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Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire

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Welcome to the Spring 2018 edition of the Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire (JSAE) newsletter. Thank you for your interest. Full speed into the new year and all is good. Still time to charter in 2018. And, yes, we are accepting reservations for charters in 2019. Check out the details below.

Our most effective marketing strategy continues to be referrals from those of you who are kind enough to help spread the word. Thank you for helping us in that way. Please feel free to share this newsletter with all of your friends who might be interested in a great Caribbean sailing/snorkeling/dining experience. And if you are reading this and are not on our email list please email us so that we may add you to the list to keep you all informed of our upcoming events, activities and charter opportunities.

Santa's Helpers Deliver!

After helping the Jost Van Dyke Primary School in the British Virgin Islands meet some of their immediate needs after the hurricanes the principal invited us to attend the school's annual Christmas



Program on December 19th. We were extremely glad to accept the invitation. When we asked what we could do to help with the program the Principal asked if we thought we could get a gift for each of the 36 kids in the school and the day care. Kathy's brain was already in over drive thinking about how we were going to do this even before we could tell the principal YES! After the principal provided us with a list of the ages and sex of the school kids we contacted a number of friends and family and gave each of these Santa Helpers the age and sex of 2 of the kids for them to



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purchase gifts for. Additionally Kathy made up a fruit and snack package for each child and she prepared a nice package of personal items for each of the 12 teachers. We got all of the wrapped and tagged gifts, snack packs, and gifts for the teachers, sailed on over to JVD and delivered them to the school and found out that the owners of the Soggy Dollar Bar on Jost Van Dyke also had collected gifts for all of the kids. At the school the next day the holiday spirit was alive and well. In the morning the kids and some parents went around through the town singing Christmas carols. After lunch all of the presents were spread out under the decorated Christmas tree. There were songs and dancing, a performance by their little bell choir and the gifts were passed out. While the kids were anxious to open them they had to wait as the parents then picked up the gifts to take them home so that the kids would have them to open up on Christmas Day. It was a great day watching the kids laughing and smiling and perhaps just for a little while forgetting about all of the hardships created by the hurricanes. Many thanks to all of our friends who helped with the Christmas gifts.



Jamann Relief for the Jost Van Dyke Primary School!

Meanwhile, the Jamann Sailing Adventures Friends have come through in a major way to help with hurricane relief for our friends at the Jost Van Dyke Primary School. We put out the call and the response has exceeded our expectations. We had gotten a list of items from the school's principal and teachers that they would need to replace what was lost in the hurricanes. We set a goal of \$2,500 and you guys just jumped all over that. We reached that goal in just a matter of days and then it just kept on coming. So to date we been very fortunate to have received a total of \$4,941!!!! You guys are just awesome!!! So we went shopping and got everything that was on the initial list. We were able to purchase 4 laptop computers, two new printers, ink and toner cartridges, paper, markers and a few other supplies. Additionally other friends donated a used printer, a used projector, some personal items, some office supplies, and many, many more books! So we loaded all of that on Jamann and on February 23rd sailed on over to Jost Van Dyke and delivered everything to the school. We had saved some of the donated funds in case BVI Customs would charge duties on all of the goods. But we were very pleased with the cooperation from Customs who said to thank everyone for all of the support and they did not charge any duties at all! So with the money saved from that plus additional donations that have come in



we've got a second list of items that the school can use and we'll be off shopping again to see if we can get all of the additional items.

We are happy to also report that repairs to the school (including a new second floor to the one building) continue to be made with donations from several groups including one of Kenny Chesney's foundations. Another group has stepped in to keep the food services and kitchen operating, which had been shut down by the government as no longer necessary. This food services operation not only provides food for the school children and teachers but also provides food for several elderly people in the community. But the best news is that yet another organization is making it possible for a new school to be built a short distance behind the old school. The surveying has been completed and the building plans will be unveiled in the next few weeks.

So we pass along to all of you who have supported these efforts the heartfelt thanks and gratitude expressed to and shared with us from all of the kids, parents, teachers and the principal. Thank you all so very much!!!



How YOU can still Help!

Many of you continue to ask us how you can help support the good people of the Virgin Islands in their efforts to rebuild their lives, our communities, our islands. We are going to stay focused on helping the Jost Van Dyke Primary School. So monetary donations are still very much welcome. You can continue to make donations to our relief fund.

Fund: [Jamann Relief for Jost Van Dyke Primary School](#)

Organizers: Kathy & Jim Jackson

Currency: US Dollars

What Happens with your donation: The island of Jost Van Dyke is near and dear to our hearts and over the years the Jost Van Dyke Primary School has become our charity of choice. The children are our future and education is the best preparation for a successful future. The primary school lost virtually everything with Irma gutting their primary building, completely demolishing the Pre-school/daycare building and blowing off the 2nd floor of the library building. School is now being held for all grades in the 1st floor remains of the two buildings. This fund will help us to continue replacing basic supplies (pencils, crayons, paper, notebooks, back packs, tape, markers, posters and other teaching resources) as well as items such as musical instruments and a laminating machine.



Fees: NONE! Jamann Sailing Adventures will cover all Paypal fees so that 100% of your donation goes towards relief for the school.



