



# BoatU.S. Flotilla

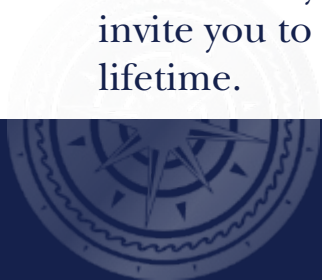
British Virgin Islands May 18 - 25, 2024



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# Welcome to Paradise

- Welcome to the BoatU.S. Flotilla, sponsored by The Moorings. We have created this guide to help prepare you for your British Virgin Islands adventure this summer.
- This trip is about you, your friends, your family and your vacation. We are thrilled to have you attend the Flotilla, and pledge to make the trip as streamlined and stress-free as possible.
- The following slides will take you through the various sights and venues you can expect to see while on your charter. We invite you to sit back, relax, and prepare for the journey of a lifetime.





# Introduction

- Your guide will be Melissa Johnson, Vacation Planning Expert, for The Moorings based in Clearwater, FL. A professional Moorings Captain based in the BVI will also be on board.
- The Lead Boat is a Moorings Power Catamaran, which will be with the group for the duration of the week. The intention is for everyone to play “follow-the-leader” for the week, making navigation as easy as possible for all.
- A unique radio channel will be determined upon arrival, and all vessels should keep their VHF tuned to that frequency. It will make communication with the lead boat much easier throughout the week.



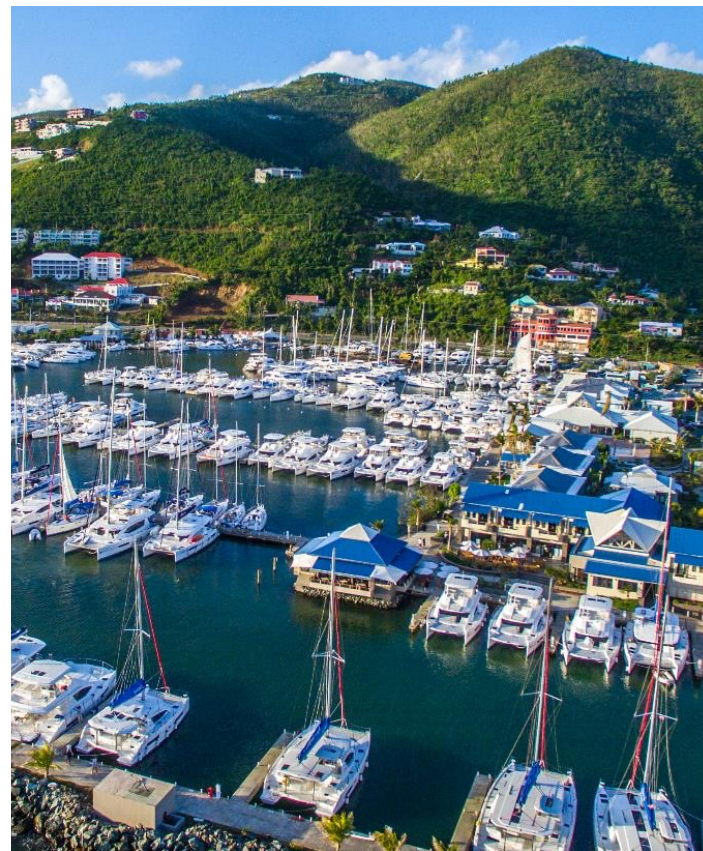
# Itinerary Overview

Date	Location
May 17 <sup>th</sup> – Day 1	Arrive to The Moorings Base
May 18 <sup>th</sup> – Day 2	Cruise to Norman Island
May 19 <sup>th</sup> – Day 3	Sail to The Baths and then Leverick Bay
May 20 <sup>th</sup> – Day 4	Make your way to Anegada
May 21 <sup>st</sup> – Day 5	Head to Jost Van Dyke
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Day 6	Cross over to Cane Garden Bay
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Day 7	Venture to Cooper Island
May 24 <sup>th</sup> – Day 8	FREE DAY
May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Day 9	Return to Moorings base



