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## Caribbean News

### CAYAGO'S NEW SEABOB F9 - DRIVE A PORSCHE ON THE SEAS

Up your water toy game! The new Seabob F9 is now available. Introduced in January at the Düsseldorf International Boat Show, designers from Studio F. A. Porsche, in collaboration with the engineers at Cayago AG, have succeeded in equipping this unique watercraft with excellent driving characteristics thanks to its sleek, hydrodynamic shape. The technical performance data of the new Seabob 9 is impressive, with a thrust in the water measured in Thrust Performance of 60 TP. The Seabob F9 S boasts a Thrust Performance of 84 TP. This means this electrically-powered water sled can pull its pilots through the water at well over 12 miles per hour. The battery runtime can last up to 1 hour with sportive driving.

"The new Seabob F9 impresses with its very special driving characteristics, whether as a diving vehicle with unimagined agility in the wonderful underwater world of the Caribbean or especially as a unique surface vehicle," explains Peter Walpurgis, Cayago AG's chief executive officer. "Cruising on the water with the Seabob F9 is a special experience. The water enjoyably rushes over your whole body, thus creating a fascinating wellness experience. At just over 44 pounds, the Seabob F9 is easy

to handle. Yacht crew are pleased with how easily it is to move this powerful water toy aboard yachts and when driven in the water." seabob.com

#### PORT NIMARA - ANGUILLA'S FIRST MARINA SET TO OPEN IN EARLY 2027

It's official! Groundbreaking on Anguilla's first marina, Port Nimara, was announced in January. Since the turn of this century, there's been talk about constructing a marina at Forest Bay, a mile or so from the island's airport, or at the salt pond behind Sandy Ground. Instead, the 118-slip marina, set to accommodate vessels up to 260-foot LOA, will be strategically set between the Cap Juluca and Altamer estate on Anguilla's southwest shore. It's a prime location, less than 10 nautical miles from Marigot, St. Martin, and only 26 to Gustavia, St. Barth's. More than a marina, the comprehensive nautical project will also be home to a 62-key five-star hotel and 18 beachfront villas, potentially expanding to 18 upland villas and 45 residences.

"Our goal is to create a world-class maritime destination that not only respects Anguilla's natural beauty, but also propels the island into a new era of economic opportunity," says David Mizrahi, managing partner of the development and chief executive officer of SF Investments, part of the SF Group, a leading international marina construction and development company based in Sweden.

Port Nimara is being developed as a joint venture with TEI Inc., a New York-based development group owned by Francis Greenburger, and Antillean Development LLC, an Anguillanbased developer under the lead of George A. Fraser.

Constructed by U.S.-based Consigli in cooperation with SF Marina, Port Nimara will feature a premium yacht club, advanced customs and immigration services, a waterfront promenade, sophisticated security systems, and comprehensive maintenance services.

Complementing the marina development, Anguilla's airport will undergo a significant expansion, including a runway extension to 7,800 feet to allow for all sizes of private jets, as well as commercial planes that can make direct flights from major destination hubs in the U.S. and a world-class VIP FBO terminal.

Port Nimara's marina is projected to open in early 2027, with the beachfront villas and hotel to follow in early 2028. portnimara.com



#### **USAID LAUNCHES REGIONAL PROGRAM TO** PROMOTE MARINE BIODIVERSITY IN THE **CARIBBEAN REGION**

Marine and coastal ecosystems in the Caribbean are critical for the region's local livelihoods and economic development, particularly for the tourism sector. In 2021, the travel and tourism sector contributed over \$39 billion to the region's GDP. The impacts of human economic activities like pollution, waste generation, and unsustainable fishing practices threaten the health and beauty of marine and coastal ecosystems. As a result,





the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the USAID Caribbean Sustainable Ecosystems Activity last October. This regional program, based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, aims to reduce threats to marine biodiversity in the region by three objectives: improved management of marine protected areas, improved solid waste management, and increased sustainability of fisheries.

This five-year program, active until January 2029, is working with local communities and the private sector to identify priority areas and blue economy initiatives to be supported across 13 countries of implementation. These countries include Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago. Examples of types of initiatives to be supported include the designation of protection zones for marine mammals and sea turtles, investments in improved solid waste management systems, and working with fishers to help them meet large-scale tourism actor procurement requirements. www.usaid.gov

#### ANTIGUA CRUISING RALLY ADDED TO **2025 ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK**

Racers and ralliers both have a place at Antigua Sailing Week (ASW), set for April 27-May 2, 2025. The Antigua Cruising



Rally, a 7-day leisurely point-to-point sail, will take place on the same dates and be an event within ASW's program.

"Organizers expressed their commitment to inclusivity and innovation, ensuring there is something for every type of sailor in 2025," says Alison Sly-Adams, ASW president. "We are excited to welcome cruisers to join the ASW family through this new rally. This event is about embracing the joy of sailing and creating unforgettable memories while celebrating the island's incredible beauty."

Designed for sailors who prefer relaxed adventures over competitive racing, participants will embark on a carefully curated sailing journey around Antiqua, experiencing the pristine coastlines, white sandy beaches, and secluded

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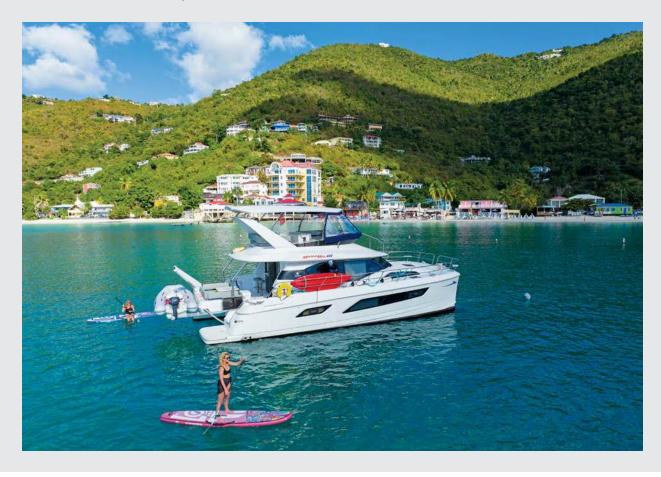
This Award is based on reviews and ratings from real travelers around the globe. It emphasizes outstanding hospitality and customer satisfaction. MarineMax Vacations' fleet of premium power catamarans, unparalleled support services, and commitment to sustainable tourism have made it a favorite among travelers seeking an exceptional boating experience.

"We are incredibly honored to receive the 2024 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award," said Raul Bermudez, vice president of MarineMax Vacations. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our entire team and the trust our customers place in us to create life-

changing memories. We thank our guests for their glowing reviews and ongoing support."

In 2025, Bermudez says, "We are expanding our staff with highly trained team members, adding the all-new Aquila 50 power catamaran, updating our entire dinghy fleet, and adding additional all-inclusive crewed options with captains and/or culinary chefs aboard."

Are there plans for MarineMax Vacations to expand in the Caribbean beyond its Nanny Cay Marina, Tortola, BVI location? "It is very tough to find all the amazing experiences the BVI offers anywhere else in the Caribbean. We would welcome a partnership with a local operator on other islands that may have figured out how to deliver high quality, reliable charters and offer amazing experiences, as we have in the BVI. We have not found it yet but believe somewhere they exist, waiting for us to discover," says Bermudez. www.marinemaxvacations.com



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John Gaillard

anchorages. Starting and ending in Falmouth and English Harbours, the week will include three beach stop-offs around the island. To ensure crews don't miss out on the midweek fun, there will be a return to Falmouth Harbour to provide access to Reggae in the Park and Lay Day. The week will be a fantastic mix of blue water sailing, laid-back limes, and celebrations.

Registration for the Atlantic Cruising Rally is open at www. yachtscoring.com/emenu/16966. The Latest entry is 6 pm, Wednesday, April 23, 2025. sailingweek.com

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"Although this new battery surpasses our existing 3100T in all cranking capabilities, it shares the identical case size. This is a significant benefit as there is no need to change the size of the existing battery box," says Andrew Finkelstein, sales manager at the San Dimas, California-headquartered company that manufactures batteries for the marine, RV, and military vehicle sectors. The batteries are Coast Guard-approved.

As for why its batteries are great for Caribbean boaters, Finkelstein adds, "It's the longevity that our batteries deliver despite the harsh temperatures. Those boaters who are mainly on the hook and do not charge batteries 100% often



enough can still equalize or condition charge our batteries to recover lost capacity. We are the only AGM battery that can be equalized or condition charged."

Lifeline's new battery has a maximum pulse crank rating of 2150amps. The

marine industry standard ratings are 68 degrees = 1580amps, 32 degrees = 1400amps, and 0 degrees = 1175amps. The 3100HC has a 100amp/hr battery and delivers an impressive 230 minutes at a 25amp draw. This battery allows boaters to significantly increase their vessels' cranking capabilities without changing battery hold dimensions. It is also a direct replacement for 31 case-size thruster and windless applications. lifelinebatteries.com



#### TION ANNOUNCES NEW MEASURE-**MENT APPOINTMENTS IN ANTIGUA**

Welcome to Sam Masterman and John Gaillard! The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA)

is pleased to announce the appointment of both men as new junior measurers, to support the measurement team in Antigua. The CSA has a network of measurers spanning the Caribbean. As some of the organization's experienced measurers age out, the CSA is committed to training local talent to step into these vital positions. Sandy Mair, a measurer in Antigua for more than 40 years, has been instrumental in mentoring and equipping the next generation of measurers

"Masterman and Gaillard will be taking on their new responsibilities in the coming months, working closely with our existing experienced measurement team in Antigua to ensure a smooth transition," says Bastien Pouthier, CSA president.

with the training and skills needed to take on the role.

Masterman is a previous British-born superyacht captain with a degree in yacht design who now resides in Antigua and works with Woodstock Boatbuilders as a project manager. Gaillard, St. Lucian born and an Antiquan National has a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and assisted IODA as the measurement team for the Optimist Worlds and regional championships and has now advanced to big boat measuring. He has been working in the Marine Industry for 20 years.

This season, boat owners racing in the Caribbean can find the updated rules online at www.Caribbean-Sailing.com. Boats wishing to apply for measurement can do so via the online application and payment process here: www. caribbean-sailing.com/apply-for-measurement/. The CSA measurement team will promptly reach out to coordinate the necessary arrangements after receipt of the completed online application and payment.



## March 2025 Events

#### MARCH 1-2 | Westerhall White Jack Workboat Regatta.

Known also as the Grenada Work Boat Regatta, races start Le-Mans-style off Grand Anse Beach. The event recognizes the two-century-plus tradition of wooden boat building in Grenada and its sister islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique. "For 2025, we plan to keep the time-honored sloop and catfish classes and bring back other categories too that have been lost," says Raisa Pierre, event organizer. "On shore, we will offer games, activities, and entertainment, like tug of war, corn hole, giant Connect 4, Jenga, dominoes, and more, for all ages." Workboats in Gouyave, Sateaurs, and Woburn still need repairs from Hurricane Beryl damage. Pierre invites the corporate community to help, with the opportunity to brand the boat with the businesses' logos. Contact: Repierre16@ hotmail.com, www.facebook.com/WorkboatRegatta/

#### MARCH 1-4 | Schoelcher International Nautical Week.

Martinique's Carnival Week coincides with the 33rd edition of this dynamic dinghy regatta for local, Caribbean, Americas, and European sailors alike. Hosted by the Nautic Club of Schoelcher (CNS), sailors are invited to register in Optimist, ILCA4, ILCA6, ILCA7, Bic Techno 293, Surprise, Windfoil, Wing Foil, and HC15 classes. The two race areas will be



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between the Pointe des Nègres and downtown Schoelcher. www.cnschoelcher.net

#### MARCH 5-9 | Superyacht Challenge Antigua (SYCA).

Maximus, a 194-foot Vitters-built sailing yacht, won the 2024 Superyacht Cup Palma and is one of a dozen entries expected to compete in Antigua this year. Adela, the 182-foot Dykstra schooner, took home the Gosnell Trophy last year and will return. "For 2025, we are hosting four days of racing with the option of a round Antigua race if the conditions are right,"

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says Paul Deeth, who heads the SYCA committee. The paddleboard competition will be back after racing on Friday the 7th. superyachtchallengeantigua.com



MARCH 6-9 | St. Maarten Heineken Regatta. From world-champion French ocean racer, Jean-Pierre Dick helming the Swan 78, La Loevie, to St. Maarten's own multi-regatta winner, Frits Bus, skippering his Melges 24, Team Island Water World, there will be plenty of 'Serious Fun' in this 45th addition. The Heineken looks ready to defend its 2024 Largest Regatta in the Caribbean title with teams, as of the end of January, representing over 15 countries, including the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Netherlands, France, Poland, Puerto Rico, Antigua, and the Dominican Republic. www. heinekenregatta.com

