begrudgingly giving crumbs to the writers upon whom they preyed so profitably for centuries. No more. Anyone can start a YouTube channel that reaches the entire world—for free, within the hour.

Ha ha! Take that, greedheads!

Yes, it's a brave new world. Successful YouTubers don't know who I am—and I don't know who they are. The competition is ferocious within the marine field. Increasingly we cruisers are surrounded by floating 'content creators' who make their living pretending to be 'totally off the grid' and yet, in reality, sit in a marina in Papeete nervously video-editing while plugged into broadband—and only venture to sea when it is convenient for their cameraman and sound technician.

Many YouTube content consumers have lost contact with reality as well. They constantly suggest that I and my wife do a 'survivor-type show' aboard, demonstrating that they haven't the foggiest notion of who we are or why we are. If you bring a video production team to Chagos—it ain't really Chagos no more; it's a phony-baloney set to put money in your pocket and clicks on your page.

We sail the world in each other's arms—not with a film crew that includes a make-up artist and plastic surgeon specializing in breast enlargement.

That's not who we are—that's not what we do.

So here are the conclusions I've come to as a professional writer who is intent on surviving in a fast changing, technicallymetamorphosing communication industry.

If you're interested in money, don't pick up a pen. However, if you have stories burning within you—you'll simply have no choice. You're mentally f'ed up and you are also a rank sucker—so you may as well acknowledge it. I'm driven to write—so driven that I've written 12 books in the last 7 years that I haven't published merely because they don't make me smile. And also because I don't have to; because I'm my own boss and worse critic and I really don't care what anyone says—because my pen has painfully earned the right not to.

So, yeah, the writing and publishing biz is one tough racket but anyone can play, even a fool like me. And, ultimately, communication is about story—whether captured in prose on the printed page or on video in flickering images of light and shadow.

There used to be huge money in making records when the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen came up—now their members are still touring from their wheelchairs because there's not.

The pendulum of profit swings.

Just as we writers are now temporarily freed by ebooks and print-on-demand, Spotify and Apple Music have currently stolen (the lion's share) of the royalties once paid to songwriters and performers.

The big money is now in live performance—just ask Taylor Swift and Ticketmaster if you don't believe me. The marketplace changes. The technology changes. The ability to communicate, however—for me to touch you with the primal hopes and fears that reveal our common humanity—that remains the same.

And Marshall McLuhan remains correct. In many ways "The medium is the message" is still accurate.

So, yes, every morning I uncap my pen, leave my GoPro in the drawer, and ruefully acknowledge that I'm too set in my ways to 'beg for beers' on YouTube. It's true—it really is hard to teach an old sea dog new tricks.

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nother season, another adventure. Those of us attuned to the rhythm of the Caribbean cruising season know the excitement; boatyards buzz with the hum of travelifts as floating homes are launched, ready for a season of sunset cocktails, lazy afternoons, and holidays abroad. For me, it's a little different. A new season means another round of updates to the Sailor's Guide to the Windward Islands, the weight of responsibility a little heavier now as the book's original author, Chris Doyle, eases into a full retirement.

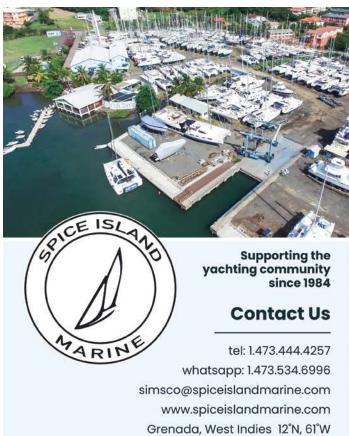
He's not retiring from sailing, just from the work, and as I don't currently have a boat of my own, I've packed my bags to once again join him aboard his catamaran, Ti Kanot. He's chauffeuring me around the islands to do the work while he does more of what he loves - sailing, hiking, biking, and snorkeling, all while he offers his unsolicited opinion on anything and everything. At least he makes it clear that I'm not obliged to listen. But, I usually do. He's been writing and updating the books for longer than I've been alive, so there's some credibility there.







People often ask how I found myself in this position. "Did you study journalism?", "Is Chris your father?", "Was it a competitive application process?" The truth is none of those things. In fact, my father, Jeff Fisher, had a lot to do with it. I had just finished a university degree (in a totally unrelated field) that took much longer than it should have. I'd been back home in Grenada sitting on the beach drinking rum for about 5 months when my Dad asked me what I wanted to do with my life. I had no real clue, of course. "What about working with Chris on the Cruising Guides?" He asked.







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Chris and my Dad had been friends since their 20s when they had one of Grenada's first bareboat charters, a Rustler 31 called *Rustler of Arne*, which in large part spurred the original writing of the guides. Since then they've remained close; Jeff helping Chris produce a number of the guide books in the early years, and later overseeing the building of Chris's 42-foot catamaran, *Ti Kanot*.

