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Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2013 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because you have already joined us for a sailing adventure (for which we thank you) and/or you have expressed an interest in joining us on a future adventure. Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone whom you think has the same adventurous spirit that you do and whom you think would enjoy a Jamann Sailing Adventure.

2nd Full Time Charter Season Going Strong!

It has taken some adjustments but after almost 15 months of living here in paradise we have pretty much settled into our new life aboard our yacht Jamann. Our home base in Red Hook Bay on the east end of St. Thomas has worked out quite well with a great community of people (both yacht dwellers and land lubbers) and with all of the necessary services (laundromat, medical center, drug store, dive shop, mail service, grocery store, marine store, bars and restaurants) with in walking distance. Using the local public transportation, the infamous "safari" taxis, we can conveniently and cheaply get to the movie theatre, Home Depot, Plaza Extra grocery store and Kmart, downtown Charlotte Amalie and other locations around the island! So we are surviving nicely without a car (which means no car payments, no insurance costs, no repair costs, and no gas costs). We've had plenty of time to swim, snorkel and scuba dive while sailing around checking out new locations in the British, US and Spanish Virgin Islands.

A few of the major storms during hurricane season came with in a few hundred miles of us in 2012 but were of no major consequence to us and the Virgin Islands. In fact people on the east coast of the US had more problems with hurricanes and major storms than we had. Thanks to all of you who checked up on us periodically to make sure we were okay. Hopefully we will not have storm problems in 2013 either.



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We Be Jamann!!!

The only major disappointment for 2012 was having our dinghy stolen while over in Vieques in the Spanish Virgin Islands which a lot of you have already heard about. We had sailed around to the south side of Vieques and anchored off the town of Esperanza. At 5:30 we went in for happy hour and to check out the local scene. When we returned to the docks we found that our dinghy, which had been locked to the dock with a steel cable and locks, was gone! To make a long story short the local police were very cooperative. They actually found our dinghy the next morning. The motor and everything in the dinghy was gone, the inflatable sides of the dinghy had been slashed multiple times and the dinghy was left full of sand and mud sunk in the shallows. Fortunately we were able to recover quickly purchasing a new dinghy and motor within two days and having the cost of replacement covered by our insurance. Kathy's letter about our experience to one of the Caribbean Cruiser trade magazines has stirred awareness of the theft problem in Vieques even prompting a strong editorial in one of the popular papers in Puerto Rico. Hopefully things will improve in Vieques so that cruisers will not feel threatened if they go there.

Joy of Jamann - Chef HiHo Recipes

Our guests continue to thoroughly enjoy Chef HiHo's culinary creations again suggesting that we create a cook book of her favorite recipes – one guest even suggesting the title of “The Joy of Jamann”. We still see that as way too much work for two people who are supposed to be retired (which we ARE!). So we've come up with a better idea. As promised we've created a new section on our website called Joy of Jamann Recipes where you can read about, copy, make and enjoy some of Chef HiHo's best recipes. What we'd ask is that if you like and use one or more of the recipes would you please consider making a donation to the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park. A link to their website where you can make an on line donation is there on our website for your convenience. Here is their mission statement as stated on their website: “Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and promotes the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure”. Visiting the Virgin Islands National Park (2/3 of St. John is part of the National Park) is one of our favorite things to do and we have taken many guests there as well. So please enjoy the recipes and please consider making a donation to a very worthy cause.

Revival of the Jamann Blog!

We have been so busy having a great time sailing around and exploring the Virgin Islands, with guests as well as on our own, that keeping up with the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire Blog kind of fell by the way side. To our pleasant surprise quite a number of you contacted us wondering why the blog had not been updated in quite a while. So we've decided to take the team approach with both Kathy and Jim updating the blog probably on more of a weekly rather than daily basis. This will allow those of you who are interested in more of the details about the fabulous life we are having as cruisers in the islands to keep up with what's going on with the Jamann crew. Thanks to those who have shown their interest in and support of the blog and we hope that all of you will check it out at <http://jamannsailingadventures.blogspot.com>. Please feel free to leave comments as you follow along.