MARCH 7-9 | 26th Dark & Stormy Regatta. Hosted by the BVI's West End Yacht Club, this weekend-long event features a race that departs from Trellis Bay, Beef Island, to Anegada. There's a layday packed with beach games and fun, and then a pursuit race back to West End, Tortola, and





an Awards Ceremony. In past years, competitors included everything from an IC24 to a Santa Cruz 70 and traditional steel gaff-rigged ketch. www.westendyachtclubbvi.com

MARCH 13-15 | St. Barth's Bucket Regatta. This iconic eye-candy of a regatta welcomes the world's most elegant superyachts. Registered to race are a trio of 184' Holland-designed, Perini Navi-built sailing yachts — Burrasca, Panthalassa, and Rosehearty. Newest among the entries is SY Liberty Squared, a 105' Farr-design, Southern Wind 2024 build. "The Corinthian Spirit Class racing, which featured 11 entries in two classes last year, will again be a non-spinnaker competition," says Jeanne Kleene, event manager. "The 90-foot class will return, and a 100-foot Racing Class will debut in 2025. This class will feature performance-oriented 100' sloops that do not fit the SYRA's 'cruising superyacht' criteria. This class will have a 4th day of windward/leeward racing on the 12th." bucketregatta.com

MARCH 13-15 | 2025 SSCA Bahamas Gathering: Over 100 cruising yachts are expected to drop anchor at Black Point, Exumas, for this 4th annual sea and shore social of visitors and locals alike. The event is sponsored and supported by

the SSCA yet is open to all boaters, invites the SSCA's Joni Thomas. "All activities are organized and hosted by Lorraine Rolle, SSCA Cruising Station Host and Owner of Lorraine's Café and High Tide Café, located at Black Point. Festivities include food, drink, DJs and live bands on the beach, fire dancing, water sports, beach games, plaiting (straw weaving) demonstration, Bahamian sloop racing, and a Junkanoo Rush." A Black Point VHF CH 68 Cruisers Net will begin March 6th at 0815, welcoming boaters, highlighting the upcoming events, offering local knowledge, and much more. www.ssca.org

MARCH 27-30 | Round the Rocks Race & St. Thomas International Regatta (STIR). Tune up for three days of hot round-the-islands and round-the-buoys racing on March 27th with a circumnavigation Round the Rocks of neighboring St. John. Then, on the 28th-30th, set sail in STIR. New this year, STIR is the first leg of the VX One Caribbean Championships, and it's the Caribbean Championship for the one-design IC24 class. Everyone is invited! CSA (Caribbean Sailing Association-handicap rule), racing, cruising, and bareboat classes; ORC; Large Multihulls; Hobie Waves; and One-Design classes with a minimum length of 19 feet are welcome to enter. stthomasinternationalregatta.com



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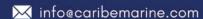


MARCH 31-APRIL 6 | BVI Spring Regatta (BVISR) & Sailing Festival. It's a week of exciting racing that brings sailors from both sides of the pond and throughout the Caribbean to this half-century-plus annual event. New this year is a Fun Class, says regatta director, Cayley Smit. "This group is the last to start in the morning, with a time to pass the stern of the committee boat rather than a starting sequence. Ratings will be adjusted daily. On land, we will continue with our new cultural corner, celebrating the art and culture of the British Virgin Islands. We will also incorporate more family and kid's activities and an open mic band evening for everyone to enjoy the village before the awards." The BVISR is the final leg of the VX One Caribbean Championship and Caribbean Maxi Multihull Series. bvispringregatta.org

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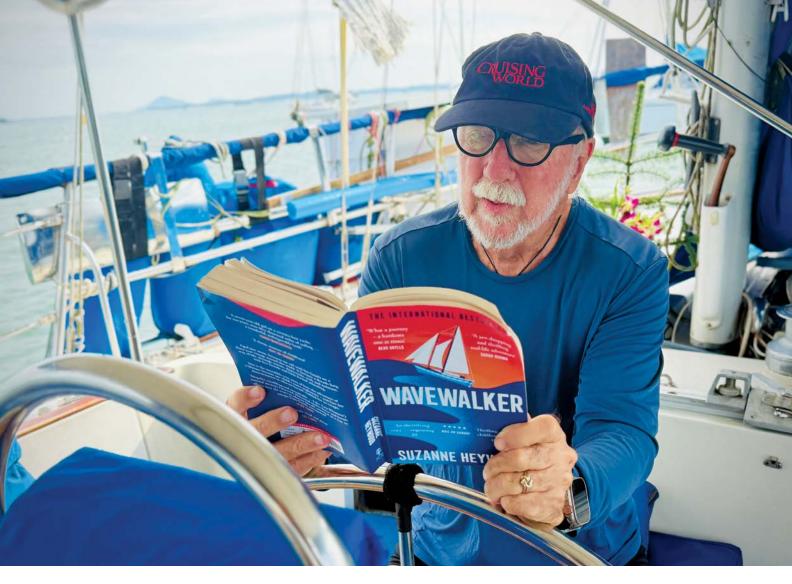
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## On Books, Boats, and Bilge Rats

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don't normally do book reviews—especially of 'mommy dearest' style tell-alls or books that, however benignly, attempt to shine a spotlight into the dark corners of raising a child aboard. In fact, a large part of my personal and professional life has been singing the praises of liveaboard families.

A dozen years ago, I enthusiastically penned the introduction to a book called *Voyaging with Kids* (A Guide to Family Life Afloat). Many of my articles and in-person seminars are as much about the love, respect, and admiration I have for my wife Carolyn and our child Roma Orion—as the boring mechanics of cruising offshore.

Yet I found Suzanne Heywood's Wavewalker highly intriguing. Why? Because I, too, had been raised aboard. Because I'm on my 65th year of living aboard—55 of those with my loving wife Carolyn. Because our grandkids and foster grandchildren currently sail with us nearly every other weekend. And finally, because we raised our beloved daughter Roma Orion aboard for the first 18 years of her life.

Sailing isn't just an occasional hobby with me—sailing is my life. And I've experienced much joy as a liveaboard child, teenager, adult, circumnavigator, marine scribe, husband, father, retiree, and grandfather.

Thus, the subject of kids and boats is one that is extremely dear to my heart—something I feel passionate about.

But times change. In the '50s when I grew up there were very few liveaboards, fewer families, and almost no children. I used to report with pride that I'd never met a boater who was a thief—no longer. I also used to believe that raising a kid aboard (except a posh teenager unwillingly yanked from their peer group) was all positive.

Not true-well, not in all cases. There was a party-hearty, rum-gulping, ganja-sucking cruising couple in Vieques, who raised two 'wild child' kids aboard an old wooden yawl-up to the point where one drowned off the bow and, 18 months later, the other was discovered dead on the bottom, directly under the transom. But what are you gonna do, right? Sh\*t happens. What's the option except to take another swig of 151, shake your head ruefully, and forgitaboutit already?

There was also a good ole boy in St. Croix who considered himself a bit of a marksman. For amusement while drunk, he used to toss his wife in the harbor and take potshots at her—seeing how close he could come. When I confronted him and implied that this game might not be considered PCappropriate, he seemed confused.

"Damn, Fatty," he said. "I don't shoot her; I just shoot around her. Maybe you should mind your own business?"

Or the crackhead guy who progressed from sleeping in dinghies, to sleeping aboard unattended yachts. Then he got a tad too ambitious by deciding to open a floating whorehouse—about 25 feet in front of my forehatch. When I complained, he circled my vessel (with my wife and child cowering inside) informing us that he'd soon sink our vessel when we were ashore; if not today, tomorrow. (Luckily this ended well—someone killed the guy before I was forced to, thank you Lord!"

My point is that once upon a time boaters were special—a rare breed of gentle adventurers. No more. Especially now, with many of the 'van life' folks who are tired of hearing The Knock, deciding to stretch their sea legs.

How do I get off on these tangents?

Let's begin again: I'm a writer and nearly all writers like to read. I read for hours each day, and last week I read a book entitled Wavewalker by Suzanne Heywood. She spent ten years (and 50,000 nautical miles) of her youth as a liveaboard child—nearly the entire time plotting her escape. Not only







did she feel trapped aboard the boat and confined by the constant foreign travel—she also was deprived of the one thing she wanted above all else—an education.

Her parents couldn't have cared less. Their focus was the horizon, not their complaining child.

Eventually Suzanne convinced her parents to allow her (spasmodically) to study via a correspondence course. Only they wouldn't sail to the pick-up/drop-off mail ports, often complained of the postage, and were horrified when her schoolwork interfered with her boat work.

Regardless, our life stories as 'boat kids' are so parallel and so bloody similar—despite our different circumstances, opposite objectives and contrary conclusions.

Her goal was to become a respected member of society—to get a PhD, to work for an international company, to have a brood of landlocked children, and to pen a fascinating book that would (deservedly) appear on various bestseller lists. (I highly recommend the book—it's a fine read—and about as opposite to my Chasing the Horizon as could be.)

She succeeds at her literary endeavor by chronicling her dreary childhood of being "...trapped in someone else's dream."

I, on the other hand, desired to not be trapped ashore—to never subjugate my will for the will of others nor for the cheap opiate of the Yankee dollar. I felt that not having to attend school was a wonderful bonus of the cruising lifestyle! My entire life has been, rightly or wrongly, in two modes —1. preparing to go to sea and 2. being at sea.

I rejected dirt-dwelling—with just as much passion as Suzanne embraced it.

Yet here we are—both happy, (somewhat) well-adjusted adults with loving families that took the same watery road to achieve almost diametrically opposite existences.

Even stranger, I'm impressed by some of her father's achievements—by the very same traits that horrified her.

No, he couldn't swim—yes, he managed to sail 50,000 miles to windward on a wholly unsuitable, high-maintenance vessel that required additional crew—constantly figuring out



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He chartered. He landscaped. He lectured. He exploited James Cook—and solicited funds in his name. He banged nails and told lies and broke promises and skipped out on loans—whatever it took. His weirdest trick was to toss long-term charter guests (who offended) ashore without returning their money—surely not charter-yacht-industry-approved behavior.

I'm not *condoning* any of this—only saying I understand the pressure the father was experiencing.

Suzanne's mother was a different kettle of fish. She wavered

between *slightly* disliking her daughter—and *really* disliking her. And she had a tart tongue. One of few things her parents agreed upon was Suzanne's selfishness, especially when it came to schoolwork.

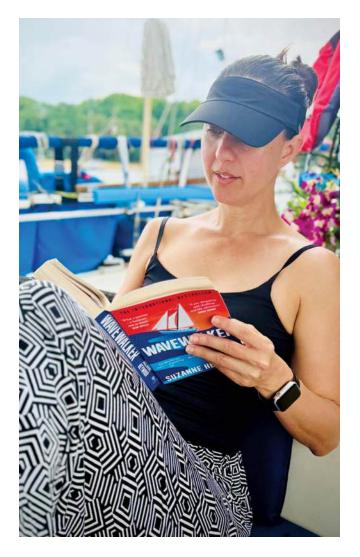
"Don't be so selfish—there are other people aboard this vessel, not just you!" was the mantra of the two people who made 100% of the decisions in Suzanne's difficult life.

There's a touch of Cinderella in the book. Her wicked stepmother is constantly demanding Suzanne fetch this, do that, and find this... while all Suzanne wants to do is study and/or escape... which is viewed by the powers-that-be as mere laziness. Worse, when Suzanne regularly awakes in terror from the PTSD dream of The Wave that almost killed them all in the middle of the Indian Ocean—she gets no sympathy, only cold instructions she refocus on her varnish brush.

...there's a lot of 'stiff upper lip' in this quintessentially British missive.

But the sections that touched me deepest were about a bewildered girl who constantly meets other children ashore... children with every-single-thing she so desperately craves... just long enough to be ripped from them, tossed back aboard, and forced to cross yet another scary ocean.

During one terrifying incident while visiting an orphanage, she doddles while leaving her newfound girlfriends. So, father, mother, brother, and ship sail away for a few days to teach her a lesson. And it does. She learns despair. And she realizes that both possibilities will be equally difficult—they will return or they won't.



What does Leo Tolstoy say about 'each family being unhappy in their own unique way?'

Another plot twist rears its head late in her detailed missive. After getting her PhD from Oxford, years after the forlorn Wavewalker is wrecked on a lonely reef and left for dead, Suzanne returns to the Pacific to stoically search for the boat's bones and her own watery roots.

She returns to the scene of the crime.

Curious. And more than a little telling.

She ends up with Wavewalker's compass—a sacred totem to steer her through the rest of her uncharted life.

I, too, have life-long recurring nightmares of Elizabeththat some good Samaritan reading this publication has purchased her and hauled her out... and now expects me to stop my life to rebuild her yet again; endlessly and to little purpose.

No thanks.

Suzanne's book is thought-provoking, which is high praise indeed. It dredged up memories I'd prefer to forget—that I had conveniently forgotten. Plus, I read it at the same time as my daughter Roma Orion—both of us seeing both the positives and negatives of our own family experience reflected in Suzanne's tear-stained pages.

