



Flotilla 2009

We are looking forward to our 17th exciting excursion to **British Virgin Islands** and we hope you can join us on beautiful 50'+ monohull or a 42' - 47" cruising catamaran. Our proven teams of NJSS Captains are scheduled to lead the trip. So get your Passport up to date and join us! (Passports are now mandatory)

The enclosed package contains most, if not all, of the information you might need. Please pay particular attention to the required payment schedule. Because of advanced booking requirements, "**time is of the essence**". This trip books quickly: in 2008 twenty NJSS students could be found in the anchorages!

Our metropolitan team of Captains and crew will be flying out of Newark Airport on **April 3, 2009** and return on **April 11, 2009**. We will be sailing out of **Tortola, BVI** for an eight-day sailing adventure. The \$1,495 cost is per person for a shared berth (If a separate berth is desired, add \$950), or \$2,890 per couple in a private cabin. This cost covers the vessel's cruising taxes, split plan provisioning, captains, vessel insurance, and some pleasant surprises. You will be expected to share in the day-to-day chores along with the rest of the crew. Airfare is not included in this rate. Call the office for rates or check with your travel agent or Orbitz.com. Also, consider using your airline "points" for this trip! We are also offering "Trip Cancellation" insurance as an option to protect your investment in this adventure. The cost is \$89.95 per person and will cover the flotilla trip and airfare in the event you have to cancel due to a health or family problem. Ask for the full brochure that lists the incidents that are covered by this policy.

American Sailing Certifications are also available for **Basic Coastal Cruising** and **Bareboat Chartering** for an additional cost of \$125 to \$143 per student. We have limited space on a Cruising Catamaran and we will be teaching the full **Cruising Catamaran** curriculum including ASA certification but you must have completed ASA Basic Sailing & Basic Coastal Cruising. All necessary study material will be supplied. Challenge exams will be available for Basic Sailing and Basic Coastal Cruising for those of you not yet ASA certified. Lecture and course schedules will be blended into your vacation not to interfere with your full enjoyment of the islands and the sailing.

Students with significant experience can join the flotilla on your own boat. The flotilla concept allows you to sail as a skipper in coordination with the lead boat, which will be captained by one of our ASA instructors. This is a great way for a novice bareboater to gain the benefit of our captain's local knowledge while being fully responsible for your own boat. ASA Bareboat Chartering or comparable experience is mandatory, and you will be contractually responsible as master of the vessel. Ask for your own boat when booking this option. We will then work with you to select the right boat for the price that works for you. **(All Boats MUST be booked through us to join the Flotilla)**

Read through the rest of the material and quickly fill out the sign-up sheet. Make sure your Passport is up to date. Space is limited and we want to be sure you do not get left home. If it works out that you just cannot make it, be sure to give the package to someone you know so that they can enjoy the trip and report back with pictures and stories.

See you in April

Mike

Captain Michael M. Landers



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Virgin Island Flotilla 2008 ASA Course Option Rate Sheet

**Challenge ASA Basic Sailing or
Basic Coastal Cruising**..... \$ 79.00

Includes ASA Keelboat Examination and NASBLA Examination. Rate applies to those taking Basic Cruising and or Bareboat Chartering. There is a new ASA "certification" fee of \$39 for all Basic Sailing students effective 10/07

ASA Basic Sailing \$164.00

Includes ASA Keelboat Examination, the \$39 ASA Certification fee, and ASA Official Log Book. The Jobson Text is recommended for this course.

Text Book "Sailing Fundamentals" by Jobson.....\$ 18.00

Text Book "Cruising Fundamentals" by Munns..... \$ 18.00

Required for Bareboat Chartering

ASA Official Log Book.....\$ 9.00

ASA Basic Coastal Cruising.....\$125.00

Includes Instruction and Cruising Examination Only

ASA Bareboat Chartering..... \$143.00

Includes Instruction, Text Book Cruising Fundamentals & Bareboat Examination.

ASA Cruising Catamaran\$143.00

Includes Instruction, Text Book and ASA 114 Examination.

ASA Basic Sailing & Coastal Cruising is required prerequisites for this course!