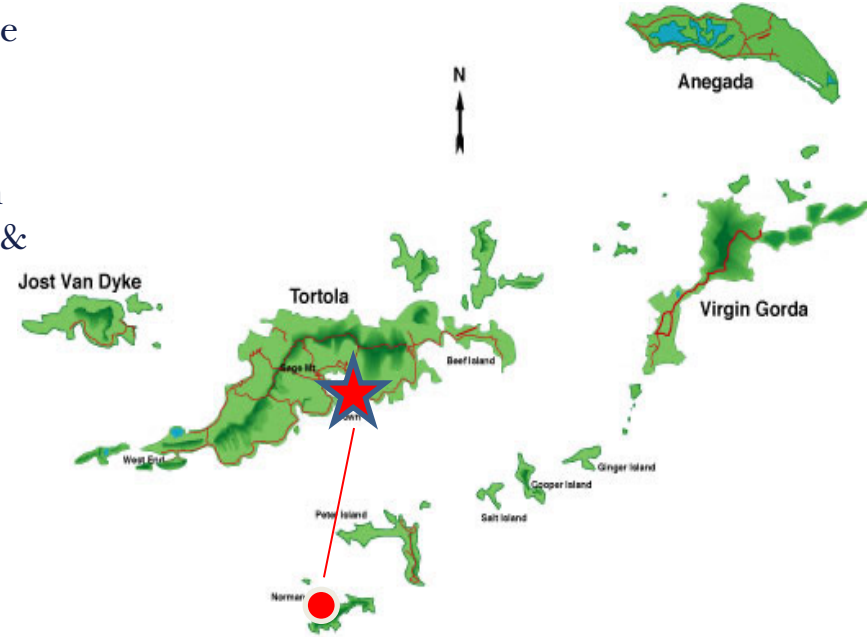
# Day 1: Arrival to the Marina

- The group will arrive at The Moorings Mariner Yacht Club in Road Town, Tortola. It is recommended that everyone arrive on **Friday, May 17th** and arrange to sleep on board your boat that evening, or at the hotel on-site.
- Upon Check-in, your group will receive your BoatU.S. Welcome Package from The Moorings. **Dinner will be provided** by The Moorings at **The Mariner Yacht Club on site and starts at 7:30.**
- A general chart briefing will be held on the morning of May 18th going over the itinerary in more detail, and any questions you have will be answered at that time.



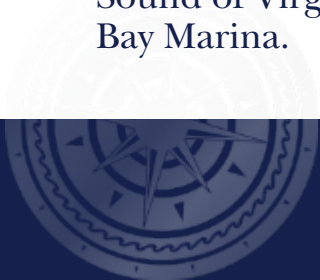
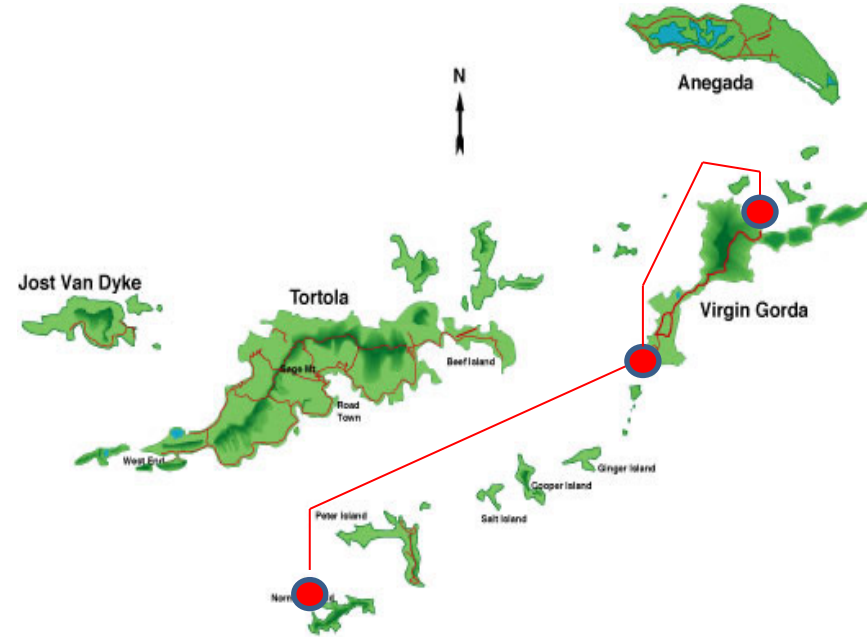
# Day 2: Sail to Norman Island