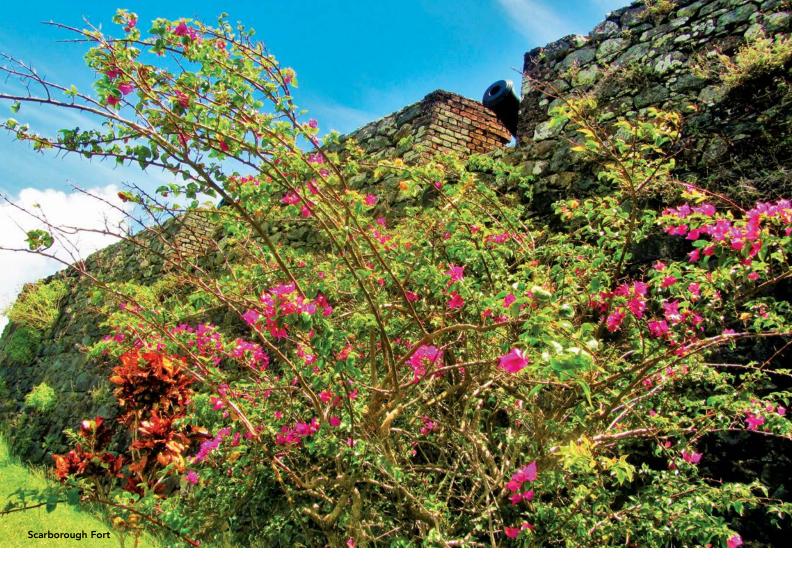
Suzanne is to be commended for being so revealing—both intentionally and not.

Roma thinks that Suzanne's problem wasn't so much with living aboard as with being forever transient, especially with parents who seemed to rub people the wrong way. And how funny it was that they clashed within minutes of setting out on a ten-year journey. And how the parents always professed to be following James Cook's route—while almost never doing so.

But Roma's favorite part of the book was when the overplayed Bob Dylan tape is thrown overboard—YES!

Ed Balls of the Mail on Sunday calls the book, "Thrilling! An epic childhood journey." Other reviews gush with, "An electrifying story" and "...hardcore at times" and "A jawdropping real-life adventure."

I agree—and I hope that you, dear reader, will as well.



## Tobago Uncovered: 10 Must-Visit Spots on This Hidden Caribbean Gem

BY CAPT. SHANE McCLELLAN

obago is one of the lesser visited islands of the Eastern Caribbean and gets more Trinidadians vacationing there than outsiders, but the rest of the world is missing out. As a boater the bad news is the island runs from the southwest to the northeast and only has three good anchorages with other possible ones based on the weather. The east side of the island is home to the oldest protected rain forest in the Western Hemisphere and the west side has most of the beaches. Getting around the island is super easy since there is a ring road with a couple roads going across the island. With all that said, let's dive into my top ten for the island of Tobago.



Scarborough - While this is the main town of the island, there's not a whole lot of interest besides Fort St George which is well worth a visit. This fort was built to help protect the island, but since it did pass between the Spanish,

French, and English over the years I am not sure how successful you can call it. Besides the great fort there is a great museum and the view over the city is wonderful. Another stop you should definitely make is the botanical garden, as it is a relaxing walk among native and non-native plants. Of course I could not, not mention a great ice cream shop if there is one and B's Homemade Ice Cream definitely fits the bill.

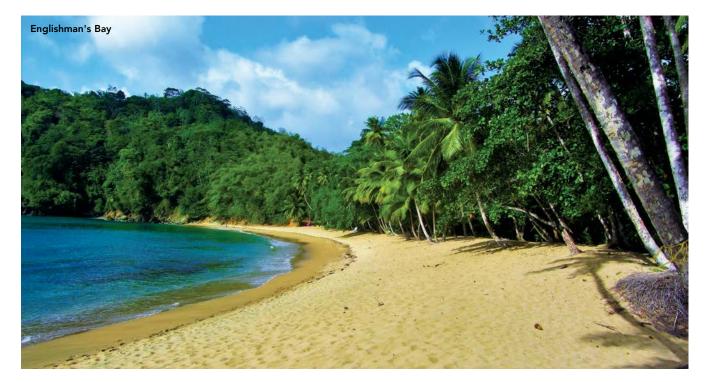


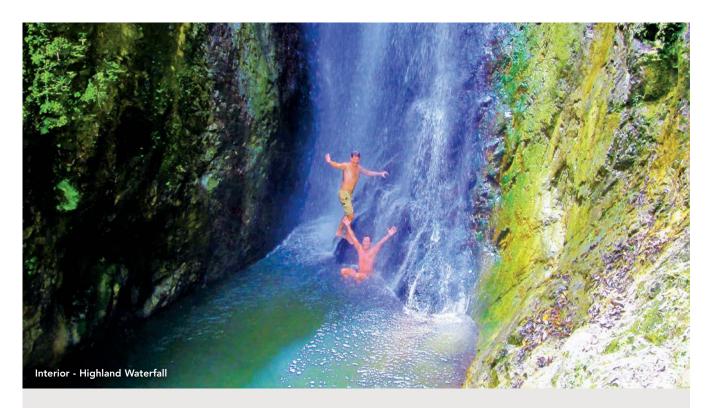
Crown Point - This is the southwest end of the island and is the location of the airport and where most of the tourists stay. For boaters, Store Bay gives you the best anchorage opportunity on the entire island and Store Bay Beach and Pigeon Point are quite popular. Fort Milford is a small little fort used to protect this anchorage from invaders and is kind of cool to check out. The local pier seems to make it into every travel brochure for Trinidad and Tobago.

Charlotteville - At the other end of the island, on the O northeast point, is a great little community that feels cut off from the rest of the island since you have to go over the hills and drop down into it. Man O War Bay is a decent anchorage and you will find everything you need here, but in limited quantity. The pier and beach are nice places to hang out as you take it easy in this little community that feels as if the rest of the world left it behind.

Englishman's Bay – Tobago has quite a few beaches to choose from, but my favorite was Englishman's Bay. The water is fantastic and the sand is delightful, but what I enjoy the most was the rope swing off the bar's deck and the small creek behind the beach. The best part is that this particular beach wasn't that crowded and you definitely could have your own space here.







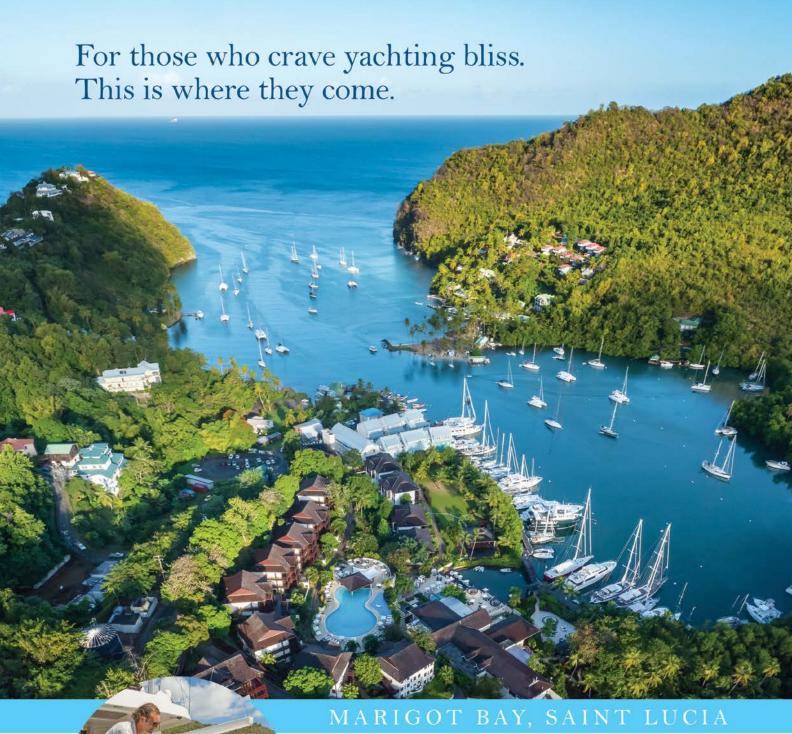
The interior - While the beaches get most of the attention on an island, the interior of Tobago is well worth 6 exploring. My second favorite waterfall on the island, Highland Waterfall, was a great hike and a wonderful dip into a small canyon. The Hillborough dam was interesting as was the lake behind it and you can usually find locals with their small, caged birds hanging out up here taking in the fresh air. I also really enjoyed exploring Nutmeg Grove, although it was difficult to find. This is an old plantation ruins that had the remains of a watermill I found interesting and photogenic.

Little Tobago Island - A mile off the northeast coast is a small island that has been turned into a protective bird sanctuary. The only way on the island is to have one of the locals at Speyside take you across by boat, but it's worth it. There are some wonderful hiking trails here and the birds truly are spectacular.





Genesis Nature Park - Halfway along the east coast, my buddy and I found an unexpected gem when we visited Genesis Nature Park. This is essentially a local's backyard that is absolutely spectacular. He enthusiastically showed us parrots, cayman, a pick pocketing monkey, tortoises, and so much more. He even had a baby pig that we were able to help bottle feed. We had so much fun here.





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3 Swiss Family Robinson sites - The 1960 Disney live action movie was filmed on Tobago. While the amazing treehouse did not make it past a hurricane in 1965, I still found it a lot of fun to visit the couple of beaches, waterfall (that happens to be a town's water source), and hill (where they fought the pirates) that they filmed the movie. Given how long ago the movie was, a lot of people don't realize it was filmed here but it is a lot of fun to find the various sites.

2 Buccoo Reef - You can't visit the Caribbean without snorkeling a reef or two and this reef is spectacular. It sits just north of the southwest end of the island off of Pigeon Point and has lots of great coral heads to snorkel and is protected by a barrier reef. In the middle is a chest deep area of white sand that people like to hang out at and it's called Nylon Pool. Also, around Pigeon Point you will find Bon Accord Lagoon and a



spit of land called No Man's Land where boats love to beach so people can get out to party.

Argyle Waterfall - My favorite spot on Tobago was definitely Argyle Waterfall. This is a multi-step waterfall and my buddy and I had a blast going from level to level. We were told there's something like 30 plus small waterfalls making up this whole site and the best way to visit is to go from the top and work your way down, but we did it from the bottom and made it halfway up. It is just such a great activity and a fun way to be in the water.



I hope my top 10 of Tobago has perked your interest to check it out. Trust me, if you make it here you will not be disappointed.

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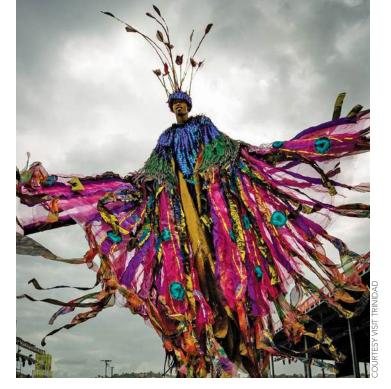


## Party Like a Local: 6 Caribbean Carnivals Not to Miss!

BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER

t's always Carnival time somewhere in the Caribbean. This lively celebration, rooted in African culture, is a festive multi-day mix of music, dance, food and drink, king and queen and calypso competitions, parades with elaborate costumes and floats, and much more. Each Caribbean island celebrates in its own time and with signature variations on the theme that set this fete apart from its neighbors. Here's a sampling of 6 Caribbean carnivals not to miss:







#### **MARCH 3-4:**

#### **Trinidad & Tobago Carnival**

French settlers introduced the Fat Tuesday masquerade tradition here in the late 18th century. Hence, this southernmost two-island Caribbean nation's celebration is the grand-daddy of them all, known as the 'Greatest Show on Earth.' Since it happens early in the year, calypsonians and costume makers from other islands will visit to see the year's hot Carnival trends to carry over to their own festivities. Calypso and steel drums both came from Trinidad & Tobago. The best comes last when the two-day grand-style street parade in Port of Spain culminates the merry-making. ncctt.org

#### **APRIL 26-MAY 3:**

#### St. Thomas Carnival

Queen and Princess pageants, Calypso Monarch competitions, and Pan-O-Rama, from early to mid-April, lead up to the last week of the month, where there are free nightly musical performances in the Carnival Village in Charlotte Amalie. This week also plays host to the Food Fair, where nearly 100 vendors offer Virgin Islands food and drink delicacies, plus Carnival Boat Races in the harbor and two days of Children's and Adult's parades with costumed troupes, floupes (troupes with a float), steel pan bands and stilt-walking Mocko Jumbies. www.visitusvi.com/events/st-thomas-carnival/







#### JULY 2-9: Vincy Mas

Also known as the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Carnival, the crescendo of fun hits its peak in the last two days, and it is called J'ouvert and Mardi Gras. J'ouvert, meaning 'daybreak,' features revelers decked out in colorful paint and powder greet the sunrise with soca and steel pan music. J'ouvert is also a T-shirt Mas, where it's easy to dress in a creative T, dinghy in, and dance through the streets. For Mardi Gras, there are parades, street parties, and performances all centered on Kingston's streets. Before this, there's a day designated for T-shirt Mas, vincymas.vc/vincymas-2025/

#### **JULY 30-AUGUST 5:**

#### **Barbados Crop Over Carnival**

Once a gathering to mark the end of sugar cane season on the island, there are street parties, king and queen pageants, local foods, arts and crafts, art exhibitions, and concerts today. The highlight is the Grand Kadooment Day parade, with masquerade bands and local and visiting merrymakers parading through the streets of St. Michaels from the National Stadium to the Mighty Grynner Highway. Pop singer and Bajannative, Rihanna, is often in attendance. www. visitbarbados.org/grand-kadooment



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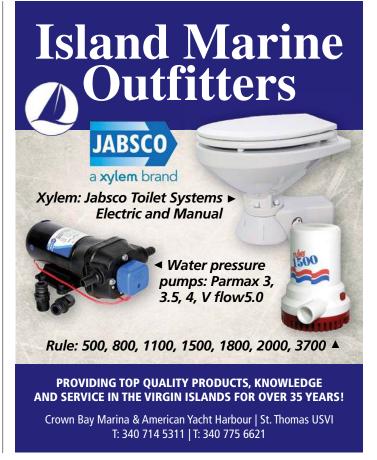
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## Errol Flynn Marina & Boatyard

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rrol Flynn Marina & Boatyard is located on the northeast coast of Jamaica. The facility encompasses the entire West Harbour and features a Marina complex, Boatyard and Cruise Ship Terminal. The marina has 32 Fixed dockage slips and 22 mooring balls while the boatyard is equipped with a Travel lift machine and a fuel facility which sells Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel and Gasoline.