Bareboat is suggested. This course is available on the catamaran only & space is limited

TRIP Insurance \$ 89.95

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Logistics, Costs and Itinerary

THE COSTS: ON A CAPTAINED BOAT- \$1,495 cost is per person and covers the vessel, a shared berth (if a separate berth is desired, add \$950), cruising taxes and moorings, split plan provisioning, captains, vessel insurance, and some pleasant surprises. The cost per couple is \$2,890 for a private cabin. **Instruction/certification fees are additional.** Basic Coastal Cruising, Bareboat Chartering and Cruising Catamaran instruction are offered at a cost of \$125 to \$143 per course, per student. Requests must be included with your deposit so we can provide your book and other materials for you to study before you go, to free up your time for other activities. See enclosed rate sheet for full details. Each boat, as a group, will be responsible for any incidental costs incurred by that boat such as ICE, DRINKS, Etc.

THE COSTS: YOUR OWN BOAT Students with significant experience can join the flotilla on your own boat. The flotilla concept allows you to sail as a skipper in coordination with the lead boat, which will be captained by one of our ASA instructors. This is a great way for a novice bareboater to gain the benefit of our captain's local knowledge while being fully responsible for your own boat. ASA Bareboat Chartering or comparable experience is mandatory, and you will be contractually responsible as master of the vessel. Ask for your own boat when booking this option. We will then work with you to select the right boat for the price that works for you. **(Boat MUST be booked through us to join the Flotilla)**

FLIGHTS: We are flying from Newark International Airport (Airport Code: EWR), departing on Friday April 3, 2009, arriving on the same day in San Juan (Airport Code: SJU) then on to Beef Island, Tortola (EIS). Return flights will be set for April 11, 2009 back to Newark. If you fly American Airlines, please use Business ExtrAA code **764776** when booking. This registers you as a NJSS participant and will not effect your cost or airline point accumulation. We will be flying back from Beef Island, Tortola. (Airport Code: EIS). You take a taxi from the Beef Island airport to Sun Sail's Marina, located at Hodges Creek Marina, East End, Tortola, BVI.

RESERVATIONS: Most airline reservations are NONREFUNDABLE. Remember, you will need a Passport to enter the BVI and to return to the USA.

SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted while on board the ship.

Instruction/certification fees are additional. Bareboat Chartering and Basic Coastal Cruising will be offered at a cost of \$125 to \$143 per course, per student. Please note that the ASA now requires a "certification fee" of \$39 for all Basic Sailing (ASA101) certifications. This fee only applied to ASA101 and not the other courses. See enclosed rate sheet for full details.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES: You are responsible for the cost of getting to and from the Sun Sail Marina in the BVI on April 3 and April 11. Individually you will be responsible for all activities you might select such as scuba diving, sight seeing, dinners or lunch on land, etc. Provisions will not be provided for traveling days to and from. You will also be responsible for three of the seven dinners on land. The split plan provides for four of the seven dinners (all breakfast and lunches are included unless eaten ashore). **Note:** You will be responsible for the day to day chores. **There will not be crew available to serve you and all are expected to pitch in as is expected on any "bareboat" cruise.** There is no smoking allowed on board these boats. Each boat, as a group, will be responsible for any cost incurred by that boat such as ICE, DRINKS, AND OTHER EXPENSES.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

The itinerary is open, our objective is to enjoy to the fullest and take it day-by-day. This is just a starting point for further discussion:

- DAY 1- Turn our watches to island time (ie: take them off. They leave tan lines anyway)
Get oriented to the boats and each other. Perhaps an evening sail.
- DAY 2- A nice sail to Norman Island for some snorkeling in the cave at the bay entrance.
A visit to the William Thornton, an old sail boat bar/restaurant might be for some or just a barbecue at anchor.
- DAY 3- An upwind passage will take us to Cooper Island and into the heart of the Drake Channel.
- DAY 4- After stopping at the famous Baths in Virgin Gorda we are planning to head up to the Bitter End Yacht Club or perhaps somewhere else in North Sound.
- DAY 5- I like to keep this day for open ideas, some like to just take the day off at the beach some like to go diving etc.
- DAY 6- We usually make the long passage to Anegada, the sunken island. This trip challenges even seasoned navigators but the island and its huge lobsters are the reward.
- DAY 7- The 25+ mile downwind passage towards Jost van Dyke is the perfect time for relaxation and dolphin watching. They appear out of nowhere, frolic in the bow wave and return back into their element. Jost has a few nice anchorages or we can head into Cane Garden Bay for the night.
- DAY 8- Time to head back into Hodge's Creek and pack our things. Let's hope the shoes are not too uncomfortable.
- DAY 9- Put your watch back on, its time to go but you sailors getting certified can look Forward to the test on the flight home.