It didn't take long before a plan was hatched and my bags were packed to join Chris aboard for a season of updating. I was 26 and felt totally unqualified in the traditional sense, with a shaky understanding of the points of sail and no idea what life at sea was really like. Despite this, both Chris and my Dad seemed to be confident that I would learn the ropes.

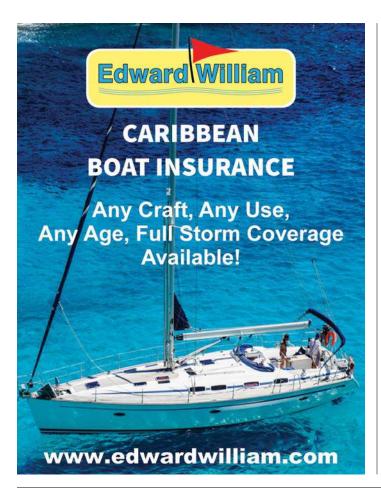
I mastered the bowline and learned to read the telltales, though life aboard with a 75-year-old set in his ways wasn't without its challenges. Our biggest dispute that first season was over fresh water. I don't remember if I was being excessive in my use, but I do remember Chris asking me if I really needed to use so much water to rinse my hair after swimming. Now, anyone with long hair will know the havoc that salt water reeks on it if left to dry. Chris, in this sense, is blessed, having been bald since his 30s. It didn't take me long to note that "Chris, I literally have a thousand times more hair than you do," a point he accepted with more grace than I expected.

It's been five years since that first season and I feel a bit more

qualified to take over the guide books. We recently set sail from Grenada to St. Lucia to speak at the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) arrival, a talk Chris has been doing annually for years. Jeff, ever looking for an excuse to sail, decided to join us as far as Bequia.

Jeff still helps Chris launch *Ti Kanot* every year, running through their annual tradition of prepping the boat and making any necessary repairs or desired upgrades. The big addition this year was to the engine. It's a single 35hp diesel outboard that sits in the center of the boat below the cockpit. Jeff built a tapered, cylindrical prop guard that directs the water flow to see if it increased speed and cut down on occasional cavitation. "It might help prevent things from getting caught in the prop too," Jeff told me as we checked it out after installation. "But wouldn't it make it harder to untangle anything that does make it in there?" I posed. "Maybe. I guess we'll find out." This is the type of response my Type A personality likes least, but I've learned to choose my battles.

What we didn't have upon our departure from Grenada, however, was wind, but motor-sailing meant we could chart a straight line instead of beating back and forth. We made it to Bequia with enough time to spend an extra night and shop the market for local fruit and veg to show the ARC participants at the talk. "At least if the engine fails and we go adrift we won't starve." Chris said with a laugh.









Now, I'm not a superstitious person, but this comment struck me as something Poseidon might take note of. Nevertheless, we loaded the shopping and left my Dad ashore to make his way back to Grenada. We hoped to make it the 70 nautical miles to St. Lucia the next day, so woke early and hauled anchor at daybreak.

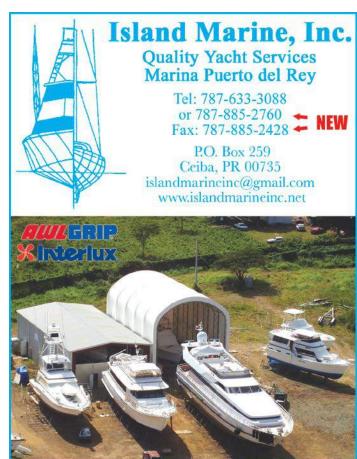
We departed Admiralty Bay, Bequia, in the haze of morning light and motored out of the calm bay, not even bothering to put the mainsail up. We weren't a quarter mile off Devil's Table, a shallow reef fringing off a rocky point, when the engine stopped with a thunk and we were dead in the water. Red lights on the instrument panel accompanied a loud warning buzz from the engine. I glanced at the rocky headland, trying to assess how long we had before the waves pushed us into shallow water, impossible to identify in the low morning sun. The lack of wind now in our favor (or not, depending on how you look at it), Chris seemed unfazed. I raised the engine while Chris stood on the sugar scoop to see what was going on between the hulls. I joined him, and there it was, the tail end of a large white rope, a few feet long and almost as thick as my wrist, having threaded its way perfectly through the new fiberglass cylinder and around the prop. I grabbed my fins and was in the water in a jiffy. Chris didn't seem worried about our proximity to the shore, but I wasn't about to waste time arguing about who should go in.



It took a bit of wrestling, but the line was so large and short it only wrapped a few times around the prop. I threw it up on the sugar scoop and hauled myself out of the water. "You got your morning swim after all," Chris said from the helm. "And I didn't even get my hair wet," I replied.