The boatyard facility has been opened since November 2004. Its' 100 tonne Marine Travel lift is capable of hauling vessels with a maximum width of 22.5 feet and draught of 13 feet. Amenities at the boatyard include metered fresh water connection, 110 Volts and 220 Volts electrical connections, free WIFI and free showers. Boaters may choose to do the work themselves or make a choice from a list of competent independent contractors recommended by the facility. Repair and maintenance services, including high pressure cleaning, scraping, barrier coating, gel coating, fibre glass repair and replacement, shaft straightening, and propeller repair may be performed/accessed at the boatyard. Laundry facilities, Swimming Pool, Restaurant and Bar are located across the harbour at the Marina complex.

We value the safety of our customers and their assets. As such the property has 24-hour manned security and CCTV Cameras. Customs, Immigration and Quarantine/health clearance is done at the in-water berth on arrival of vessels from foreign ports into Jamaica.

The boatyard is equipped with hurricane tie-down facility that is made of cement and steel underground structure 3 ½ feet depth \* 2 ½ feet width with ¾ steel rings/hooks on the surface. Boaters are required to provide their own straps. There have been numerous hurricanes that have passed over Jamaica with no damage to any boats at our boatyard or marina giving it the distinction of being one of the safest locations in the Caribbean to store your vessel during the Hurricane Season.

The team at Errol Flynn Marina & Boatyard is known for their willingness to pamper guests beyond the call of duty to ensure a satisfied experience. We await your visit to our destination.



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## Grenada Marine

GRENADA, W.I.







ONE PIECE STEEL CRADLES

TIE - DOWN ANCHORS YARD WIDE Specialty Storage Options Available

MAST REMOVAL & STORAGE

STORAGE AREAS BY BOAT
TYPE

## Grenada Marine: Your Trusted Caribbean Boatyard

ocated on Grenada's southeastern coast, Grenada Marine is a 10-acre full-service boatyard and marina, providing expert marine services, secure storage, and a state-of-the-art haulout facility. With over 25 years of experience, we are known for quality craftsmanship and reliable care.

### Safe & Secure Storage

Grenada's location outside the hurricane belt makes it a prime choice for storm-season storage. Our engineered boat cradles meet strict insurance requirements, ensuring maximum stability and protection.

Our 12-foot deep haul-out bay and 70-ton Marine Travelift accommodate various vessels, while our 100-meter dock supports marina dockage and in-the-water services.

### **Comprehensive Marine Services**

We offer full-service maintenance and repair, including:

- HAUL-OUT & LAUNCH: Safe, efficient service for boats of all sizes.
- MECHANICAL & ENGINE REPAIRS: Expert maintenance for engines, generators, mechanical systems.
- FIBERGLASS & GELCOAT REPAIRS: High-quality materials for hull restoration.
- CUSTOM CARPENTRY & INTERIORS: Bespoke cabinetry, modifications.
- ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS: From rewiring to advanced navigation system installations.

### **Onsite Amenities for Your Convenience**

- Island Water World Chandlery for marine supplies
- Restaurant & Bar, the boatyard's social hub
- 24-hour security for peace of mind
- Customs & Immigration (by appointment)
- Diesel, laundry, showers, & mail/parcel services
- Free Wi-Fi & transportation into St. George's

### Experience the Best of the Caribbean

Grenada Marine offers secure storage, expert repairs, and a stunning Caribbean setting. Visit us today and keep your vessel in peak condition!



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## **IBC** Shipyard

LA ROMANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC





ith more than 20 years of experience in the nautical business, IBC Shipyard is located in one of the most luxury Marina of the Caribbean: Marina Casa de Campo in Dominican Republic.

We are a team of professional technicians and craftsmen trained in Italy and in the U.S. in a diversity of skills. Efficient in house parts logistics service. Offering to its clients a professional job, with speed and quality.

At IBC Shipyard, we are rated as an Azimut Gold Service center and form part of the exclusive Benetti Service Network. Furthermore, we are an authorized service point of, Volvo Marine Division, Seakeeper, ZF, Raymarine, Dometic, KVH, Kohler, ASEA Power, CMC Stabilizer, and Caterpillar.

We had upgraded our Travel Lift with the mission to satisfy the needs of those customers who own boats weighing up to 300t, length up to 50mt (164ft), beam up to 11mt (36.08ft), draft to 4.5mt (14.76). With the ability to serve mega yachts we count with the best equipment in the area.

### Herewith an overview of our services:

Travel Lift of 300 tons of capacity

Trailer of 70 tons

Crain of 1400 kg

Paint Booth

Propeller Change and Repair

Propulsion and Transmission

Alignment of shaft and Engine

Antifouling Paint

Sand Blasting (Dry and Wet)

Hull Repair

Hydraulic and Electro Hydraulic

CRP / Fiberglass repair

Internal and External paint

Naval Carpentry

Woodwork

Engines/Generator maintenance and repair

Electrical and electronic services

Air conditioning services

Electronic navigation

**Equipment Service** 

Welding

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## Independent Boatyard & Marina Compass Point Marina

ST. THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS



magine a renowned marina and full service boatyard uniquely situated in a natural hurricane hole and you start to get the idea behind why the combination of Compass Point Marina and Independent Boatyard & Marina are so special and so in demand.

To your benefit, the timing is right as we now have a brand new 500 foot dock extension added to Compass Point Marina expanding our capacity and specifically designed with wide slips for catamarans.

### **Boatyard Facts**

Independent Boatyard & Marina is located in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands on the South side of St. Thomas. The boatyard and marina are located in Benner Bay (sometimes known as the "lagoon"), which is a protected hurricane hole. On premises businesses include a Machine shop, an Outboard repair shop, and a large Budget Marine chandlery. A large food store (Food Center) is located across the street from the boatyard and down a 1/2 block The eastend town and harbor of Red Hook (Vessup Bay on charts) is about 2 miles east of the boatyard and has numerous restaurants, a pharmacy, and another food store. Red Hook is also the terminus of the St. Thomas to St. John ferry, which usually runs hourly.

The yard is equipped with a 50 ton Marine Travelift (up to 18 feet of beam), 35 ton crane and a 35 ton Hostar Marine yard transporter used for close stacking during hurricane season. The channel into Benner Bay is marked with day shapes on pilings with a depth of 8ft at high tide and 7 feet at low tide in the channel. Please call the office for an emailed channel chart but as a rule, favor the red.

#### **Combined Marina Facts**

There is a 93 slip Marina attached to the boatyard, which does long term slip rentals (three months or more). Our sister marina, Compass Point Marina, which has 195 slips, is just South of Independent Boatyard & Marina in Benner Bay bordering the entry channel. Compass Point Marina does do transient slip rental on a space available basis. Both marinas due to their location in a hurricane hole, allow vessels to remain in their slips during the hurricane season provided vessels comply with our written hurricane tie-off plan.

Adjacent to our slipway is a floating staging dock used by vessels slated for haulout.

The perfect location combined with all of the marine services located at your immediate discretion. Everything is covered from provisioning to hurricane storage. Act now to lock in your reservation as we currently have new found availability that assuredly won't last long.



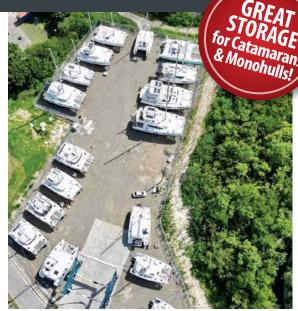
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## Jolly Harbour Marina & Boatyard

ANTIGUA, WI





olly Harbour Boatyard is well known for delivering excellent, friendly and professional service for boat storage and maintenance. We are excited to remind you of our newest service which is proving to be extremely popular. The haul out and storage facilities for catamarans up to 70 ton, 33' beam, 75' LOA. The new travelift and custom boat transporter, are ready and waiting to be put to work! We are already taking bookings for the 2025 summer season! High demand, limited space - SO BOOK NOW.

- Our concrete pits are ideal for the deep draft boats and short stay rudder jobs.
- We now have three, full service yards, to safely store your vessel.
- Capacity for 240 boats for summer storage and/or maintenance.
- Work on your boat yourself or engage the help of the various onsite marine trades.
- Boat management is available.
- Jolly Harbour is home to a large Budget Marine chandlery providing a wide range of marine products. Also, an onsite yacht broker.
- Jolly Harbour Marina & Boatyard is an insurance approved facility.
- Located just a 30 minute drive from Jolly Harbour, Antigua International Airport.

During the summer season it is mandatory for all boats to be strapped down with heavy duty cargo straps to permanent ground anchors and for all stands to be welded, ideally laterally linking the stands in a chain like fashion as well as the standard weld in pairs. Our dedicated cradle areas are extremely popular for boats of all sizes – however you must make your cradle reservation early to avoid disappointment.

Also available - under cover dinghy storage rack, individual dinghy cradles, mast rack, indoor outboard storage and lockers. We maintain 24 hour security with patrolling officers, CCTV and the latest in thermal radar technology.

Testimonials state: The entire team are extremely dedicated and the friendliest crew in the caribbean. The individual care provided is second to none.

Our 75 ton remotely operated travelifts are complete with sail boat extension and a crane for masts. Additionally, we have boat movers for transporting smaller yachts. Some owners choose an annual contract for dockage/storage which is a good option for those who do not cruise extensively.

If you are considering Jolly Harbour Marina & Boatyard in your plans please do not hesitate to contact us. The entire team are waiting to assist by answering questions, providing a customized estimate and ideally take you on a tour!



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## Nanny Cay Boatyard

TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Check the Website For simplified boatyard rates!

anny Cay's full-service boatyard is a premier facility capable of accommodating 250 monohulls and 150 catamarans. The yard features two Marine Travelifts: a 70-ton wide-body lift for catamarans up to 32 feet in beam and a 50-ton model for vessels up to 55 feet. Additionally, two hydraulic trailers—a 40-ton trailer for boats up to 60 feet and a 60-ton trailer for those up to 75 feet—ensure easy mobility of larger vessels.

Monohulls are secured using at least four sandscrews and eight tension straps, with the option of Pantaenius-approved cradles. Similarly, catamarans are anchored with four sandscrews and eight tension straps, supported by custom-designed stands and Brownell jackstands, built to withstand the Caribbean's unique weather conditions. Additional straps can be added upon request. A dedicated no-mast storage area is available, with free mast storage during hurricane season for vessels removing masts.

The boatyard offers a comprehensive range of services, including skilled shipwrights, fiberglass and Awlgrip specialists, marine engineering and technical services, metal fabrication, rigging, yacht surveying and a sail loft.

Boatyard guests can stay onboard their vessels or opt for the Nanny Cay Hotel accommodations at a 10% discount. Guests can perform their own maintenance and enjoy access to amenities such as marina bathrooms and showers, free Wi-Fi, potable water, ice, laundry facilities, a provisioning store, bars and restaurants, a boutique, a spa, and a dive shop. For leisure, Nanny Cay hosts charter companies offering dinghy and powerboat rentals, bareboat charters or fully crewed yachts for a more pampered experience.

The work and storage yards are equipped with electricity (including backup power) and water sourced from Nanny Cay's reverse osmosis plant. Additional amenities include free garbage disposal, waste oil collection, and an Encyclon wastewater treatment system in the haul-out area. The entire facility is secured with 24-hour surveillance, including CCTV and foot patrols.

