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April 2020

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## Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Cathy Talisman, 2020 BCYC Commodore

Hello everyone,

Our world has been turned upside down and there is so much unknown and uncertainty out there. Many countries and cities have imposed on their citizens to stay home and avoid public contact. This being one of the safest way to avoid being affected by the COVID-19.

The board has made the wise decision to cancel all gatherings at BCYC until the CDC has recommended that it is safe to continue normal activities.

It is the position of the board to follow the recommendations of the CDC and other responsible health organizations as to when it is safe to resume gatherings.

While it is heartbreaking that the club is on a standstill, it was the prudent and most safe thing we could do for everyone.

Gulfport has closed access to its beaches and docks by the Casino. We might see more of unknown people in the basin, the beach and by the hoist. If you see someone you do not know, kindly ask them if they are members. If not, escort them out and/or encourage them to leave. Do not give the code to the club, even if they ask. If they are members, they can find the code on our members-only web page.

Thank you to the members who look after the club and to all of you who still serve the club.

One such member is Marty Southard, who has taken upon himself to clean our very dirty waste buckets and cleaned up the recyclables, and to clean our patio deck and porch. All while fixing our ice machine by getting parts, changing filters and doing a maintenance cleaning. Marty "The Ice Man" Southard is one very valuable and dedicated member. Paul Stiffler was with Marty all Monday afternoon and early Tuesday morning. He pressure washed the entire porch and helped with the general cleanup of the trash and recycling. Thanks to you both.

In the meantime, I am wishing that we are all healthy and remain that way.

Cathy T



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# NOTICE

With the global and national attention on Coronavirus (COVID-19), the health and safety of our members, and invited guests, needs to be our number one priority.

Government and health officials are currently recommending that our communities avoid gatherings of 10 or more people. Therefore, effective immediately and for the safety of everyone, ALL BCYC scheduled activities and club functions, inclusive of the Rhumb Runners and Sea Scouts, will be cancelled until further notice.

This will include the cancellation and/or postponement of the following:

- General Membership Meetings
- Saturday Work Days
- Saturday Night Potlucks
- Sunday Racing
- Rhumb Runners Racing Series
- Rhumb Runners Monthly Meetings
- Sunset/Full Moon Cruises
- Monthly Cruises
- Adult Spring Sail School
- Friday Nights of Music
- Annual Fun Day/Open House
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Fish & Grab Meetings

BCYC has a substantial population of people at the greatest risk. However, anyone can be infected and become a carrier. Every member, needs to take responsibility for their personal choices--especially if they have had recent travel or exhibit any flu-like symptoms. The incubation period can take up to 14 days so we all need to act with a deep respect for the health and safety of our friends, neighbors and the public at large. Likewise, we should also consider ways to support our Gulfport small businesses, who have supported us over the years as sponsors for our events.

The clubhouse and property will remain open for use by members, and regularly scheduled weekly cleaning of the clubhouse will still occur. Please be mindful of others and be respectful of distance when interacting with other members. Additional hand-washing guidance has been posted at each sink and soap dispensers have been filled, with extra stocked in the supply closet.

Additionally, please continue to send your photos, articles, and stories to Jen Rogers for the Windword as the deadline for printing will NOT change.

The Board will continue to monitor the situation closely and will follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and our state and local authorities as to when BCYC may resume club activities and functions.

With appreciation for your continued support,

Cathy Talisman, Commodore  
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*effective 3/17/2020*



# Thanks to Our Photographers!

The most popular part of the Windword each month is the club photos, candid and otherwise. We want to thank all of you shutterbugs out there who send us such great material. This newsletter wouldn't be the same without you.

This month's contributors are: Susan McQuillan, Cathy Talisman, Beth Berkobein, Suzanne Boohar and The BVI Bunch.

**Thanks to you all!**



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**Do you have** any marine related items you want to purchase, trade or sell? Take a step up from the club bulletin board. Email [windword@sailbcyc.org](mailto:windword@sailbcyc.org)

**FOR SALE:** Mystic; 1971 Morgan 27'. Boat is in great shape for its age! Electric start outboard (Mercury 9.9). Many Sails and lots of extras included. Asking 3600.00 OBO. Will consider all reasonable offers! See Mystic in the BCYC basin, slip B22.