11 hours later and 9 gallons of diesel poorer, we made it into Rodney Bay, St. Lucia, with our fruit and veg provisions intact.









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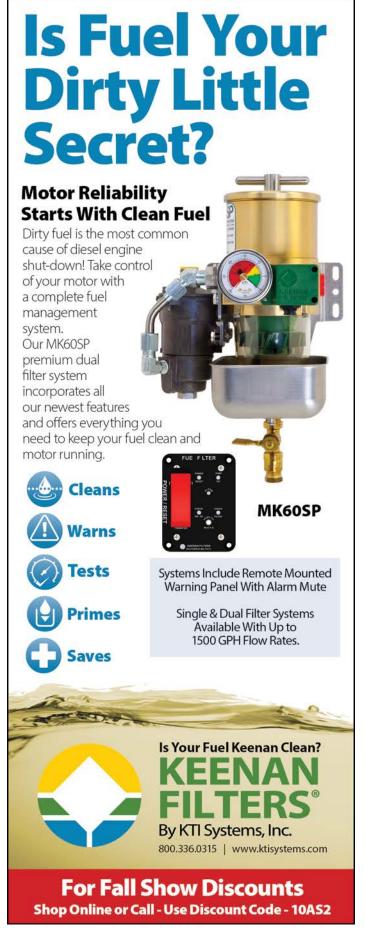
roximity to the U.S. Eastern Seaboard and Western Europe makes the chain of Caribbean islands that border the Atlantic Ocean the closest, and therefore the most popular, to visit. However, there are several islands, both big and small, ripe for a port call in the Western Caribbean. It's an ideal region to explore by sea whether simply cruising in the area or passing through to the Panama Canal en route to the Pacific Ocean. Here are 8 favorites:

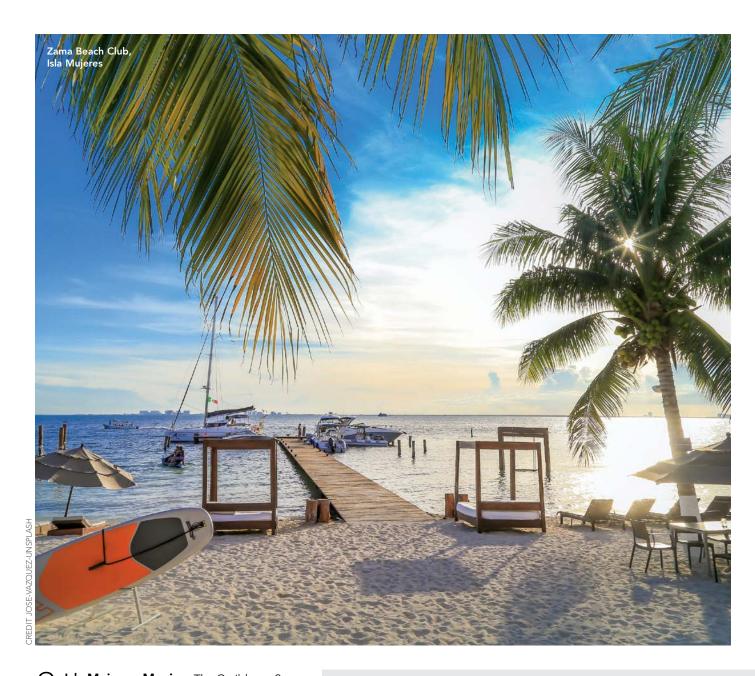
Navy Island, Jamaica. It might look small, but it's mighty in movie star fame. This 64-acre island located off Port Antonio was once owned by actor Errol Flynn, whose star rose during the Golden Age of Hollywood. Rumor says Flynn won the island during a rum-soaked card game. The actor used Navy Island as his private hedonistic hideout for elaborate parties with celebrity guests. Today, flora and fauna have taken over, but there are still ruins from the heydays. Swim or snorkel over from the 32-slip Errol Flynn Marina. The small beaches on the northside are usually deserted. www.visitjamaica.com





Little Cayman, Cayman Islands. Sixty miles away from its big sibling, Great Cayman, there's no marina on this 10-mile-long by 1-mile-wide island. Anchoring is a no-no, but there are governmentowned mooring balls free to use located north and south off the western island of the island. Nature, rather than soup-to-nuts of amenities, rules here. Visit the quaint Little Cayman Museum, in Blossom Village, to learn the history, nautically tied culture, and flora and fauna of the island. The Bloody Bay Marina Park is the place to go for snorkeling, while scuba divers will enjoy the spectacular coral-crusted vertical Bloody Bay Wall. There are a handful of dive shops that rent equipment. www.visitcaymanislands.com