The Nanny Cay Chandlery boasts a 4,000-square-foot retail space, offering over 6,000 products along with special-order services for hard-to-find items. Adjacent to the boatyard, Tradewind Yachting Services serves as the BVI's authorized Yamaha dealer and a leading supplier of AB and Caribe Inflatables in both aluminium and fibreglass. Their fully stocked parts department and factory-trained technicians, including one of the few Yamaha Master Technicians in the Caribbean, deliver top-tier service.

Easily accessible by short flights from Caribbean hubs such as Puerto Rico, Antigua, and St. Maarten—or a quick ferry ride from St. Thomas—the BVI is now even more convenient with several direct flights daily from Miami, making it an ideal destination for yacht owners and boat enthusiasts alike.



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## North Sound Marina & Boatyard

**ANTIGUA** 







ocated at Crabb's Peninsula on the Northern coast of Antigua, this modern marine haul out facility is a purpose-built boatyard in the hub of the Caribbean with a vast area of clean concrete hard standing storage area with welded stands, tie downs and cradles to satisfy insurance company requirement during the hurricane season. This marina serves as a Port of Entry and Clearance into Antigua for vessels 24 hours a day, all year round.

The sea wall offers 500 feet of 'stern to' and alongside dockage

Their 150-ton Marine Travel Lift can handle boats with up to 31 ft beams and 22 ft drafts. The yard is also equipped with a 40 ton Hydraulic Trailer and a 40 ft reach telescopic handler.

Ashore services include water and an electrical supply that provides all voltages 120 / 240 / 480 (3 phase). Marina also has back up power.

Indoor storage also available up to clearance height of 50 feet for boats, tenders, sails, trailers, cars and other items. There is a huge refit shed measuring 100 ft. by 150 ft. (built to Cat 4 specs,) to enable specialized work to be completed out of the elements.

Workshops and store rooms available for long or short term leases and there is plenty of space for mast and container storage too.

Collection and delivery of tenders is also available and Fuel deliveries can be arranged.

Certified Diving Services, Pressure washing, hull scraping, painting, engineering, GRP, fibre glass repairs and steel work are all offered on site with additional approved outside contractors welcome. Crews are also welcome to carry out their own projects.

Engine repair is offered on all inboard and outboard engines including Mercury, Yamaha, Iveco, Suzuki, Mercruiser and Volvo.

With 24 hour manned security and CCTV, a Budge Marine Chandlery, an upholstery shop, a 24 hour customer lounge with free WIFI, 16 bathrooms and showers and an onsite Restaurant, this is the ideal facility to make your base in the Caribbean.



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## IGY Rodney Bay Marina & Boatyard

ST. LUCIA, W.I.





rom routine maintenance to complete refits, our **full-service boatyard** is geared up to get you sailing swiftly and safely. Featuring a **75-ton Marine Travel Lift**, metal fabrication, fiberglass experts, and a **Sail Loft with skilled riggers and sail repair experts**, we're your go-to destination.

Endorsed by major **international insurance** companies, our boatyard is a top choice for **summer and hurricane season storage**. Nestled within the IGY Rodney Bay Marina complex, our **gated 4.5-acre haven** in a **protected lagoon** is a designated port of entry, ensuring a breeze for clearing in and hauling out in a breeze.

Once settled in, the **5 Gold Anchor-awarded** Rodney Bay Marina offers full support facilities. Explore further at Rodney Bay Village, a short distance away, with two shopping malls and a strip featuring bars and restaurants.

Our professionalism, friendliness, and affordable rates make us stand out. St. Lucia's central location makes us the perfect base for sailors exploring the Caribbean islands. With daily flights to major hubs in Canada (Toronto) and the US (Atlanta, Miami & NYC) as well as Europe (London), we boast the best international flight connections in the Windward Islands.

Seeking a reputable boatyard in the southern Caribbean? Choose IGY Rodney Bay Boatyard for industry stalwart quality assurance. Your journey to maritime excellence begins here!

#### **Onsite Amenities Include:**

- Full-Service Boatyard & Technical Services
- Customs & Immigration
- 24 -HR CCTV Surveillance and Security
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Duty-free Fuel Station & In-slip Fueling
- In-slip Water & Electricity (US & European power)
- Floating and Concrete Docks
- 8 Popular Restaurants & Bars
- Extensive Provisioning- local, gourmet and international products
- Bank, Laundromat, Showers, Taxi & Tour Agency & Car Rental
- Hurricane Season Insurance packages through our Insurance Partners
- Saltwater Pool
- Special long-term contract deals year-round!



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## Safe Harbor Puerto del Rey

FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO



afe Harbor Puerto Del Rey in Puerto Rico is the largest and most complete marina in the Caribbean; their first-class facilities have seen significant improvements and plan to bring more amenities for their members in the upcoming years. Those improvements, combined with its strategic location (surrounded by mangroves and mountains), helped in their success over the past hurricane seasons and historical storms. The massive breakwater played a crucial role in saving hundreds of vessels in the water, and the steel and concrete foundations in the Hurricane Storage proved to be critical in saving hundreds of boats on land. The marina has a 1.5-Megawatt generator capable of running all the facilities and ensuring they are even more prepared for any future events. The marina has over 200 tie-down spaces that hook into 3 feet of concrete. Vessels are tied down with 10,000-lb straps, tested, and proven successful during the 2017 hurricane season. This program requires a 4-month minimum agreement. Spaces are limited! Call or write them today to ask about Hurricane Storage options.

The Safe Harbor Puerto del Rey Boat Yard is the only yard in the Caribbean with 5 travel lifts; the most powerful of which is capable of hauling out vessels up to 150 tons. There are also bull forklifts that can haul vessels up to 45' LOA and 32,000 lbs. You can rest assured that your vessel, regardless of size or service needed, can be taken in by Safe Harbor Puerto Del Rey.

Do you need to get some work done on your boat? They have you covered! Safe Harbor Puerto del Rey is home to 14 authorized contractors, some of them, have built reputations as the best in the region. This gives you the ability to select the contractor whose skillset matches your needs and whose prices come within your budget; all this without leaving the marina! Some of the areas the contractors excel in include propulsion systems, motor repair and mechanics, woodworking, welding and metal fabrication, electrical repair, fiberglass repair and finishing, and bottom maintenance and painting.

As if that was not enough, Safe Harbor Puerto Del Rey offers a wide variety of amenities to their guests and boat owners. Get gas or diesel at the Fuel dock and get some work done by connecting to the free marina Wi-Fi. Take a break from the water and stay in one of their on-premises apartments (1 and 2 bedrooms available). There is also a gym, golf cart service, jogging trail, a heliport, on-site car rental service, laundry facilities, and two of the best restaurants in town. Safe Harbor Puerto Del Rey is your one stop shop in the Caribbean for all your boating needs.

"Our range of services will make your visit more convenient and productive. Our excellent contractors, first class facilities, and dedicated staff will make it an unforgettable experience. We are more than a marina ... we are your gateway to the Caribbean."



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## Saunders Yachtworks

**GULF SHORES, AL** 



entrally located on the Alabama coast of the Gulf of Mexico, Saunders Yachtworks provides our customers with outstanding boatyard, refit and repower services. With decades of combined experience, our management team and technicians can handle projects of all levels of complexity.

Our full-service boatyard and transient basin is located at mile marker 155 on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Gulf Shores. It accommodates vessels up to 130 feet with a 27-foot maximum beam, provides robust dockage and long-term dry storage, and features the largest lift capacity for recreational boats in the northern Gulf. We designed our fully-enclosed works building to include a 50-foot door height that can handle custom tuna towers. Next to our works building, a 13,000-square-foot covered space allows us to stage a greater number of vessels in a weather-protected environment. We also provide authorized sales and repower support for outboard engines.

From routine maintenance and damage repair to major refits, we're equipped to tackle it all!

- 150-ton Marine Travelift
- Authorized dealership for diesel and outboard engine repower & service
- $\bullet$  Certified sales & installation center for Seakeeper gyros and other vessel systems
- Mobile techs dispatched 24/7 to local & international marinas
- More than an acre of covered, protected yard space
- Master craftsmen for carpentry, fiberglass & paint
- Fully stocked warehouse with marine parts sales & support

For more information, please call 251.981.3700 or visit our website at saundersyacht. com. Whether you're docking in the States for an extended period of time or just passing through, let us put our tradition of performance and integrity to work for you!



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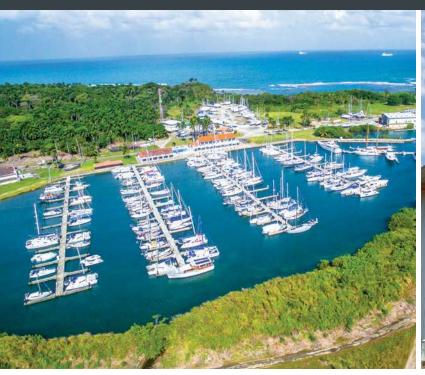






## Shelter Bay Marina Boatyard

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f you are looking for the optimum in service at the best price, Panama is the country and Shelter Bay is your destination:

- Panama a yacht friendly environment
- Duty free import of all parts
- No hurricanes and lower cost of insurance
- Only \$185 for a one year cruising permit
- Best prices in the Caribbean

Shelter Bay has the tools and the staff with over 2,000 haul outs and a much larger number of repairs of all types. Our staff has the experience and skills to service most of the routine repairs and maintenance on your vessel. We can do everything no one can. We've developed relationships and contacts to get the required technical support quickly and efficiently. Need a specialist? we have daily flights from all the yacht centers in the US and Europe.

Our technical and supervisory staff will work closely with you to provide the best course of action for your vessel. We offer a wide selection of services which are tailored to your needs from a simple boat watch program with a report once a month to an intensive refit schedule with daily reporting. Stay on the hard or in our very secure side tie berths while the work is accomplished.

100,000 square feet of stabilized yard space with an enclosed 5,000 square feet sheltered space for refits, plus long term secure storage space to accommodate up to 120 vessels, and 200 wet slips makes Shelter Bay Marina at the Panama Canal, the best option to leave you vessel this upcoming Hurricane Season. Our 100-ton travel lift, can haul vessels up to 28 feet wide and 10-foot draft. Our 30-ton crane with 115 feet reach will handle the mast and rigging of your sailboat and our 60-ton hydraulic trailer can move the vessel to the service position of your choice.

Our Chandlery is geared to support the work you require, we have relationships with all local suppliers and the key players in Fort Lauderdale. Panama has exceptional processes to expedite shipping of parts for ships in the canal at very reasonable prices, we use the same system to serve you.

Vessels stored in the water or in the secured dry storage can choose from several boat care options to ensure everything is kept in top shape. Inspections, dehumidifier installation, wash downs, checklist reports including photos are some of the options. Shrink wrap is also available for those that require good exterior climate protection for their vessels.

Let us take the worry away, contact us at SBM and we will be more than ready to attend your needs.

## SHELTER BAY MARINA

...at the Panama Canal

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## South Bank Marina & Boatyard

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS











ocated on the south shore of Providenciales, the Caicos Bank offers a natural barrier to heavy wave action and storm surge. There is an easy approach from offshore through charted shipping channels which offer greater depth than the surrounding banks. At 9' full high tide, South Bank Marina and Boatyard offers the greatest depth entry on the south shore of the island.

A long face dock enables dockage without length restrictions. Due to our convenient location, the Turks and Caicos Islands Marine Police call us home. Our friendly dock master is waiting to receive your vessel and offer fuel, water, ice and a wealth of knowledge about the islands. South Bank Marina and Boatyard operates the only 75 ton Marine Travelift on Providenciales accommodating vessels with up to 25' beam. Our Taylor 20,000lb marine forklift aides stepping masts and hauling twin engine vessels up to 35'. A tractor provides the quickest haul and launch service available to our clients.

The South Bank boatyard crew are well versed in gelcoat matching and patching, large structural fiberglass repairs, bottom jobs and just about anything else your vessel may require to make your ownership experience effortless. Also on site is our certified Yamaha and Honda outboard mechanic shop, capable of servicing all brands of outboard engines. Our ship store carries products from leading brands such as Seahawk, International, Petit, AWLGRIP, Alexseal, Anchor, Seachoice, 3M, Miami Cordage and many more. Whatever we do not carry in stock, we can source for you swiftly. South Bank's on-site machine shop is also equipped for gear and propeller work. South Bank is now a dealer for Yamaha, Honda, Garmin, Seakeeper, Invincible, Sailfish, Boston Whaler and Axopar!

Caribbean Marina and Diesel, the local dealer for Yanmar, Cummins, MAN, Onan and others is conveniently located on an adjoining property. Don't miss our latest Caribbean cuisine restaurant, Sail Shades. It is the perfect place to lime the day away.

Whether you're passing through, looking for a safe haven for the hurricane season, or require repairs, South Bank Marina and Shipyard is not only your ideal boat service partner, but also ideally located to experience the islands from the water. Many of the cruisers which visit us, return year after year. Our team of friendly, professional staff will strive to make your experience in the Turks and Caicos unforgettable.



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## Spice Island Marine Services

GRENADA, W.I.