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FLOTILLA SIGN-UP SHEET

Fill in your requests and mail. We will send you a completed contract ASAP

Trip Dates: APRIL 3 – 11, 2009

Destination: Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Please Sign Me Up:

 Name/s

 Address

 City State Zip Code

 Phone (Home &work)

E Mail address. If more than 1 person, include all e mail addresses

The option you are choosing: (Circle One Below) / Number of people in party: ___

1. I want my own boat and will captain the boat myself along with at least one more capable sailor. I understand I will be responsible for the safe operation of this boat and will provision the boat and place the proper security deposit with Sun Sail. I will mail you a **NONREFUNDABLE** deposit of \$700 as soon as I choose the boat. Please quote me a price based on the following: **(MUST be booked through us to join the Flotilla)**
 - Boat _____ feet
 - Sloop _____ or Catamaran _____
 - Special Requests_____
 - Trip Insurance _____

2. I want to be on one of the instructional/captained boats. A \$500/ person deposit enclosed to secure my spot/s. **Payment schedule for option 2:**

\$1495 times _____number in party (\$2,890 a Couple).....	\$ _____
Bareboat Chartering Certification (\$143 x__# Students).....	\$ _____
Basic Coastal Cruising Certification (\$125 x__ # Students).....	\$ _____
Trip Insurance (\$89.95 Per Person).....	\$ _____
TOTAL COST:	\$ _____

1 st Deposit Due Now: \$500. times _____number in party.....	\$ _____
2 nd Deposit made (due by 1/15/09) \$500. times _____number in party	\$ _____
Final Balance Due (due by 2/15/09) Final Balance	\$ _____

NOTE: Because of advance booking requirements, **all deposits are non-refundable**. If you or anyone in your party are unable to charter or sail as agreed you will be held responsible for any balances due for full payment. If a replacement can be found, you will be refunded for all payments less a booking fee of \$300 per person. There is no smoking allowed on these boats.

It is also agreed, that you and all members of your party have seen and acknowledge the Release of Liability. Please see the next page of this packet. I (will) have a Passport for this trip.

To the true and faithful performance of this Agreement, the parties hereunto set their hands.

X_____ Date_____

Your Name Signed Here

Mail To:

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**SAILING INSTRUCTION/RENTAL & CHARTER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT
Flotilla 2008 - April 3 - 11, 2009**

The undersigned New Jersey Sailing School student assumes and understands that sailing is a potentially hazardous sport; that grounding, accidental jibes, man overboard, and equipment failures occur from time to time without warning; and that variations in wind and water conditions, water traffic, submerged obstructions, and other hazards to navigation exist.

In using New Jersey Sailing School equipment or facilities or participating in sailing instruction at New Jersey Sailing School, the undersigned recognizes and accepts such dangers, and assumes full responsibility for such risks, and holds New Jersey Sailing School and/or their officers, employees, or agents harmless against any and all bodily injury, and/or property damages resulting from such risks.

I acknowledge that the school will be taking pictures of the participants to be used at boat shows and on the school web site. Said pictures will be available to me at no cost. Also, I understand that should I object to any picture, the school will immediately remove it from site. I understand that the school will not allow any other organization to use the pictures taken during my lesson.

Signature

Date

Please print name

<p>Each Party must sign and print their name on this form and mail it along with the Flotilla Sign-up Sheet</p>
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Miscellaneous Information

CURRENCY:

The U.S. Dollar is the local currency in both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. Since you will be spending a lot of time on small islands, it is a good idea to bring about \$200 in cash and bring about \$200 in traveler's checks of smaller denominations. Major credit cards are honored at most USVI stores and hotels and at the larger establishments in the BVI. However, do not expect to be able to use them at small restaurants during your cruise. Personal checks are not accepted anywhere.

CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION:

U.S. citizens ARE required to have a Passport. All passengers must clear both customs and immigration. The Passport requirement was new beginning in 2007.

PACKING FOR THE CRUISE: DO NOT USE HARD SUITCASES, AS THEY DO NOT STOW SUCCESSFULLY ON A BOAT. Use only **carry on** soft luggage. The ideal amount of luggage to go on a sailing holiday with should fit in a duffel bag underneath your airline seat. Lay out all clothes you had intended to bring and ask yourself if you really need that item. During the days aboard the boat, you will need only bathing suits, towels, perhaps a cover-up, shorts, T-shirts and few casual shirts or blouses. In most island restaurants, casual slacks and shirts are acceptable. You will need sneakers or boat shoes for wading in shallow water because of the coral and sea urchins. Try not to come to the airport with heavy coats, you will only have to carry them around for the duration of your stay.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN:

The tropical sun is hot, especially on pale bodies that have been kept undercover throughout the winter.

The constant trade breezes keep the temperature ideal but you should be careful not to spend too long out in the sun as the combined effect of overhead tropical sun and reflection from both sails and water can cause severe sunburns.

If you are fair, then perhaps you should think about a wide brimmed hat. Please bring a good sun block to be used for the first few days. It is a good idea to bring long pants and a long sleeve shirt as a cover up.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Scuba Gear. If you have your own regulator & facemask, that is fine. Do not bring weight belts and tanks or fins. They are available for rent.

WATER SAFETY:

The waters of the Virgin Islands are essentially a benign area. When people think of tropical waters, man-eating sharks, barracuda and giant moray eels come to mind. The truth of the matter is that more injuries are sustained by cuts from coral or by stepping on a sea urchin spine, than by encounters with underwater predators. Notwithstanding this, **NEVER SWIM ALONE.** This is a simple but proven precaution and a standard water safety tip.

SHARKS:

There are, of course many large sharks around the waters of the Virgins, however, they remain largely in deep water. It is highly unlikely that you will ever see a shark during your cruise and remember that there has never been a shark attack in the Virgin Islands.

BARRACUDA:

You will, without a doubt, see numerous barracuda of various sizes while snorkeling the reefs. They are curious fish and are likely to stay almost motionless in the water watching your movements. They will not bother you and it is best to show them the same courtesy.

MORAY EELS:

These creatures are shy by nature and make their homes in rocks and crevices formed by the reef. DO NOT reach into caves and crevices unless you can see inside.

CORAL:

Extreme caution should be exercised around all coral as cuts and scratches can become infected quickly.

Familiarize yourself with the various types and remember to stay well clear of the fire coral.

Wear good foot protection when wading on shallow reefs.

SEA URCHINS:

These black spiny creatures are found in abundance throughout the islands. They can be seen on sandy bottoms and on reefs and rocks. If you stand on one or inadvertently place your hand on one, it is likely that one or more of the spines will pierce the skin and break off. Do not try to dig the spines out.

DON'TS

Do not swim at night. Do not swim alone. Do not swim in heavy surf. Do not wear jewelry when swimming or diving. Do not reach into crevices or caves. Do not spear fish and leave it bleeding in the water or in a bag at your waist. Do not dump refuse in the water. It is illegal and attracts sharks. Do not smoke on our boats.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE ISLANDS:

The Caribbean is a veritable feast of color, or scenery and people, whether you wish to regard the hues as you see them or wish to manipulate light sources and angles to make your personal statement, you will find that the colors are as transient as light itself.

CAMERA:

The ideal camera for adequate coverage is a good 35mm, single lens reflex with a range of lenses from 28mm to 135mm. You will find aboard your boat, the 28mm is essential for capturing the moment and for the long shots of other vessels and landscapes the 135mm is useful.

For the serious photographers who have underwater housings, some fantastic sights await you on and around the reefs. But remember, you should also have a flash system for any serious photography.

The higher speed film, ASA 200 and 400 will give you extra flexibility shooting sunset scenes.

Do not allow your film, either exposed or unexposed, to go through the X-ray machine at the airport. This can cause fogging, so ask for a separate check.

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