Isla Mujeres, Mexico. The Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico meet at this 1.6-square-mile island located 8 miles off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. Tourism development over the last three decades has turned this sleepy settlement into a full-service spot to stay, dine and shop, albeit it is less touristy than Cancun across on the mainland. Sportfishing is big here, especially sailfish season from late December through May, with several tournaments. Charter boats are available. For sailors, the biannual Regata al Sol will depart from the Pensacola Yacht Club, in Florida, to Isla Mujeres in May 2024. visitmexico.com

Placencia Caye, Belize. Palm-lined beaches, with a popular resort community, is a good way to describe this town at the southern tip of the Placencia Peninsula. A stone's throw across the bay is the private island, Placencia Caye. It's a mostly quiet nature-filled spot except for the small three-star hotel to the north. To the south end of the Caye is the Placencia Yacht Club. It's open to the public. There's a small marina here, with a nice outdoor area with hammocks and picnic tables, and a bar and restaurant. The latter serves an eclectic mix of snack foods like chips and salsa and chicken wings, along with entrees such as classic and carbonara spaghetti. https://www.placencia.com, www.placenciayacht-club.com



Roatan, Honduras. This largest of the country's Bay Islands is a long (48 miles) skinny (5 miles at its widest) stretch of land off the mainland's northern coast. There's a halfdozen-plus marinas. Onshore, check out Mayan ruins that date back to 1000 BC, explore the island's mangrove tunnels by guided wood dory, and sample baleadas, a meat, beans, and cheese-filled thick tortilla, at local restaurants. Offshore, the Roatan Barrier Reef is part of the secondlargest barrier reef in the world. It's filled with fish, coral, and critters like dolphins, sea turtles, and manatees, perfect to see by snorkeling or scuba diving. roatantourismbureau.com





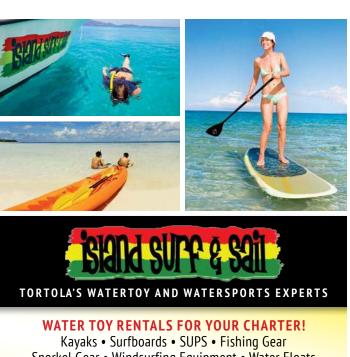
Little Corn Island, Nicaragua. Situated 50 miles offshore, this 1.5-square-mile island is a find although it's three times smaller than its sibling Big Corn Island some 30 minutes away by boat. The must-do's here are beaching it, snorkeling the coral reefs, inshore and offshore sportfishing, and eating in the quaint local restaurants. Seafood like lobster, burgers, and barbeque, as well as tacos, are on nearly every menu. Look out for local specialties like Rondon, a fish-based stew thick with root vegetables, and Pan de Coco or coconut bread. There are a couple of bungalow-style hotels for those who'd like to stay ashore. *littlecornisland.net*

Isla Bastimentos, Panama. One of the largest islands off the country's Caribbean coast, it's the mix of beach, reef, and jungle that makes this 24-square-mile-isle a trifecta to visit. Red Frog Beach is one of the prettiest, named for the namesake red frogs that live in the adjacent forest. IGY's Red Frog Marina is nearby, which makes it easy to visit the island. Polo Beach, to the north, is rimmed by a coral reef where the water is usually calm and perfect for snorkeling. Much of the island is designated as part of the Bastimentos Island National Park, where one of the cutest residents are three-toed sloths. www.tourismpanama.com





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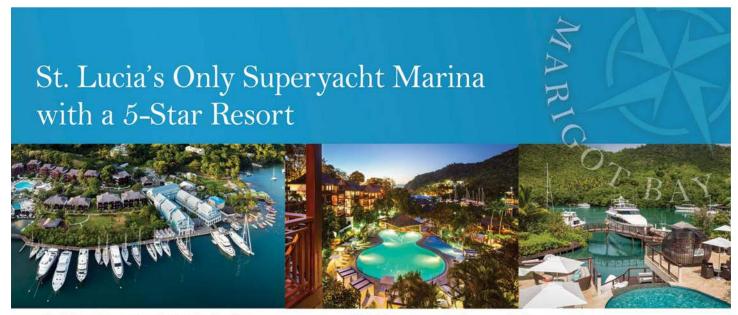


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he opportunity to crew aboard a hot race boat in the Caribbean sounds like a dream come true. Yet, for the owners of these often podium-placing vessels, as well as just about everyone with a yacht raring to race, finding crew, keeping crew, and doing so for a whole season, can be a challenge. Sage tips from some of the best sailors in the Caribbean can make the process of crew-finding easier. Plus, these tips are instructive for those who'd like to put themselves forward as crew.