Books, Books and MORE Books! PLEASE!!!!

In spite of the large amount of books that have already been donated by many of you there is still a huge need for more books as the school tries to rebuild its small library. They still need books for all grades from Pre/K to 6th grade and for girls and boys. So we would like to keep the book donation drive going indefinitely. The best method for getting the books to us is to put the books in a USPS Priority Flat Rate box and ship it to us. Our address is

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Please include a card or note about who you are and where you are from. Your continued help with this project is GREATLY appreciated!

2018 Charter Season Information!

The recovery process has clearly begun and can be seen everywhere among the islands. The people are working hard to restore their lives, livelihood and dwellings and are making real progress although there is still along way to go. Mother nature, too, has been busy and with the help of many volunteers the beaches have been cleaned up, the leaves and flowers have returned, the waters are clear and warm and the fish life is abundant. So the best way to help the islands recover is to come on down and help stimulate the local economy with your patronage. No big crowds this year. Everything is much more relaxed and uncrowded. The businesses along the beaches and harbours are coming back to life quickly. The snorkeling and diving will be great. And the sun and breezes have returned maintaining the distinction of the Virgin Islands as being the sailing capitol of the world.

We still have 2018 charter availability through July 15th which is the end of our regular season. As announced in our last newsletter, instead of our regular 2018 price of \$7,750 for a 7 night charter we are pleased to offer for the 2018 season only our

Irmaria Discount Special prices!!!

7 night charter with 2 guests at \$5,000!

7 night charter with 3 guests at \$5,500!

7 night charter with 4 guests at \$6,000!

These are HUGE discounts that none of the other charter companies can match. We generally do not do any charters between July 15th and October 15th due to the challenging and unpredictable weather (i.e. hurricane season). Later in 2018 we will be taking off on another big sailing adventure down island leaving towards mid October and not returning until the beginning of December. So for 2018 we will NOT be able to accommodate any charter requests for dates during the period of Oct. 15th to Dec. 15th as we have been able to do in the past. Due to the holiday season we usually do not do charters between Dec. 15th and Jan. 4th so that our crew has time off to celebrate with everyone else.

So if you are getting tired of the cold and snow please contact us immediately and let's get rolling with a reservation for 2018. This is a really great year for a sailing charter with Jamann Sailing Adventures Extraordinaire in the Virgin Islands!

2019 Charter Season Information

If you can't join us in 2018 then hopefully you will be able to join us in 2019. We are already receiving inquiries and accepting reservations for our 2019 Regular Season which runs from Jan. 5th through July 13th, 2019. Reservations for 2019 charters made before June 1st, 2018 will be confirmed at 2018 regular pricing (\$7,750 for a 7 night charter with 4 guests). Get your group together and make a reservation now as pricing will likely go up after June 1st.

Frequently Asked Questions!

A couple of questions have come up numerous times since our last newsletter.

Do you have a house and car on the island? We have neither a house nor a car! So we don't have to worry about all of the expenses associated with either of them. The yacht technically belongs to our charter business and so most of the yacht's operating expenses are covered by the business. We live on our yacht Jamann year round out on a mooring (a permanent anchor that we own) in the outer Red Hook Bay. To get to shore in town it is a short 12 minute dinghy ride. But on days when Kathy wants to go to the beach it's a short 5 minute ride in our kayak on which she can carry her beach chair and beach bag. If we feel like snorkeling or even scuba diving we just jump off the back of the boat! Here on the east end of St. Thomas in Red Hook we have almost all of the things we need within roughly a 2 block area. Right here in Red Hook we have a marine chandlery, very nice grocery store, a comprehensive medical facility, mail service (our postal address is actually the address of the mail service), drug store, laundromat, dive shop, two banks and 4 ATMs, and 12 restaurants and bars – all within walking distance! For almost anything else on island we can take the public transportation called the dollar bus or safari bus. One dollar gets us from Red Hook to the middle of the island and another dollar gets us all the way to the other end of the island. And when we want to change the scenery all we have to do is drop the mooring lines and sail off to some other beautiful anchorage of which there are many.

If you have any particular questions you'd like our resident Mr. Know It All (guess who that is on Jamann?) let us know and he'll be glad to share the answers with everyone else.

Living the Dream!

Heading into our 7th season of chartering – time flies when you are having fun! In spite of the challenges with last year's hurricanes the dream is alive and well and we are thoroughly enjoying the experience of living here among the Islands of the Caribbean. We have another exciting down island adventure later next year starting in October to visit a couple of islands we've not visited yet as well as stops at some of our favorites making it back home to St. Thomas in early December. Stay tuned for pictures and posts on our Facebook page as we try to stay connected via the internet wherever we can. We certainly do love sharing our island life with our family, friends and new friends (a.k.a. guests). And we are humbly gratefully to be able to experience our life in the islands. We continue to appreciate all of the support and well wishes we have received from everyone and look forward to having you come down and share the fun and excitement in our neighborhood.

Thanks and see ya in da islands, mon! Pass the Pusser's!!! Argghhhhh!!!!

Life is GREAT! Arrrgghhhhh!

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