## Celebrating 40 Years of Nautical Excellence and Innovation

his past season, Spice Island Marine proudly celebrated its 40th year of unparalleled service in the nautical world. Established in 1984 in Grenada, this family-run business has grown into a cornerstone of the boating community, synonymous with exceptional vessel care and hurricane storage solutions.

From its inception, Spice Island Marine has been a trailblazer. The introduction of the Southern Caribbean's first Travelift marked the beginning of a journey defined by innovation and dedication. Today, our facility is equipped to accommodate vessels up to 75 tons, 85 feet long with max. 25 feet beam and max. 13 feet draft, offering a comprehensive suite of services that cater to every aspect of boat and vessel maintenance.

Our range of services, crafted over 40 years, includes expert welding and custom fabrication, ensuring that each boat is not just maintained but enhanced. The comprehensive repair and maintenance services are a testament to our commitment to keeping vessels seaworthy and safe. Additionally, our specialized hurricane storage solutions provide peace of mind to boat owners during the most challenging seasons.

A key element of our success is our people. Our skilled craftsmen, many hailing from the local Grenadian community and part of our team for over 15 years, bring passion, expertise, and a personal touch to every project. This familial approach extends to our clients, many of whom return year after year, entrusting their prized vessels to our care.

At Spice Island Marine, our enhanced solar program exemplifies our commitment to sustainability, aligning our operations with environmental stewardship. This initiative is a key part of our mission to contribute positively to the marine ecosystem.

As Spice Island Marine commemorates 40 years of service, our unwavering dedication to excellence and customer satisfaction continues to drive us. Specializing in everything from marine carpentry to electronic upgrades, our team is known for precision and care in every task. As we celebrate this milestone, we remind our valued clients to book early due to high demand. Join us in our 40th year and experience the superior care and quality that have become the hallmarks of our journey in the marine world.



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## St. Croix Marine Center

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS







## We're Here to Help You Enjoy Your Boating Experience!

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## Ditching Rust for Strength: Upgrading to Dyneema Lifelines

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ur Pitufa was designed with a pulpit at the bow and quite a substantial pushpit around the stern and up to the center cockpit (all made of sturdy stainless tubes) as well as stainless steel stanchions along the deck with two rows of plastic-coated wire going through those stanchions. A safe setup for a bluewater cruising boat. The wire initially looked quite pretty, white and shiny, but soon the coating cracked and ugly rust stains started discoloring it. Even worse, the rust also seeped out and ran down the stanchions—no matter how often we polished, we just couldn't win that endless battle against blotchy stains. We replaced the lifelines a few years ago, but the new wire was of even lower quality and started getting rusty within half a dozen months, so the

polishing battle went on. We have a habit of going round the boat after every passage with a bucket of water to wipe salt off the sprayhood, solar panels, shrouds and stanchions, which helps keep corrosion at bay, but the rusty wire marred all our efforts. Now we have finally got rid of those ugly lifelines and have replaced them with dyneema!

### Why dyneema?

According to Wikipedia "Dyneema Composite Fabric (DCF), is a high-performance non-woven composite material used in high-strength, low-weight applications. It is constructed from a thin sheet of ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) laminated between two sheets of polyester".







Dyneema is 15 times stronger than steel per weight and 40% stronger than aramids. It's UV-resistant, abrasion resistant, light enough to float on water and doesn't stretch much. More and more sailors are using dyneema instead of stainless steel shrouds. For our purpose we chose a 6 mm hollow-braid line, which has an impressive breaking load of somewhere between 3 and 4 tons according to different sources. Unfortunately this high-tech material is rather expensive, but we only needed about 40 meters for two lines of lifelines on our 41 ft monohull.

### Researching splices

We started with removing the old wires, followed by a day of scrubbing and sanding and polishing the stanchions to get rid of all the corrosion. Then we got out the roll of sleek, black dyneema. The old wires were fixed with turnbuckles to the pushpit and pulpit. That solution wouldn't work well with the new lines. Christian started googling options and watching YouTube videos—the variety of splicing and knotting options seemed overwhelming at first, but in the end we decided to go for two of the simpler solutions. We would fix the eyes on the forward ends of the lifelines with locking splices without thimble and the other side

with simple bury splices around a thimble plus stitches to avoid sliding. We needed a large fid (slightly larger than the diameter of the line) for the actual splicing, a small fid to pull out strands to taper the ends, a sharp pair of scissors, and a large needle and twine to fix the second splice.

We chose a "Mobius Brummel locking splice" (see pic 1) for the forward eye splice as the easiest way to make this is to have both tails free, pass the first tail through the second tail, then the second tail through the first tail. The end result is a solid splice which can't slide apart because they lock each other. It would be too complicated to explain the splice in detail here, but there are plenty of instructive videos available online. Tip: the line must be considerably longer cut off than the finished result! The instructions we used stated that "The tail that is to be buried needs to be 72 times the diameter of the line. If the line used is 6mm, therefore,  $6mm \times 72 = 432mm$ , or 17 inches". We used half a meter—and that's just for the first splice!

First splice done, the eye is led through the metal attachment on the pulpit and the long end passed back through the eye.



Then we fed the line through the stanchions and did a "Long Bury Splice" (see pic 2) with stitching and wrapping at the other end. We went for this method as this splice is relatively easy to undo and redo (unlike the Mobius Brommel and other solutions) in case you have to change something with the stanchions or do some other adjustment with the lifelines.

For measuring the length, we left a gap of about 12 cm (5 inches) before doing the second splice as the spliced section of the rope will be thicker and therefore shorter than the yet unspliced material (see pic 3). Dyneema doesn't stretch much and in order to tighten the lifelines so much that they would feel safe to lean (or stumble) against, we fixed and tensioned them with lashings, using a 4 mm non-stretch line with 3 loops (see pic 4).

The first lifeline took a long time and we even had to redo a splice after breaking a stanchion cap (hence the decision to do a Long Bury splice). The following ones went easier with practice and we are very pleased with Pitufa's new look wearing elegant black lifelines!



Birgit and Christian have sailed from the Med via the Atlantic and Caribbean to the South Pacific. Check out their blog www.pitufa.at for more info and pictures or order their books on Amazon: "Sailing Towards the Horizon" tells the story of their travels and "Cruising Know-How" is a collection of tips, tricks and how-tos.



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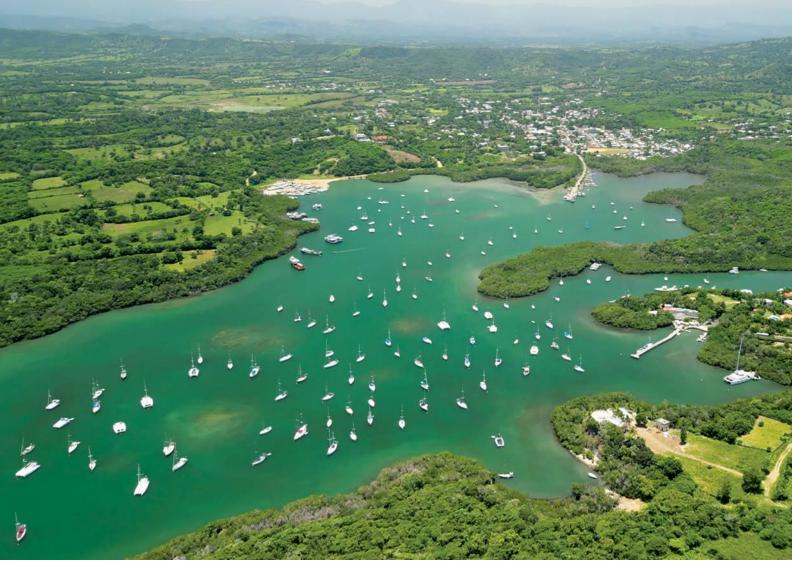
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## Luperón, Dominican Republic: A Hidden Haven for Cruising Sailors

BY ERICA LAROCHE, BVI YACHT SALES

s sailors chart their course southward from the United States, many navigate the notorious "thorny path"—a challenging Caribbean route marked by relentless upwind sailing and unpredictable weather. Among these trials, Luperón, on the northern coast of the Dominican Republic, has earned a reputation as a hidden gem—a welcoming sanctuary offering safe harbor, affordable services, and a vibrant community for those seeking more than a brief stopover. For cruisers adjusting to the demands of extended Caribbean travel, Luperón serves as an inviting refuge to rest, refit, and often settle into the laid-back rhythm of island life.

Luperón's Latin American flair adds to its charm, making it a

unique and culturally rich destination. The strong sense of community is one of the main reasons why so many sailors end up staying longer than they initially planned. The local cruisers' network is active and thriving, with events regularly posted on the Luperón Sailors and Cruisers

Facebook page. From weekly yoga sessions to the popular Captain's Table event every Thursday at Puerto Blanco Marina, to lively trivia nights at TK Bistro, there's always something happening to foster camaraderie and connection.

At the heart of Luperón's appeal is its natural harbor, a prime attraction for sailors seeking shelter. Nestled along the northern coast, the bay's geographical features make it







an ideal refuge, especially for those weary from the open ocean or facing the looming hurricane season. Surrounded by lush hills that act as a natural barrier against storms and the mountains to the south, the calm, sheltered waters offer one of the safest anchorages in the Caribbean. For cruisers seeking refuge during the hurricane season, Luperón's blend of natural protection and affordable, long-term mooring options

provides not only security but peace of mind. The moorings here are refreshingly affordable compared to other Caribbean marinas, often a welcome surprise for U.S.based sailors accustomed to higher fees. With the option to safely store their vessels, cruisers find Luperón a convenient base—whether for a break from their travels or to wait out the stormy season.

Recently, these moorings have undergone significant upgrades. A dedicated group of cruisers, working with the owners of the mooring balls, has improved their design, with many now equipped with triple barrels, swivels, and new

lines. While regular inspection is still advised, the moorings are now in much better condition than in years past, offering a safe and reliable anchorage.

That said, arriving in Luperón does come with a few navigational challenges, particularly for first-time visitors. The entrance to the bay is narrow, but with accurate Navionics charts, sailors can safely navigate the route. While some might initially feel trepidation, those who venture in are guickly rewarded with the beauty of the bay and the warmth of the community. Local guides and fellow cruisers are always eager to offer advice, turning what could be a daunting experience into a seamless entry. The bay does have a few shallow spots, but again, Navionics charts highlight these areas for safe navigation.

One of Luperón's most defining features is its thriving, diverse community of cruisers—full-time sailors, seasonal residents, and newcomers all adjusting to life on the water. This international network of sailors has fostered a cooperative, welcoming atmosphere



where support and camaraderie are the norm. For cruisers navigating the challenges of Caribbean life, this community is an invaluable resource. It provides an immediate sense of belonging, complete with social events, community gatherings, and shared resources. From the Captain's Table and trivia nights to karaoke at Wendy's Bar, the town exudes a friendly, laid-back vibe that offers both security and a sense of familiarity —rare commodities along the thorny path.

Joining the town's WhatsApp groups, known as the "Rat Pack," can further connect newcomers to the community. From there, you can tap into a wealth of local knowledge, whether it's for motorbike rides through the stunning countryside, free yoga sessions, coordinating with cruisers heading south, or sharing in impromptu musical jam sessions—Luperón truly has something for everyone.

Luperón's boatyard and affordable repair services further enhance its reputation as a prime stopover for sailors in need of boat maintenance. The town boasts skilled local craftsmen and easy access to essential parts, and if you're looking for something specific, freight forwarding companies can quickly deliver packages from Miami. For sailors who've encountered mechanical, rigging, or hull issues since leaving the U.S., this accessible and cost-effective support network provides much-needed relief and reassurance. The boatyard here is known for its good workmanship and reasonable

prices, making it a great place to tackle both minor repairs and major refits without the inflated costs often associated with other Caribbean hubs.

In addition to repairs, Luperón offers rare, affordable long-term storage solutions— something hard to come by in the Caribbean. For those needing to leave their vessel while attending to personal matters or returning home, Luperón's low-cost mooring and

storage options provide an attractive alternative. Many sailors, particularly from the U.S., use the harbor as a secure place to leave their boats during hurricane season or family visits. The harbor's reputation as a safe storage haven has helped establish a loyal base of returning cruisers, creating a stable community of familiar faces while also welcoming new arrivals. And for those concerned about leaving their boat unattended, a local couple offers a "boat watch" program, checking on your vessel while you're away, providing regular updates and photos to ensure all systems are running smoothly.

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Another unique aspect of Luperón is its role as a vibrant hub for buying and selling boats. With its proximity to an international airport and a steady flow of cruisers, Luperón serves as a natural marketplace for those looking to buy a new vessel or sell their current one. The local boat market





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Beyond its practical advantages, Luperón also offers cruisers an authentic taste of Caribbean life. The town is a lively blend of Dominican culture and international influence, with local eateries, vibrant social events, and a welcoming atmosphere that makes visitors feel truly immersed in the heart of the Caribbean. For many sailors,

Luperón becomes an enriching cultural experience that deepens their understanding of the region. As a gateway to the Caribbean, it offers a balanced introduction to the islands, combining a friendly environment with opportunities to explore the local culture.