2013 Charter Highlights – so far!

Since our last newsletter we actually finished up the 2012 charter season in December welcoming Alice and Roger Brubaker and Nancy and John Fox in December. We had a great charter with them in the BVI. Shortly thereafter we headed back to Pennsylvania to attend a friend's wedding (congrats to Abby and Adam! – we had a great time at the wedding and reception). We literally stuffed ourselves while meeting friends and family for breakfasts, lunches and dinners trying to catch up with everyone during our visit. Those of you whom we were not able to catch up with will just have to come down here to see us. Thanks Lyn and Joe for letting us stay with Felix, Calvin, Murphy and "Spike" Mason. We were very glad to get back to the warm sunny Caribbean and put away those jackets, long pants, socks and shoes.



The 2013 charters started with a mini high school class reunion when B.A. McGettigan (one of Jim's high school classmates) and three friends chartered with us in the BVI in January. We had the opportunity to visit a lot of the great spots in the BVI during that week with one highlight being the whale that we spotted in The Narrows between Tortola and St. John. They actually stayed in St. Thomas for a second week after our BVI charter and we were able to catch up with them for dinner in Charlotte Amalie the day before they returned home. In between their charter and the dinner we sailed over to Culebra, re-provisioned a bit, sailed on over to Vieques (kept a close eye on the dinghy this time) and met up with Ann and Dave Royer who were vacationing there. We enjoyed a day sail with Ann and Dave going east from Isabel Segunda to the beautiful and isolated anchorage of Bahia Icacos. The sail back to St. Thomas from Vieques turned out to be an extremely long day with us leaving at 8:30AM but not getting back to Charlotte Amalie until 11:30PM – the other captain was not very happy with that outcome.



Our first official repeat guests, Fred Kinsey and Carol Thompson had contacted us about doing a couple of day sails for them as they needed to find some place warm to get away from the cold dreary northeast US weather. So they brought their friends Marilyn Beittel and Debra Matz down to St. Thomas for a couple of days of fun in the sun. We treated them to a morning tour of Hassel Island just off the Charlotte Amalie waterfront, then a day sail over to Brewer's Bay for snorkeling and then a day sail over to Capella island to snorkel with the turtles.

Our good friend and crewmate, Bill Dorsey, came down in February for an adventure in night sailing. We spent the first couple of days of his visit making a couple of long day sails to get from Charlotte Amalie all the way out to the east end of Virgin Gorda. After a day of rest we departed Virgin Gorda at

4:00PM for an overnight sail under a full moon sailing off shore all the way from Virgin Gorda back to Charlotte Amalie non-stop. It was a beautiful night for sailing with only slightly cool temperatures, a clear moon lit sky and good winds in the 12-16 knot range. It took us 12.5 hours to cover the 59.5 nautical miles (which was faster than we anticipated) getting us anchored in to Charlotte Amalie by 4:30AM Monday morning. Chalk up another great sailing experience for the Jamann crew.



With a visit from Captain HiHo's best friend Helen Flynn coming up along with several more charters and several more day sails scheduled for the remainder of the season keeping busy will certainly not be a problem but will definitely be a lot of fun.

2014 Charter Season!

We already have several reservations on the books for 2014 which is great! If you are thinking about doing a charter with us in 2014 and haven't contacted us to let us know you should do so immediately even if you are not ready to make the commitment yet. That way we can at least pencil you in on the schedule and then continue to work with you to help you reach a final decision. Reminder, our regular season runs from January 15 to July 15. Due to the unpredictable nature of the weather from July 15 to October 15 we will not be doing any charters during that time period. Depending on the other activities and events we are involved in from October 15 to December 15 we may be able to do a charter during this time but this would have to be assessed on a case by case basis. No charters will be done from December 15 (2014) to January 15 (2015). So if this is your year to join us for a Jamann Sailing Adventure Extraordinaire please contact us as soon as possible so that we can look at availability and begin making plans for your adventure with us.



Living the Dream!

We saw a t-shirt with “Living the Dream” on the back and should have bought it because that’s what we are doing and loving every minute of it. Of course none of this would be possible without the great support and encouragement from all of our friends, new and old, and family! Thank you all very much for that. While we are still checking things out and exploring the area we’re hoping you’ll come down and let us share our adventures in this beautiful part of the world with you.

Thanks and see ya in da islands, mon!!!

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhh!

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