- On the Morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> we will wait for the entire group to be ready before setting sail to Norman Island around mid-day, so please be patient.
- Norman Island offers perhaps the best snorkeling in the BVI, including formations such as “the Indians” & “the Caves”, and is the perfect spot to do some kayaking and paddleboarding.
- We will spend the entire afternoon and overnight at Norman Island, and mooring balls are readily available here.
- Dinner can be enjoyed on your boat, or ashore at Pirate’s Bight Restaurant. Additionally, the world-famous Willy T floating barge is located in this harbor and usually offers quite the memorable evening.



# Day 3: Virgin Gorda

- May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will wake up at first light, and sail from Norman Island to the southern tip of Virgin Gorda to visit The Baths. It is critical to get there early to beat the crowds
- The Baths of Virgin Gorda are consistently voted as one of the top places to visit in the Caribbean, and feature more snorkeling, opportunity to hike/climb the unique rock formations, or walk the trail to the restaurant overlooking the national park area.
- Stay here until mid-day, then sail to the North Sound of Virgin Gorda to overnight at Leverick Bay Marina.





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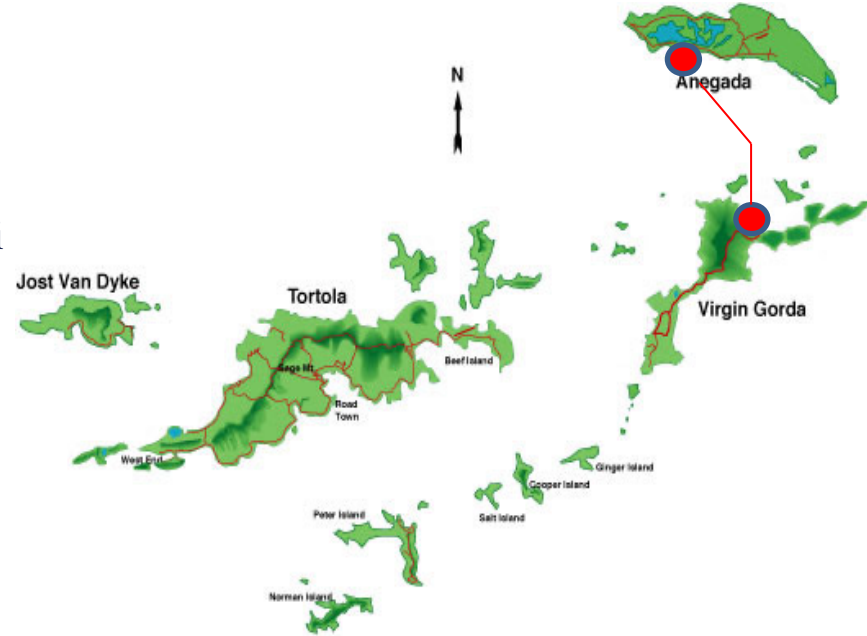
- The North Sound of Virgin Gorda is the most popular anchorage in the BVI, featuring the Bitter End Yacht Club, Saba Rock, Leverick Bay Resort and Richard Branson's Necker Island.
- We will spend the afternoon in North Sound, and the group can split up to visit Bitter End or Saba Rock, then overnight at Leverick Bay. **Dinner and entertainment will be provided the night of the 19th**, at Leverick Bay starting at **7 PM**, courtesy of The Moorings.
- Mooring balls are available here, as well as dock slips. We recommend calling Leverick Bay in advance if you would like to reserve a slip here instead of a mooring ball.