While your boat is safely moored in Luperón, it's the perfect base for exploring all that the Dominican Republic has to offer. Many cruisers have enjoyed hiking the famous 27

Waterfalls of Damajagua, cooling off in the mountain air of Jarabacoa, or summiting Pico Duarte, the highest peak in the Caribbean, where you can even experience snow in the winter months. Don't miss the lively Carnival celebrations in February, with colorful parades along the boardwalk in Puerto Plata. Luperón serves as an ideal gateway to explore the rich natural beauty and cultural heritage of Hispaniola your adventure awaits.

Luperón is much more than just a waypoint along the thorny path—it's a destination in its own right. With its secure harbor, affordable services, tight-knit community, and authentic Caribbean charm, Luperón has become an essential stop for sailors making the transition from U.S. waters to Caribbean cruising. For those seeking a safe anchorage, a supportive network, and a chance to truly experience the heart of the

Caribbean, Luperón offers everything you need to make your southern journey both memorable and rewarding. @

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# March Flavors: Herb-Crusted Rack of Lamb with Perfect Sides

CARIBBEAN COOKING | BY CAP'N JAN ROBINSON

arch is commonly regarded as a time for new beginnings and opportunities. It is often described with the phrase, "in like a lion and out like a lamb."

#### HERB-TOPPED RACK OF LAMB

Prep time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 20 minutes. Serves: 4

- 1 rack of lamb (8 ribs, about 1.5 lbs)
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil for easy cleanup. Trim any excess fat from the rack of lamb. Season generously with salt and pepper on all sides. Heat 1Tbsp of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sear the rack of lamb for 2-3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove and let rest for a few minutes. In a small bowl, mix the garlic, Dijon mustard, rosemary, thyme, and 1Tbsp olive oil.

Brush the topping mixture evenly over the lamb. Place the rack of lamb on the prepared baking sheet, bone side down. Roast for 15 - 20 minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 125°F (52°C) for medium-rare or cook to your

preferred doneness. Remove from the oven and let the lamb rest for 5-10 minutes before slicing into double or individual chops. Serve with the below sides or your favorites!

#### **ROASTED AIR FRYER BROCCOLI**

Prep time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 8-10 minutes. Serves: 4 1 lb. fresh broccoli florets

2 Tbsp olive oil

1/2 tsp garlic powder

1/2 tsp Mediterranean salt

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Preheat the air fryer: Set your air fryer to 375°F (190°C) and let it preheat for about 3 minutes. Prepare the broccoli: In a large bowl, toss the broccoli florets with olive oil, garlic powder, Mediterranean salt, and pepper. Ensure all florets are evenly coated. Air fry: Place the seasoned broccoli in a single layer in the air fryer basket. Avoid overcrowding to ensure even cooking. Air fry for 8-10 minutes, shaking the basket halfway through for even roasting. The broccoli should be tender with slightly crispy, caramelized edges.

Add finishing touches: If desired, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese immediately after cooking while the broccoli is still hot. Serve: Transfer to a serving dish and enjoy immediately. It's a great side dish for any meal!

#### CARROTS AND PARSNIPS MASH

Prep time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 20 minutes. Serves: 4 1 lb. carrots, coarsely chopped 1 lb. parsnips, peeled and coarsely chopped 2 oz. butter Salt to taste Pinch of ground nutmeg Ground black pepper, to taste

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add carrots, cover partially and simmer 5 minutes. Add parsnips and cover partially. Simmer until vegetables are very tender, about 15 minutes. Drain well.

Return vegetables to saucepan and stir over medium heat until any excess moisture evaporates. Transfer to food processor or like me, mash with a hand-held potato masher. Add butter and process/mash until smooth (although I like mine a little chunky). Season with nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Serve.

TIP: Can be made a few hours ahead. Warm over low heat. stirring often.

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Panama	Shelter Bay Marina	507-433-3581	20′	320′	192	•	60 HZ, 120/240V 50-Amp, 100 Amp Single Phase, 208V	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	74	•
Puerto Rico	Club Nautico de San Juan	787-722-0177	31′	250′	121	•	110 volts / 220 / 480 for megayachts		•	•	•	•			•	16/10 68	•
Puerto Rico	Marina de Salinas	787-824-3185	10′	65′	103	•	120/220V, 30/50 amp		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	•
Puerto Rico	Marina Pescaderia www.marinapescaderia.com	787-717-3638	8′	115′	99	•	30, 50, and 100 amp		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	FREE
Puerto Rico	Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club	787-842-9003	20′	150′	169	•	110/220V, 30A, 50A and 100A		•	•	•	•		•	•	68	FREE
Puerto Rico	Puerto Del Rey Marina	787-860-1000	15′	260′	1,000	•	120/208V single & 3 phase; 30, 50,100 & 200 amps; 60 Hz	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/71	FREE
Scrub Island, BVI	Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina www.scrubisland.com	(284) 394-3440	30′	160′	55	•	30, 50 & 100 amp				•	•	•	•	•	74	•
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St. Croix	Green Cay Marina at Tamarind Reef Resort	340-718-1453	8′	100′	154	•	110/220V - 30A, 50A, 200A	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	16	FREE
St. Croix	St. Croix Marine www.stcroixmarinecenter.com	340-773-0289	11′	150′	23	•	110/220 - 30A, 50A, 100A		•	•	•				•	16/06	FREE
St. Lucia	Rodney Bay Marina www.igy-rodneybay.com an Gy destination	758-458-7200	14'	285'	253	•	120V- 480V, 30/50/100/ 125/200 amps at 60 Hz, 240V- 440V, 32/63/125 & 200 amps at 50Hz	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	FREE
St. Lucia	The Marina at Marigot Bay	758-451-4275	16′	250′	40	•	110/220/380, 50/60 Hz	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/12	•
St. Maarten	Bobby's Marina www.bobbysmarina.com	721-542-2366	12′	130′	80	•	110/220V		•	•	•		•	•	•	16/69	•
St. Maarten	Island Water World Marina	+1 721-544-5310	8′	60′	47	•	110/220V, 60Hz		•	•	•				•	74	FREE
St. Maarten	Lagoon Marina Cole Bay Waterfront	599-544-2611	9′	100′	45	•	110/220	•			•	•	•	•	•	16	FREE
St. Maarten	Simpson Bay Marina www.igy-simpsonbay.com an IGY destination"	721-544-2309	13'	196'	114	•	480V 3-phase 100 amps/ leg; 220V 3-phase 100 amps/leg; 220V 50 amps; 110V 30 amps 60hz	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/ 79A	FREE
St. Maarten	The Yacht Club at Isle de Sol www.igy-isledesol.com an IGY destination	721 544 2408	18′	320′	45		480V 3-phase 100 amps/ leg; 220V 3- & single- phase; 100 amps/leg; 220V 50 amps 60hz	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/ 78A	FREE
St. Thomas	American Yacht Harbor www.igy-americanyacht harbor.com an IGY destination	340-775-6454	10′	110′	134	•	120/208Y/240 VAC 30 to 100 amps, 60 Hz	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/6	FREE
St. Thomas	Crown Bay Marina www.crownbay.com	340-774-2255	24′	200'	99	•	30, 50, 100amp 120v, 208v, 220v, 480v	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	11	FREE
St. Thomas	Yacht Haven Grande www.igy-yachthaven grande.com	340-774-9500	18′	656′	48	•	120/208Y/240/480Y VAC 50 to 600 amps, 60 Hz Ability to hard wire	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/10	FREE
Tortola, BVI	Nanny Cay Marina	284-494-2512	12′	125′	200	•	110/220		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	•
Tortola, BVI	Soper's Hole	284-495-4589	25′	170′	50	•	110/240	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	Cafe
Tortola, BVI	Village Cay Marina	284-494-2771	12′	200′	106	•	110/220/308	Cable	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/71	FREE
Trinidad	Peake Yacht Services Marina	868-634-4420/3/7	20'	90'	17	•	110/220				•	•	•		•	69	FREE
Trinidad	Power Boats Ltd	868-634-4346	13′	65′	40	•	115/220		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	72	•
Turks & Caicos	Caicos Marina & Shipyard www.caicosmarina.com	649-946-5600 649-232-1905	9′	150′	100+	•	30/50/100 amp		•	•	•	•			•	16	FREE
Virgin Gorda	Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour	284-499-5500	10′	180′	94	•	110/220		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/11	•
Colombia	Marina Santa Marta www.marinasantamarta.com an GY destination	+574363601	11.5′	132′	256	•	110/220V, 60hz		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/72	FREE

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Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	Marina Cabo San Lucas www.igy-cabosanlucas.com an IGY destination	+52 624 173 9140	26′	350′	380	•	110V 30 amps; 220V 50 amps; 100 amp 3-phase, 480V 150 3-phase		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	88A	FREE
NY Harbor -	North Cove Marina at Brookfield Place www.igy-northcove.com an GY destination	917-677-7680	16′	175′	18	•	110V, 220V; 480V 3-phase					•	•	•	•	69	FREE

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Antigua	Jolly Harbour Marina / Boat Yard	17 04 46.4 N	61 54 37.0 W	(268) 462- 6041	13′	80′	19'	no limit	110/220	8am- 5pm	70 <b>4</b>	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Antigua	North Sound Marine	17.1167	-61. 7500	(268) 562- 3499 \ (268) 764-2599	15′	no limit	31′	no limit	Anything	24x7	150	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Aruba	Varadero Caribe	12 32 N	70 02 W	297-588- 3850	8′	120′	45′	no limit	50/30 amp	8am- 5pm	60	•		•	•		•	•	
Freeport, Grand Bahamas	Bradford Marine Bahamas	26′ 31. 189 N	78′ 45. 566 W	242-352- 7711	35	400	50	no limit	30/50/100/480	24/7	150		•	•	•	•	•	•	
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 <del>***</del>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
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	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Tortola, BVI	Tortola Yacht Services	18 25 N	64 37 W	(284)-494- 2124	10′	68′	20′	no limit	220V, 50A, 110V, 30A	7-4, 7days	70 <b>45</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Virgin Gorda, BVI	Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour	18. 45222	-64. 43750	+1 284-499- 5501	10′	180′	37′	no limit	110/120/220	7am- 6pm	70 <b>45</b> 350 cimolai	•		•	•	•	•	•	
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 <del>【</del>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Grenada	Spice Island Marine Services	12.041 N	61.45 W	473-444- 4257	12′	70′	25.4′	0	110/220	8-4 M-F	70 <b>&amp;</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Panama	Bocas Yacht Services	09° 17.3′N	082° 23.06W	507- 6619-5601	10′	65′	20′	no limit	120/220	7:30- 3:30pm	60 <del>***</del>	•		•	•		•		
Panama	Shelter Bay Marina	09° 22′ 12″ N	79° 56′ 51″ W	+507- 6781-6631/ 6747-9118	11′	100′	28′	no limit	60 HZ, 120/240V 50-Amp, 100 Amp Single Phase, 208V and 480V Tri Phase	24x7	100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Puerto Rico	Varadero @ Palmas	18 04′ 37"N	65 47' 57"W	787-656- 9211	11′	110′	26′	no limit	50/30 amp	8-5, 7days	110	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Puerto Rico	Puerto Del Rey Marina	18° 17.3 N	65° 38 W	787-860- 1000	15′	150′	33	no limit	120/208V single & 3 phase; 30, 50,100 & 200 amps; 60 Hz	8am- 5pm	155 <b>4</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sint Maarten	Megayard	18°02′ 13.24 N	63°05′ 08.52 W	1-721-5444- 060	12′	200′	33′	12′	110/220	8-5 M-F	150 <b>4</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
St. Lucia	Rodney Bay Marina an IGY destination	14°04 '32. 72" N	60°56 '55. 63" W	758-458- 7200	11′	75′	28′	no limit	120V- 480V, 30/50/ 100/125/200 amps at 60 Hz, 240V- 440V, 32/63/125 & 200 amps at 50Hz	8am- 5pm	75 <b>&amp;</b>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
St. Croix, USVI	St. Croix Marine	17° - 45′ N	64° - 42′ W	340 773- 0289	11′	68′	13′-8″	no limit	110v 30amp; 220v 50amp; 3 phase 100amp	8-4:30, Mon- Sat	40 <b>4</b>		•	•	•	•	•	•	
St. Kitts	St. Kitts Marine Works	17° - 20.3′N	62° - 50.1′W	1-869-662- 8930	12′	120′	35′	no limit	110/220/3 phase 100amp	7-4 M-F	150			•	•		•	•	
St.Thomas, USVI	Subbase Drydock	18 N	65 W	340-776- 2078	16.5′	190′	50′	no limit	440 three phase/220/110	8-5, Mon-Sat	1000			•		•	•	•	
Trinidad	Peake Yacht Services Boatyard	10.4′N	61.38' W	868-634- 4420/3/7	14′	130′	30.5′	no limit	110/220	8-4 Mon-Sat	150	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Turks & Caicos	Caicos Marina & Shipyard	21.45. 57N	72.10. 47W	649-946- 5600	9	150			30/50/110 amp	24x7	75 <b>&amp;</b>	•		•	•	•	•	•	