"I am sure you have seen the rapid rise in popularity of either

double-handed race boats or the strong selling point for boats that can be handled by a minimal crew. Clearly finding and keeping good and consistent crew is a massive problem, and the more crew a boat needs to race successfully the bigger the problem," says Bernie Evan-Wong, who campaigns his Antiguabased Reichel-Pugh 37, TAZ, in over a half dozen regattas north and south in the Caribbean each winter and spring.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

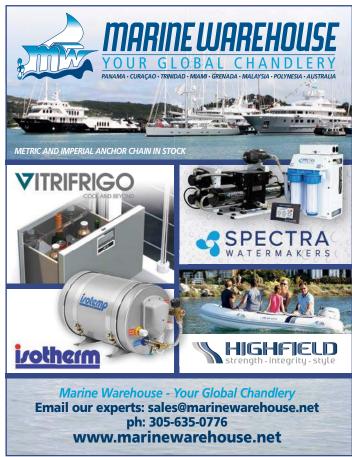
For many owners, the crew composition is a mix of family and friends. Said another way, potential crew should start



by signing on for small local regattas to get their face and skills known.

"I race with friends, Nathan my son, Mike Hirst, Mark Stephenson, and Candice Nichols," says the BVI's Chris Haycraft, who for many years raced and won aboard his Tortola, BVI-based Sirena 38, Pipedream, and now campaigns his Corsair 31, Ting Too.

The crew mix has evolved over the years for Barbados' Peter Lewis, who races several Caribbean regattas annually on







his J/122, Whistler. "It was originally family and friends but has moved to younger more professional members as people have aged. Versatility and youth, as those characteristics are what we are generally short on. Young female crew are especially reliable and competent. Our core team is an older bunch of guys that can't race all the regattas."

Lewis adds that he will usually pick up one or two crew members from regatta websites to fill out the team. Most major Caribbean regattas have a button on their website where interested crew can list their names and sailing resumes. Also, the popular results website, www.yachtscoring.com, has a Crew Board button on each regatta listing.

WORD OF MOUTH

Word of mouth from fellow sailors is the way many owners, like St. Thomas, USVI's Peter Corr, find crew. Corr, who for the past 4 to 5 years has raced his Summit 40, Blitz, which won Boat of the Year at the season's conclusion at Antigua Race Week last year, first raced his 82-foot sailing yacht Aiyana. When he bought Blitz, David Sampson from Sydney, Australia, oversaw the work and later helped Corr find crew.

"I also supplemented crew from very good racers at the St. Thomas Yacht Club," says Corr.

Experience, command of a position, the ability to help in other areas when things don't go as planned, the availability to race over many or most of the regattas in each season for continuity, and whether everyone gets along and gels well as a team are top items Corr looks for in a crew.

"My advice is to assess each crew as you get them and then train them into their position. Always try to race with maneuvers and sail configurations within the crew's capabilities otherwise it typically does end well," says TAZ's Evan-Wong. "One of the most important things about getting crew and keeping them is building a reputation for being a good skipper. So, treating your crew with respect, not shouting or abusing them, and keeping your cool in all situations is key."

Once you get crew, you must keep them happy, feed them, and provide all the basic amenities, Evan-Wong adds.

PRO'S & CON'S OF PROFESSIONALS

Some owners build their teams with amateur crew. Some of these folks are eager for the experience and pay their way, while in other situations the boat owner funds the crew's travel, food, and other expenses. Others opt to recruit professional crew to the team.



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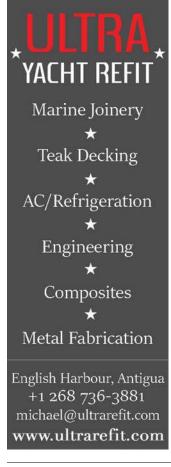
"There is a place for professionals. On some boats, it would be dangerous without them. It is their job to know how to make it work but also how to keep it safe and at that level, you must have hours/years of experience and that comes at a cost. Could we as a team learn more if we had professional help onboard? Yes, of course, but that is not what we go out there for. Yes, we want to learn. Yes, we want to do better. But the goalposts are big, and we enjoy how we do it," says *Ting Too*'s Haycraft.

Paid crew can provide a more dedicated and consistent team, *Whistler's* Lewis agrees. "The big drawback is that once you start paying for crew their salary is just the start of your expenses."

Blitz's Corr employs 4 to 5 professional sailors in his 10-crew team.

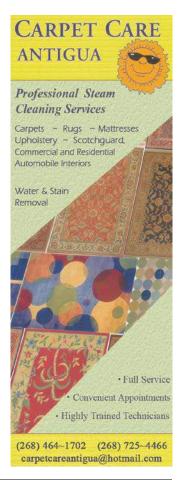
"Professionals are key to boat preparation, to pushing the boat as hard as possible but not having significant breaks on equipment, and to having fun on and off the water. It is a large commitment and getting any paid crew for almost two months is not easy. Also, you need to book people in very early in the season. Usually, I have this done in the spring and summer for the next year's races. It's crucial that paid crew can remain with the boat throughout the regatta season. That's the advantage. The disadvantage to the pros is cost," says Corr.