Contact: Denis Sousa at [denis.m.sousa@outlook.com](mailto:denis.m.sousa@outlook.com) or 305-900-8524  
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**FOR SALE:** Irwin 33; Built 1975; I have owned since 1980; can sleep 4 comfortably; berths for 7 very friendly people! Complete boat, dink, TV, antennae, DVD, galley with 2 burner alcohol stove (pots, pans, plates, towels, even tooth brushes!). Rebuilt Atomic Four engine, life jackets, wet suit, VHF and hand-held radio, hand-held GPS, whisker pole, stainless steel charcoal grill. Asking \$8,500.00. Michael Collins, cell: 813-230-0578; [michaelpcollins44@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpcollins44@gmail.com)

### REMINDER: BCYC BOATUS Group Discount

BCYC's Group number is GA80544Y. When renewing, please add this to your statement to receive \$15 Membership dues, plus 10% off on-the-water towing services.

## BCYC Web Site

[www.sailbcyc.org](http://www.sailbcyc.org)

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# TAMPA BAY

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		Every Tuesday night: racing 5pm-sunset	Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm) <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM BCYC Annual Oyster House (FunDay) <b>Cancelled</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Board Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM April Sunset/Full Moon Sail Out	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Cruise TBD
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<b>19</b> 2020 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series 11 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Windword Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 PM Live Music at BCYC Friday Night Open Mic	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Rhumb Runners Racing - Big Boat Race
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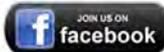
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## Boca Ciega Yacht Club Spring Adult Sail School Cancellation Notice.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Boca Ciega Yacht Club has made the decision that effective immediately ALL BCYC scheduled activities will be canceled until further notice.

As a result of this decision, we will be canceling our Spring Adult Sail School session. Our next scheduled sail school class will be in the Fall.

We are currently working to set up a Fall class date and will update our Sail School website shortly once a date has been determined.

Thank you,

Director of Adult Sail School  
Boca Ciega Yacht Club

## Proposed By-law Change

The following proposed by-law change was read at the January and February General meetings, and will be voted on at the next General Meeting; Friday, April 17, or May 15, 2020, to be determined by Coronavirus (COVID-19) status.

### SECTION 1.05 0 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

(c) Any member expelled from BCYC will not be allowed to return to BCYC property, for any reason. This includes returning as an attendee, participant, or a guest of another member, for any event, public or private.

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 Shelagh Roberts ..... April 23  
 Betty Southard ..... April 24  
 Gerard Gaudry ..... April 27  
 Tricia Longnecker ..... April 29  
 Joan Mealey ..... April 29



**Are we missing your birthday?**

Please edit your member information in Wild Apricot.

## BCYC Merchandise for Sale

**Support BCYC and Look Good Too!**



Our display case at the club gives you a sampling of items from our ever-changing inventory. They are available for purchase at monthly club meetings and at some work days and club events.

Please email Beth

Berkobein at [merchandising@sailbcyc.org](mailto:merchandising@sailbcyc.org), and she will try to accommodate your schedule within reason.

We accept cash or checks only. Checks to be made payable to BCYC. Thank you and smooth sailing!

BCYC gear goes everywhere!

Send us a photo of you wearing BCYC gear on your travels and we will feature it here.



Our plucky crew at The Baths, Virgin Gorda, BVI.

Read their story starting on page 11.

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## From Our Far-flung Correspondents

### Cruising and Coronavirus

It's been too long since our last Windword article letting everyone know what we've been up to. First and foremost, we're doing well and taking our time slowly getting to know the community here in Boot Key Harbor.

Things have slowed down a bit with COVID-19 in the Keys and as of Sunday, March 22nd, all hotels and vacation rental properties were to cease operation in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus from visitors.

Moorings are still being offered to transient boaters by Marathon City Marina on a monthly basis, provided the boat and crew hasn't visited any known COVID-19 hotspots. All potlucks and regular gatherings have been cancelled, but that doesn't mean we've been in total isolation!

To help combat the restlessness, the folks here in Boot Key have really stepped up into action to come up with daily activities, nightly radio nets, and checking up on each other to help get us all through to when things open back up again.

A longtime resident of the harbor took a lot of folks out on a three hour kayak tour of Boot Key, showing people through the mangroves we're surrounded by. We're also doing our part - so far helping organize a dinghy photo scavenger hunt.