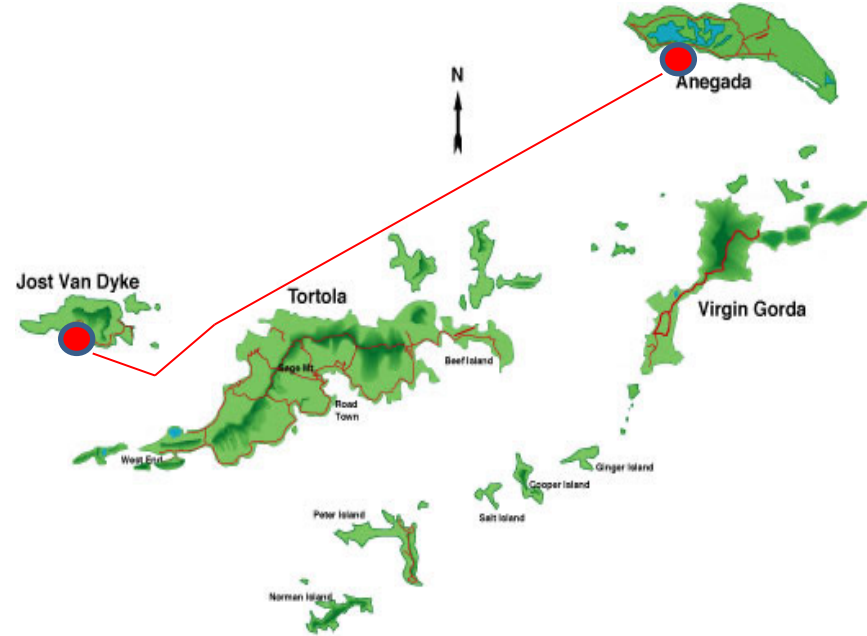
# Day 4: Anegada

- On the 20th, depart Leverick Bay in the early morning and cruise for Anegada
- Anegada is famous for its beaches and its lobster. During the day, feel free to take a taxi or rent scooters to Cow Wreck Beach or Loblolly Bay, then dine aboard your boat or meet the group for a lobster dinner at Anegada Reef Hotel.
- If you intend to eat dinner here, be sure to provide your order to the restaurant by **3pm**. Dinner is served at 6:00pm sharp.



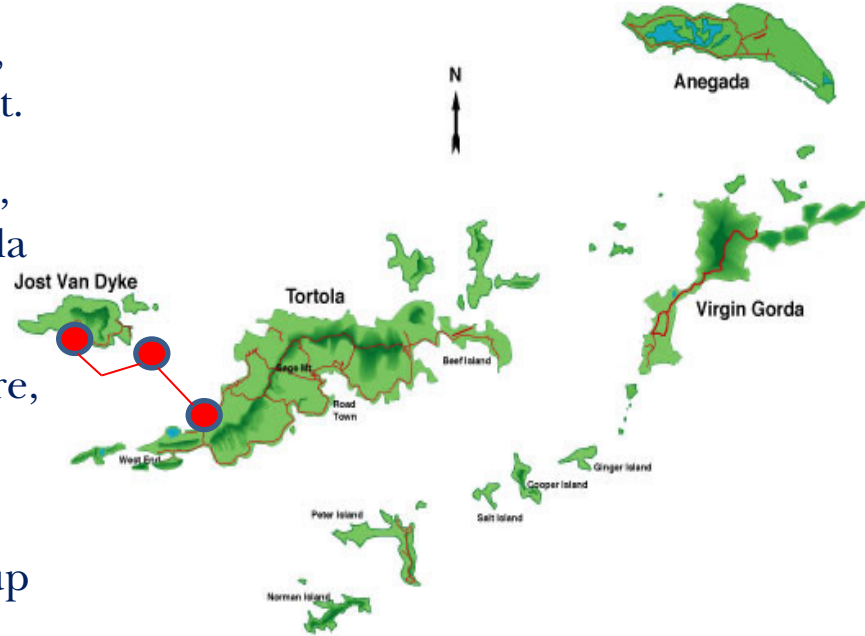
# Day 5: Jost Van Dyke

- Depart Anegada on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>, and set sail for Jost Van Dyke, to the southwest. This is the longest journey of the trip and could take roughly 3 hours underway.
- The group will pick up a mooring ball in Great Harbour, Jost Van Dyke for the afternoon/evening
- From Great Harbour, you can either take a taxi down the road to White Bay, or take the dinghy around the bend to White Bay, where we recommend spending the afternoon