In the end, says *Ting Too's* Haycraft, "As long as you have some experience, a crew willing to learn/listen, and you can get a boat around a course, managing your expectations is key and setting realistic goals. If you are there to have fun, then sail safe and have all the fun in the world. The world needs more fun!"











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n 2019, we toured Papa's Pilar Distillery in Key West for an upcoming article. After the tour, we sat at the tasting table with our tour guide and the director of operation and marketing, sampling Papa's Pilar Blonde and their new limited edition Lost Cask Blonde, with only 700 bottles available. After just that tiny sample, we left with bottle number 240. For whatever reason, it's sat on our shelf until now.

The story behind The Lost Cask begins in one of Papa's Pilar warehouses. Staff had found three bourbon barrels of Papa Pilar's Blonde in a far corner. The markings on the barrel showed they had been resting there for three years. Master blender, Ron Call, took these barrels and blended the limited edition Lost Cask Blonde.

Our article about Papa's Pilar Blonde in September 2019

was very favorable, receiving 4.25 out of 5. The nose had a wonderful vanilla note that engulfed our senses. On the palate, the vanilla became buttery, bringing back memories of hard butterscotch candies we had as kids. The finish was smooth and satisfying. Further sips brought out hints of orange and even a bit of almond.

The Blonde is aged for one to seven years in Kentucky bourbon and sherry barrels, then blended using the solera method. It's unclear exactly how old the "Lost" barrels were, but judging by the richer color, the three extra years gave the rum more of a golden hue.

HE SAID

The characteristics of this rum remind me of a much older rum that requires my full attention. The nose is very earthy, with notes of leather, cherry tobacco, and a subtle hint of coconut husks. I like that the palate is not sweet, and the leather and cherry tobacco take the point. The coconut husks then blossoms on the finish giving me a long and satisfying warmth. The explosion of the finish makes me wonder if I missed anything on the nose or palate.

SHE SAID

There is an immediate bright aroma that hits my senses when Clint pours our samples. The golden liquid hugs the glass and leaves long, slow lacing. I stay with the nose for quite a while because it reminds me of something I can't pull up. I will agree with Clint on the earthy notes, but I'm leaning more toward almonds in their shell with a slight hint of butterscotch. At first, the liquid tingles my palate, leaving me hard-pressed to find any notes. The second sip allows the butterscotch and almond to come through. My finish is nothing to write home about. It lingers but leaves nothing to contemplate.

OVERALL

We had different opinions about Papa's Pilar Lost Cask Blonde. Clint enjoyed the rum from start to finish, while Terry was left wanting more. We wonder if sitting on the shelf changed the characteristics of the rum. We'll be happy to share with you to see what you think.

4.0 OUT OF 5



ABOUT CLINT AND TERRY: We have sampled many a dram over our 33 years of marriage and quite often we don't fully agree. Could be the difference is male/female taste buds. Or, somebody is just wrong.