The radio controllers of the Boot Key Harbor Cruisers' Net have quickly introduced a series of "Night Nets" - a wonderful way to share information on a variety of topics and interests including cruising the Back Country, consumer electronics and technology, and hydroponic gardens on sailboats (that's us!) to name a few.

Teams of volunteers have been organized to help fellow cruisers in the high-risk category with grocery shopping, collecting water, and other essential errands.

In short, we're doing the best we can given the current circumstances. Cruising and living aboard our boat has trained us to be prepared to make the most of what we have on hand, and to always help others when possible. If we're ordered to shelter in place for a few weeks, we can't think of a better place to hunker down than in Boot Key Harbor.

Thank you guys again, as you've left us feeling like real sailors and have taught us enough to talk like real sailors too.

Hopefully things will get back to normal soon and we look forward to sharing with you our experiences as well!

Miss You Guys,  
Phong and Asa

### Cruising Report

Submitted by Cruisin' Susan McQuillan,  
2020 Cruise Chair

Cruisin' Susan McQuillan

On March 14th, 7 boats left their slips and cruised over to Terra Ceia Bay for the March Club Cruise. Terra Ceia is one of our favorite anchorages. If you have not been there, you really should venture over. Make sure to watch your chart plotter carefully, as there are a couple of markers you can easily miss.

After everyone was anchored and settled, everyone made their way, with their coolers and snacks to share, to the "party barge" and Happy Hour(s) began. We had some really great turkey salad, salmon wraps, shrimp (compliments of BCYC), deviled eggs and desserts, plus

more goodies. What a feast! BCYCers are some really great cooks!

We got everyone safely in their dinghys as they made their way back to their boats. A few hangers on...lol... stayed behind for a while. As Dave Henshaw and Nina Nicholson got in their dinghy, settled and ready to take off, their brand new outboard would not start. Dave kept trying all to no avail and they had to row back to Two Too Tango.

The weather was perfect, as was the beautiful sunset. Great sleeping weather!

Sunday morning, the sailors had some good wind and were able to leisurely sail back home.

We will let you know when we are able to go cruising... hopefully soon!

Happy Cruising!



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# March Cruise to Terra Ceia

Photos by Susan McQuillan



See more cruise photos online on the Gallery page

# TAMPA BAY



# FUN DAY



## FunDay Cancellation

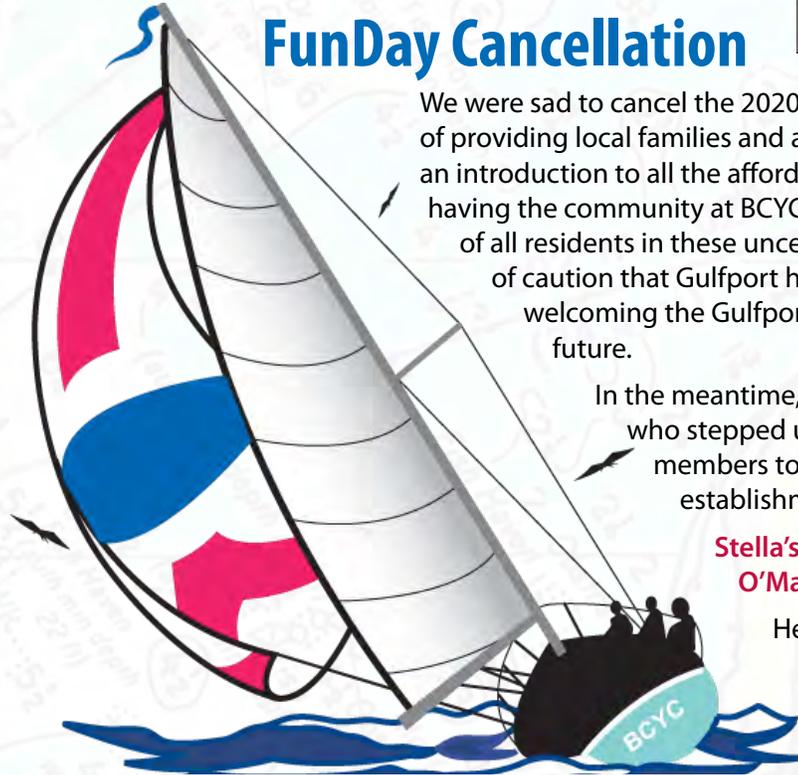
We were sad to cancel the 2020 BCYC Fun Day especially this, our 80th year of providing local families and aspiring boaters with fun on the water and an introduction to all the affordable benefits our club provides. We will miss having the community at BCYC On April 4th but we are mindful of the safety of all residents in these uncertain times and we respect the abundance of caution that Gulfport has taken to ensure that. We look forward to welcoming the Gulfport community to our club many years into the future.