# Day 6: Cane Garden Bay

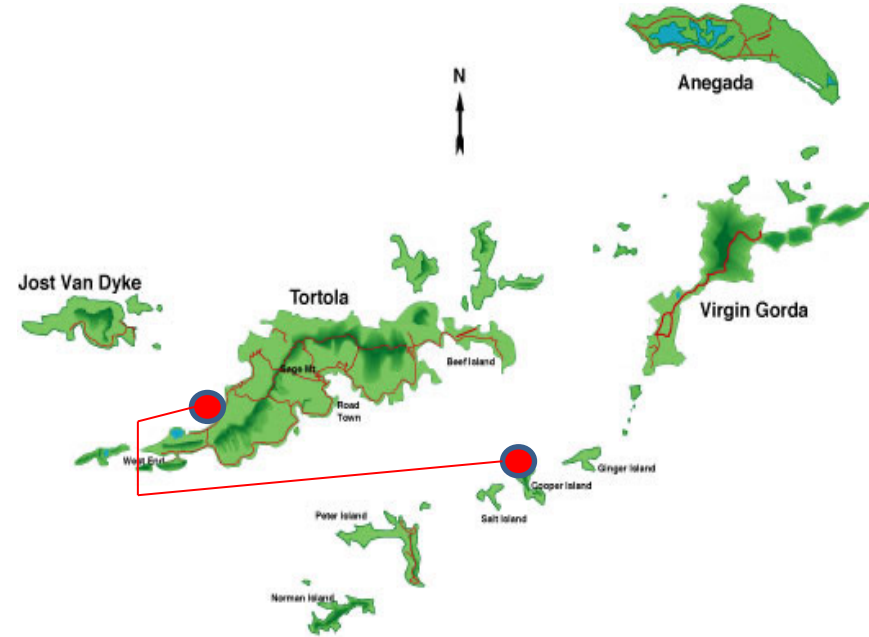
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning, sail to Sandy Cay, just offshore Jost Van Dyke, and have breakfast.
- After eating breakfast and enjoying Sandy Cay, sail to Cane Garden Bay, due South, on Tortola
- Cane Garden Bay can be great for watersports and offers plenty of bars and restaurants ashore, a wonderful place to spend the afternoon.
- NOTE: Cane Garden Bay is susceptible to a North Swell. If the swell is too rough, the group will return to Jost Van Dyke, a more protected anchorage for the evening.





# Day 7: Cooper Island

- Set sail around the West End of Tortola on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, then head East to Cooper Island
- Cooper Island is a private Eco-Resort, with a wonderful bar, its own brewery, and a restaurant. This is an excellent place to relax for the day and overnight.
- Cooper Island also features its own private beach, and snorkeling nearby as well.



# Day 8: FREE DAY

- While it is always fun sailing as a group, it's nice to have some alone time as well, enjoy the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Feel free to take today to revisit your favorite anchorage from the previous few days, or explore somewhere new, like Scrub Island, Trellis Bay, Peter Island, or Spanish Town, VG
- If you have to catch the ferry or an early flight home early on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we recommend returning to the Moorings Marina in Road Town by 5pm today.



# Day 9: Return to Marina

- For those who did not need to return to the marina early on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the boats will be due back by 10:00am on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The base staff will welcome you back and can assist in docking the boat upon your return.
- Be sure to bid your new friends adieu, and we hope to see you out on the water with The Moorings again someday soon.





# Things You Should Know

- We strongly advise you provision your boat at least 14 days ahead of time through The Moorings' [online provisioning store](#). This will expedite your arrival process and allow for an easier departure from the base
- A mooring ball will be required nearly every night during the trip. These generally cost about \$30 per night, and fees are collected in cash by attendants who stop by your boat before nightfall.
- You are free to venture away from the group at any time and can meet up with the Flotilla in the evening.
- Please note that only the dinners on the **18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** will be paid for by The Moorings. The rest of the week you will need to either cook on board your boat or dine ashore at the selected venue at each location.
- The Lead boat will be available via Boat-to-boat communication from 8:00am – 10:00pm each day. We will be available for questions, recommendations, and maintenance issues should they arise. Our purpose during the trip is to ensure you are safe, comfortable, and have the vacation of a lifetime.





We look forward to meeting  
you!