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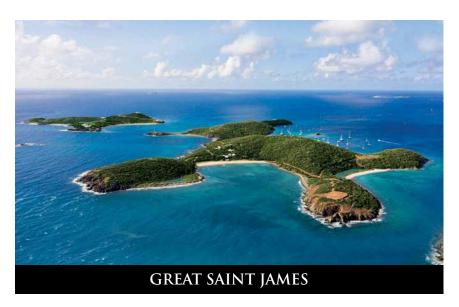
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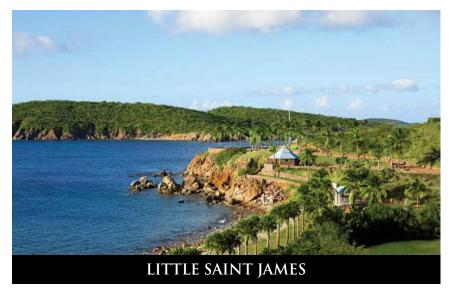
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Aruba	Varadero Caribe	12 32 N	70 02 W	297-588- 3850	8′	120′	45′	no limit	50/30 amp	8am- 5pm	60	•		•	•		•	•
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Tortola, BVI	Nanny Cay Hotel & Marina	18 25 0 N	64 37 0 W	(284) 494- 2512	11′	160′	45′	no limit	110v 30amp/220v 50amp/ 3phase 100 amp	7am- 6pm	70 4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tortola, BVI	Soper's Hole	18° 23″ 46′	-64° 41″ 53′	(284) 495- 3349	7′	65′	18' & 40'	no limit	110/220	8-5, Mon-Sat	45	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Curaçao	Curacao Marine	12' N	68' W	599 9 562- 8000	9′	120′	33′	193	110/220 380	8am- 5pm	60	•		•	•	•	•	•
La Romana, D.R.	IBC Shipyard	18° 23′ 55″ N	68° 53′ 55″ W	+809 449 3321/3323	12′	110′	26′	no limit	110/220 3 phase 100/50/30 amp	8-5 M-F	120	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grenada	Clarkes Court Boat- yard & Marina	12° 00.6′ N	061° 44.0′ W	473-439- 3939	11′	150′	37′	0	110/220; 50Hz	7:30am- 4:30pm	242	•	•	•	•		•	•
Grenada	Grenada Marine	12° 01:20	61° 40:42	00-1-473- 443-1667	12′	75′	31.5′	0	110/220	8-5, M-F; 8-12, Sat	70 4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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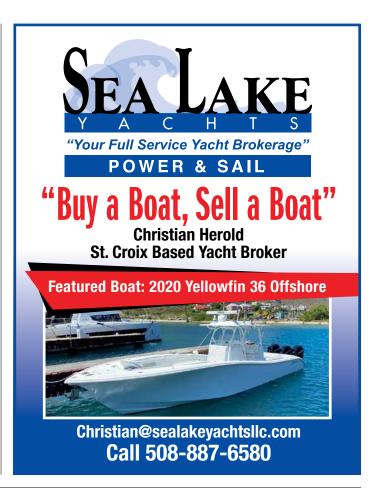
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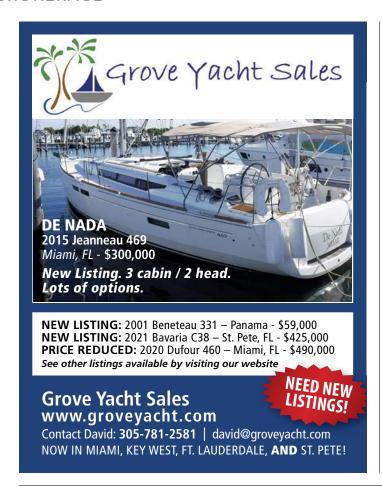
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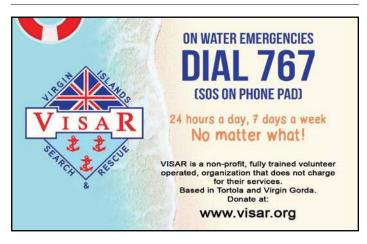














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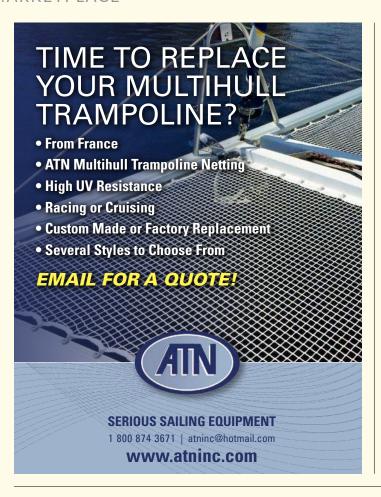






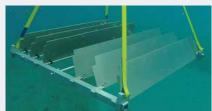


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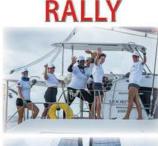




















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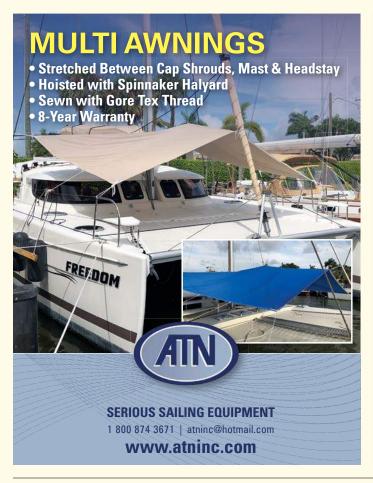
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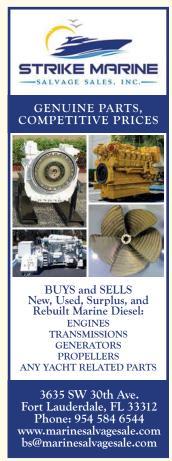
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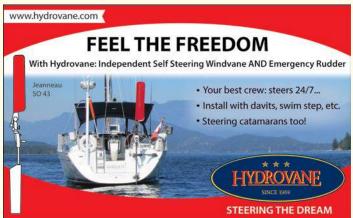
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1 tsp. vanilla

GARNISH: Fresh or frozen berries, thawed

In a medium pot, add milk and chia seeds. Stir and bring to a boil over medium-heat. Cook for about 3-5 minutes or until it thickens. Turn off heat and stir in monk fruit drops, vanilla, hemp seeds, cinnamon, cardamom, and salt. Transfer to serving bowls and top with your favorite berries.