In the meantime, we would like to thank the local businesses who stepped up with early donations and encourage our members to be generous in return and frequent their establishments once they reopen.

**Stella's, Neptune Grill, CD Roma Italian Restaurant, O'Maddy's and Tiki Bar and Grill.**

Here's to a great 2021 Fun Day!

Becky Gilmore  
2020/2021 Fun Day Chair



Mark Your Calendars for the 2020

## Pirates of Pinellas Raft-Up Party Weekend

**Saturday May 23 - Dinner and Captains' Meeting**

**Sunday May 24 - Raft-Up!**

### MENU

6:00 PM Signature rum punch, beer and appetizers

7:00 PM Dinner: Caribbean pork tenderloin, grilled shrimp, salad, mixed vegetables, Caribbean rice, Hawaiian rolls and assorted desserts.

- Come dressed in your best pirate and wench costumes, or be prepared to walk the plank!
- Prizes for the best wench and the best pirate costumes
- The Island Boys Steel Band will entertain us

Cost is the same as last year - \$20 per person | Reservation deadline: May 10, 2020

Details coming soon...check the calendar online, and contact Trish Small to volunteer at [raftup@sailbcyc.org](mailto:raftup@sailbcyc.org).



TAMPA BAY

## Cruising the BVI

Submitted by Sheri Ogorek

*Editors note: Sheri & Rick Ogorek, Barb & Jimmy Meyer and Jimmy's brother and SIL, Harold and Renee Meyer, chartered a boat in the BVI earlier this month. We can enjoy some vicarious sailing through them here.*

### Day One: Friday March 6, 2020

Up at 3:15 am... that's right 3:15 in the morning! So excited for this adventure to begin that it hardly matters!

Flight from Tampa to Miami was uneventful. From Miami to St. Thomas was uneventful with beautiful views out the window. Just a preamble of the awesomeness yet to come!

We were welcomed in St. Thomas by a woman offering a shot of rum. About an hour after our arrival, Harold and Renee's flight landed. Great timing! We took a taxi to the ferry depot. We went to go upstairs to have our first liquid refreshment for the trip. (Had some food, too.)

The ferry ride to Tortola started out uneventful. Nice boat ride! Then it happened...people started coughing (we weren't too worried about anything at this point). Then we were all coughing with many running to get outside of the air-conditioned salon. Someone had pepper spray in their luggage and somehow it accidentally released some spray. Doors were opened to ventilate, and all was well.

We took a taxi to the Moorings and were escorted to our boat, Sativa, where we stayed for the night. (Sativa is a primary marijuana strain know to be energizing and cerebral.) We ate dinner at Charlie's (the restaurant right at the Moorings). We were too tired to work on provisions, so we called it a day.

Can't wait for tomorrow and the start of our charter to officially begin!

### Day Two: Sunday March 8, 2020

Sativa is a beautiful 42.1 monohull sailboat with 3 cabins and 2 heads. Rick and I are with Barb & Jimmy Meyer and Jimmy's brother Harold "Cabin Boy" & wife Renee Meyer.

We are excited! We got a bit of a late start after sitting through the captain's meeting. The boys had the boat check-out to become familiar with the workings of Sativa and the girls went for provisions. Once the provisioning was done, we loaded up the fridge (which was more than adequate to hold our food and daily adult refreshment.) We were ready to get under way!

We had lots of chop coming out of the marina. We were joined by a large ship that we gave way to. (We want to enjoy the whole week, after all!) The winds died just as we wanted to put up the sails, but we remained patient and we got a nice sail in before snagging a regular mooring ball at The Bight on Norman Island. Harold is our hooker! Sheri is assisting, though he does well on his own. It's a good practice, though, to have someone else up front.