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Beaufort	NC	Jarrett Bay Boatworks	252-728-7100	10′	135′	30	•	30/50/100 Amp		•	•	•				•	16	FREE
Fort Pierce	FL	Fort Pierce City Marina	772-464-1245	7′	150′	240	•	30/50/100 Amp		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16/78	FREE
Miami Beach	FL	One Island Park www.igy-miami.com an IGY destination"	754-701-4020	40′	150- 800'	8	•	100 single & 3 phase/ 200/480/600 Amp		•	•		•	•		•	11/16	FREE
Marathon	FL	Marlin Bay Yacht Club www.marlinbay.com/marina	305-731-2207	7′	60′	28	•	30/50 Amp				•			•		16	FREE
St Petersburg	FL	Maximo Marina & Boatyard www.igy-maximomarina.com	727-867-1102	8′	110′	300	•	30/50/100 single phase	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	6/16	FREE

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Beaufort	NC	Jarrett Bay Boatworks	252-728-2690	10′	130′	30′	no limit	30/50/100 Amp	24x7	50/75/ 200 ton travelift	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Thunderbolt	GA	Thunderbolt Marine Inc.	912-352-4931	14′	180′	36′	no limit	30/50/100 single and 3 phase	24x7	150 ton travelift/ 1150 ton Syncrolift	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Fort Lauderdale	FL	Bradford Marine Inc.	954-791-3800	11′	180′	35′	55′	208v/240v/ 480v	24/7	300 ton Syncrolift	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Fort Lauderdale	FL	Cable Marine (1517 SE 16 St Location)	954-462-2822	6′	60'	16.5	25′	110/240	8-4:30	40 ton			•	•		•		
Fort Lauderdale	FL	Cable Marine (2491 W State Rd 84 Location)	954-587-4000	9′	120′	22	no limit	120/50/100 Amp	24/7	100 straddle crane			•	•		•		
St. Petersburg	FL	Progressive Marine Service/Boat Yard	727-822-2886	10′	100′	26′	no limit	50 Amp	8-4:30 M-F; Sa-Su by app't.	40/94 ton travelift		•	•	•	•	•	•	
St. Petersburg	FL	Maximo Marina & Boatyard www.igy-maximomarina.com/boatyard	727-867-1102	8′	62'	18′	no limit	Outboard, I/O, Inboard	8am M-F	50 ton travelift		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Gulf Shores	AL	Saunders Yachtworks	251-981-3700	10′	130′	28′	74′	30/50/100 Amp 3 phase	24x7	165 ton travelift		•	•	•	•	•		
Mobile	AL	Dog River Marina	251-471-5449	8′	85′	22.5′	75′	30/50/100 Amp 3 phase	24×7	70 ton travelift		•	•	•	•	•		
Orange Beach	AL	Saunders Yachtworks	251-981-3700	6′	85′	21.5′	no limit	30/50 Amp	7-5 M-F/ Sa-Su by app't.	60 ton travelift		•	•	•	•	•		

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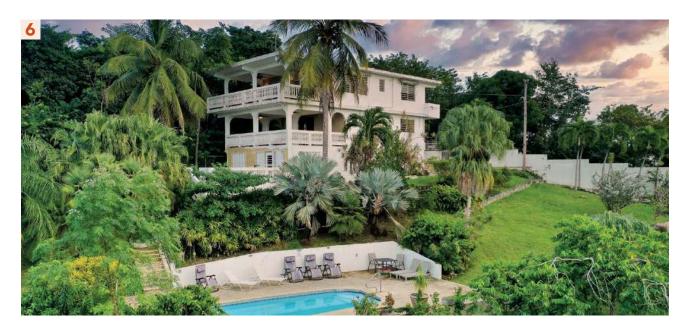
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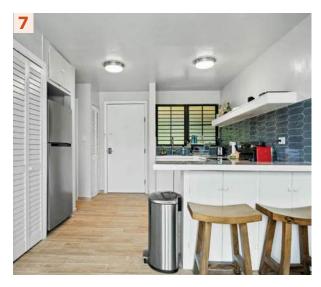
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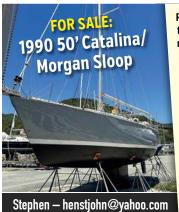








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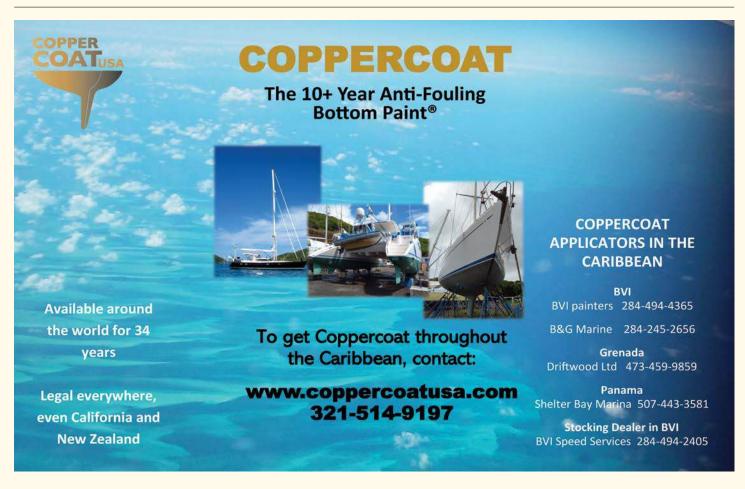
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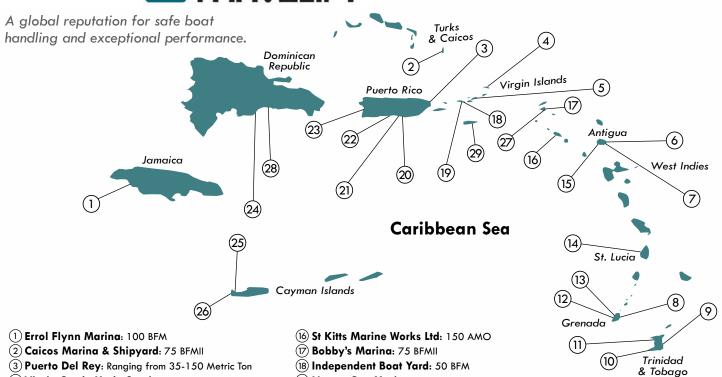


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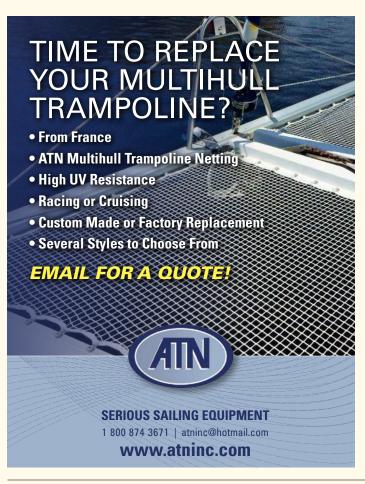
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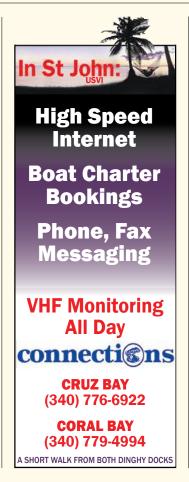


















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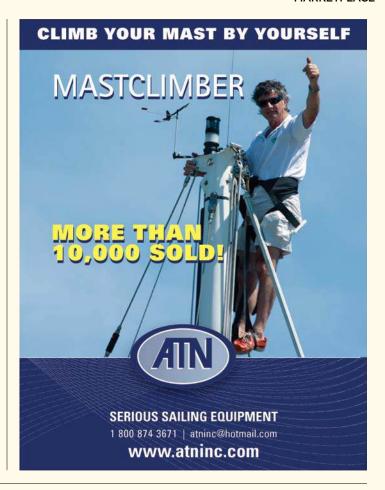


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The Gourmet Market Manager is responsible for managing the daily operations of our market, including the selection, development, and performance management of team members.

#### Job Duties & Responsibilities:

- Oversee and supervise all market departments in goals and objectives and standards of the organization, planning and performance to profitable revenues,
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- Adhere to company standards and service levels to increase sales and minimize costs, including food, beverage, supply, utility, and labor costs.
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- Manage shifts which include daily decision making, scheduling, maintaining attendance logs, upholding service standards, product quality and cleanliness.
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- Have complete knowledge of all policies, standards, and procedures of the department.
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#### **RUM REVIEW** BY TERRY AND CLINT BORAM

ew rums are not gracing the shelves of our local store as readily as we would like. Every month, the same sea of ornate bottles with white, golden, and dark rum tends to blend together. This month, however, a turquoise wooden box was smack dab in the middle of the aisle, calling us to try. Kaniché Fiji Islands Double Wood has the packaging down in spades. Now, let's see if it's worthy of those marketing dollars.

The Kaniché brand is produced by Maison Ferrand, of Cognac, France, renowned for their exceptional Pierre Ferrand Cognac and distinctive fine spirits. CEO Alexandre Gabriel began his adventure into the world of rum in 1990 when Maison Ferrand was nearly broke. To make extra money, Alexandre realized he could sell his seasoned Grande Champagne Cognac barrels to rum producers in the Caribbean at three times the price of ex-bourbon barrels. Alexandre became fascinated by how soil and climate created a diversity of rum taste. Soon, the Plantation Brand was born, sourcing bulk rums already distilled and aged in their tropical "birth country" and then sent to Maison Ferrand to age further in cognac barrels. The Kaniché brand has followed in Plantation's footsteps.

Kaniché Fiji Islands Double Wood begins at the South Pacific Rum Distillery in Lautoka, the only rum distillery in Fiji. The rum is made using traditional Fijian methods, starting with hand-cut sugar cane grown in the island's rich volcanic soil and pure filtered water from the island's lush landscape. The cane creates rich, dark Fijian molasses then distilled in a combination of pot and column stills, stoked by a wood-burning stove. The rum is then aged for three years in small ex-bourbon oak barrels in Fiji's tropical climate before being sent to Maison Ferrand to be finished for another year in French oak barrels.

#### **REVIEW**

The light golden color hugs the glass leaving large droplets cascading down the side. The color, however, leads us to believe the rum is very young. An earthy note wafting from the glass reminds us of wet wood in the mangroves. Terry picks up a slight sweetness from semi-ripe pineapples. It's more the outer husk of the pineapple with just a hint of pineapple. We agree that the initial sip is smooth and inviting with a really good mouthfeel, but it finishes with an alcohol burn. After swirling the rum a bit more to release the alcohol, our next sip continued to present the woody notes, followed by a warm and satisfying finish with hints of apricot and dried currant. There's a little to explore with



this young rum, but the smoothness of the liquid keeps bringing us back for more.

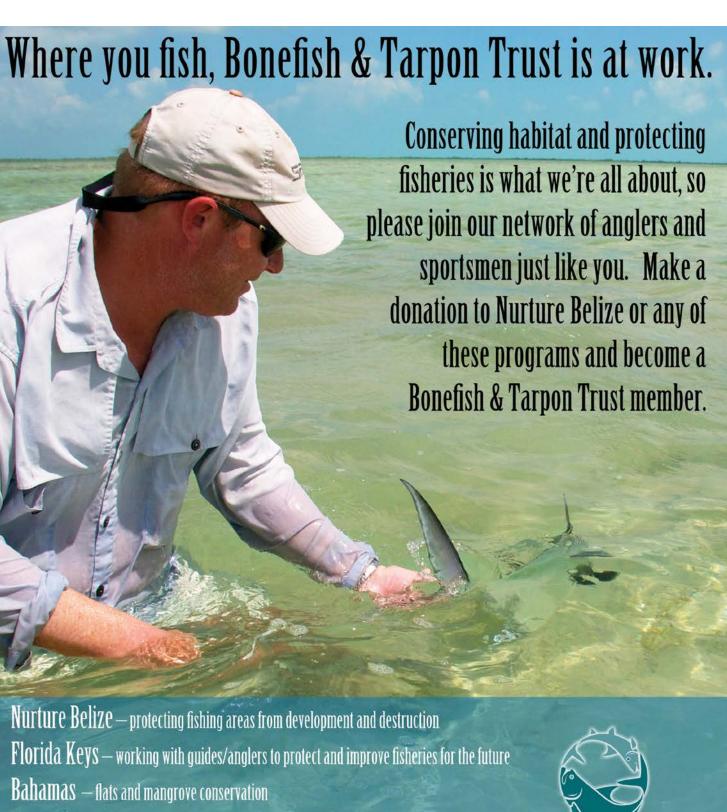
#### **OVERALL**

A manager at our local store highly recommended Kaniché Fiji Islands Double Wood. We agree that the rum drinks smoothly, but it lacks the nuances we typically enjoy in our sipping rums. The saving grace is the rum makes a great Old Fashioned. At \$37/bottle, we expected a little bit more.

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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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