BROCCOLI WITH CUMIN AND GARLIC

Prep time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 15 minutes. Serves: 4

2 Tbsp peanut oil 3 cloves garlic, minced 1/2 tsp ground turmeric ½ tsp mustard seeds ½ tsp cumin seeds 6 cups of fresh broccoli florets Pinch of asafoetida powder Pinch of salt Water (also known as Hing)

In a heavy-bottomed frying pan over medium heat. Add oil, mustard seeds; toast then while stirring. When they begin to pop like popcorn, add the cumin seeds and asafoetida. Stir, and as soon as the cumin seeds begin to darken visibly, add the garlic and turmeric. Stir again to incorporate the turmeric, then immediately add the broccoli and sprinkle with a little salt. Stir a few more times, to get the flavored oil all over the broccoli, then add a couple of tablespoons of water to the pan and loosely cover to allow broccoli to steam. When the broccoli is bright green and tender-crisp, lift the lid, turn the heat up to high and boil off any remaining water Stir one more time to get all of the garlic bits and spices on the broccoli and serve immediately, still piping hot.

NOTE: Hing - Asafoetida is an ingredient often used in vegetarian Indian cooking. It is also known to reduce bloating and other stomach problems. It contains certain constituents that have



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GUACAMOLE ON POTATO SKINS

Prep time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 1 hour 15 minutes. Serves: 4 - 8

1 medium yellow onion, diced 4 medium Russet potatoes Oil ½ cup salsa Pinches of sea salt ½ tsp sea salt

1/4 cup chopped cilantro

2 cloves garlic, minced

4 ripe avocados

POTATOES: Preheat oven to 425°F. Bake potatoes in oven for 45 minutes. Remove potatoes from oven (allow to cool a little). Turn oven to broiler (high). Slice potatoes lengthwise and spoon-out potatoes, leaving 1/4-inch remaining around sides of skins. Return potatoes to broiler, cut-side up, for 5 minutes. Turn over, and spray oil on bottom of skins and sprinkle with salt. Broil for about 10 minutes, flip over for another 5 minutes or until skins are nicely browned. Remove and stuff with guacamole!

GUACAMOLE: Mash avocados and mix together with garlic, onion, salsa, salt, and cilantro in a medium bowl.

NOTE: These are great to serve as a main course with a side salad, or just serve as a side dish. Enjoy!

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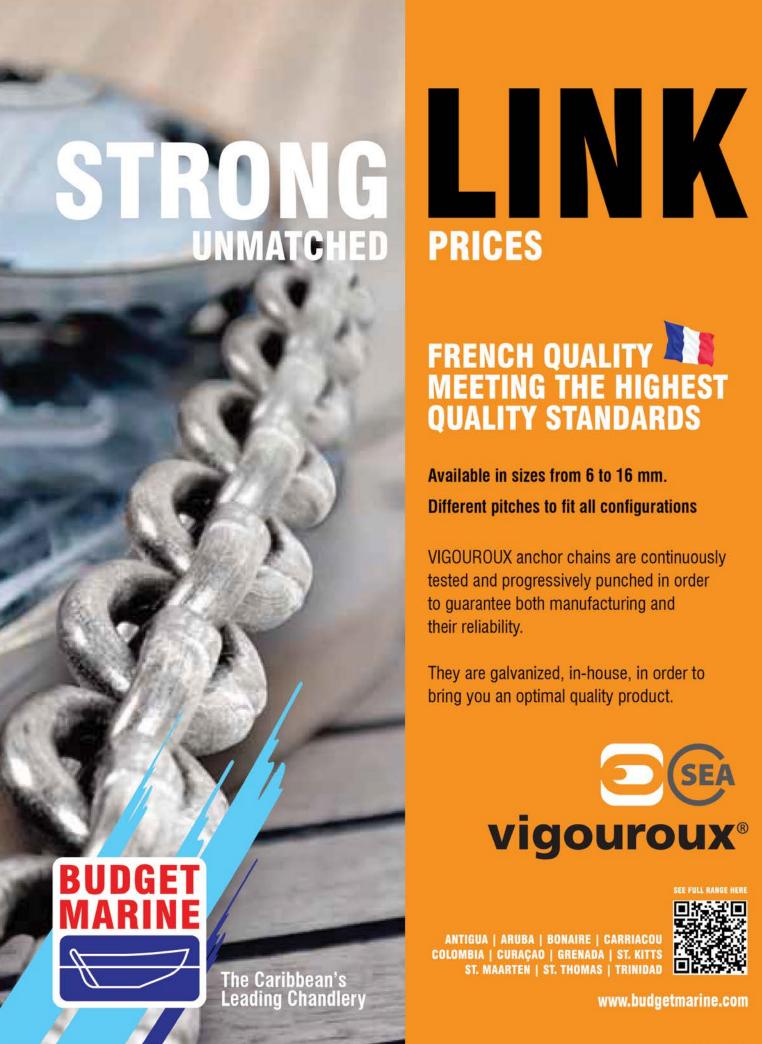
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