Our regular mooring ball (not one of the orange Botty Balls) is very close to Willie T's. Willie T's is hopping! There is loud music and dinghies are coming and going. We hear cheers and laughter as folks jump off the second-floor stern into the water. Oh, to be young again! We floated on our noodles until our fingers looked like prunes. Harold and Renee took their first kayak adventure around the Bay.

The day has been sunny and partly cloudy along with calm and some breeze. Perfect for being out sailing, kayaking and swimming.

A few hours after mooring, a dinghy motored up to collect the \$30 mooring fee for the night. There were quite a few regular mooring balls and we had no trouble finding one.



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We gingerly (at least some of us) got in the dinghy for dinner at the Pirate's Bight. We could see the restaurant from our mooring. It was newly built and beautiful. We didn't have a reservation but were able to be seated at a large tall table by the bar. Perfect! We had a wonderful dinner at Pirates Bight. I had a whole grilled snapper. It kept an eye on me the whole dinner until I put the lime over its eye! It was delicious! Jimmy had scallops and shrimp, Barb had chicken roti, Rick and Harold had sausage stuffed chicken and Renee had the vegetable platter.



We saw Captain Sam at dinner; he had shown the guys the workings of our boat earlier this morning at The Moorings.

It is almost a full moon and the night sky is beautiful! Not a clear night, but the moon continued peeking out through the clouds all night.

We enjoyed a glass of wine once we were back on board and then off to bed. Great job with the dinghy tonight, Harold. What a wonderful first day!

### **Day Three: Sunday March 8, 2020**

What?!?!?! It rained a lot overnight. So much for drying our towels and bathing suits. Rainy this morning, as well. Had scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, bagels, orange slices and coffee for breakfast (since we didn't want to play in the rain). Nice lazy Sunday morning.

On our way about 11:00. Not a lot of wind but we put the sails up for a while anyway...we are sailors, after all! Used the auto helm a bit. Went by Little Harbor and Big Harbor on Peter Island.

Planning our first stop to be Lee Bay on Salt Island to snorkel. Harold, Renee, Barb and Sheri snorkeled

around the wreck of the Rhone then on to Cooper Island. We each wore one of the bright yellow life jackets The Moorings provided and were



glad we had. We wish that it had sheltered Harold's back from the sun – yes, he had used sunscreen... The currents were a bit strong and the jackets made being in the water easier. There was a very large anchor from the wreck that was just below our boat that you couldn't see until you put your face underwater!

After snorkeling, Harold released us from the mooring ball, and we went on to Cooper Island. It didn't take us long at all...in fact, there wasn't enough time for us to enjoy our "boat snacks" while under sail!

We have arrived. Not too shabby company here either! Harold is doing a great job hooking the mooring ball.

The water here is gorgeous and is 22 feet deep here at the mooring ball. I can see the bottom! The pictures I took do not do it justice at all.

We tried calling in for a reservation at the Cooper Island Beach Club for dinner. It is within sight of our mooring and just a quick dinghy ride into their dinghy docks. However, they do not have any reservations available for us. They say we can try getting a table in the bar area.

We spotted several turtles by the yellow mooring ball that is close to the boat. It was a cautionary ball alerting shallow grassy water. So, catching a turtle in a picture is much like catching a dolphin...not easy. But I am very patient!

We made a pitcher of rum punch to enjoy while watching turtles. The wind is picking up a lot and we see rain all around us. We are glad we have already secured a mooring ball for the night!

A young man came around in his dinghy to collect our \$30 and issue our mooring ball permit. He's a nice fellow and said he lived in the Tampa Bay area for a while a few years ago. He also indicated there are a lot of turtles in this bay. There are two dinghy docks on shore,

and he said there are three very small turtles who spend their days swimming between by the docks.

Harold drove the dinghy to shore to check out the restaurant. We were able to get a table in the bar area just as we had hoped. Just like last night this restaurant was newly built and beautiful both inside and out. Our food was good! Pumpkin soup and civasse fries served with an aioli sauce was something new but very tasty! Others had curry chicken, pork tenderloin with scallops and curried vegetables. We had the pleasure of seeing Captain Sam again tonight at the restaurant. He is chartering a power cat for two weeks. Very personable fellow!

Back on the boat we opened a bottle of red. Tomorrow is to be very windy and rainy starting at 4:00...we will see if the forecast is correct. Tomorrow night is the full moon. It is pretty close to a full moon tonight and is quite beautiful already!

#### **Day Four: Monday March 9, 2020**

Can you say, "strong winds"? It rained throughout the night with strong gusty winds. At one point I thought we lost the dinghy...it is still there...a couple of us thought the same thing and checked throughout the night. There was a rainbow off our port side around 8:00 this morning.

Many boats have left the anchorage, but it doesn't look like a comfortable ride. There are strong gusty winds with swells and chop. There is occasional rain and a lot of blowing mist. Our plan to go east toward Virgin Gorda would take us straight into the wind. We are all quite content to stay here today. We are also surprised that most of the boats in the anchorage are multi-hulls. The mono-hulls going west are all just motoring, and it looks like they are losing their bow with every swell. Only an occasional boat has a reefed sail up.

We breakfasted and texted with Guy O'Connor about service opinions at Maximo, where Celebration just got her bottom painted. Sent Guy a picture of us sending our regards to him.

We went out and sat in the cockpit for a while and noticed a house on the hill right in front of us. We were trying to see where the road was. It looks like there is just a path from a dock in the front of the property as their means of transportation. There is no boat out there currently. Snowbirds?

We have seen the turtles a lot this morning! Yertle the turtle let me catch a photo of him. It is fun looking for them!



It is very sunny as we look in one direction and suddenly strong gusty winds and rain pelting into the cockpit of the boat.

Everyone gets down below! Looks like it is beer o'clock for the Meyer boys!

Have had a very enjoyable day in the boat. Rains stopped and sun peeked out again. Barb and I went snorkeling. We saw so many beautiful fish and more turtles.!

Around 4:00 it was still pretty windy, but we decided to dinghy to the Rum Bar on land. Very tasty and now we are feeling quite mellow!

Safely got back to the boat. Harold and Renee decided to take another try at a kayak ride. (This morning they got five minutes from the boat before there was a downpour!)

Plan to stay on the boat for dinner tonight. We will have a makeshift pasta dinner. I can't find the garlic we bought, so it will just be pasta with butter, cut up fruit and perhaps some adult beverages.

Will get an early start tomorrow for Virgin Gorda and we plan our first stop to be The Baths. So much fun!

#### **Day 5: Tuesday March 10, 2020**

It is 7:18 and the sun has just risen over our little mountain here in Coopers Bay. There is a broken blue sky with the temperature already at 75. Winds are around 13 knots. We are hearing a bumping noise. Jimmy investigates and finds that it is our mooring ball banging on the underside of the boat. After several minutes the boat swings in a different direction and the mooring ball becomes free. We had a quick breakfast and then released the mooring ball and motored out by 8:40. We tried calling for a mooring ball at Virgin Gorda (Harbor View Marina) by phone and on the radio. We got no response. At 8:50 our mainsail is up! We are going 5.5 knots with only one sail up.

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## Rhumb Runner Report

Submitted by Barb Meyer, Rhumb Runner Captain

The Rhumb Runners sponsored the FWSA Interclub race on Monday, March 2nd, 2020. It was the most wonderful regatta ever! We ended up with 16 sailors who represented the Dingy Dames, Luffing Lassies, Windlasses and of course Rhumb Runners. Thank you, Paula Shur, for being a Rhumb Runner that day. The weather was perfect and we did get three races in without difficulty. An "over early" and a possible "protest" didn't stop the group from having fun. The spirit and camaraderie of the FWSA sailors is so endearing. Did my heart proud. The regatta was followed by a delicious lunch and the festive St. Patrick's Day decorations, including the wearing of the "Green." The top winners were: First place, Beth Owens (Dingy Dames), Second place, Emily Wagner (Dingy Dames), and Third place, Lee Parks (Luffing Lassies). An example of the drive we women sailors have is when Janet Kreutzer's (Windlasses) sail broke, she went in, switched out her sail, and returned to finish the regatta. Also, Del Palmer (Dinghy Dames) was dubbed the "Little Engine that could." She never gave up, finishing last in all three races. Both received a BCYC hat for their determination.

Once again, I wish there were better words than "thank you" to all the volunteers that help keep the Rhumb Runners going. Scoring; Suzanne Boohar, Mark /Set boat; Roger Gilmore and Cathy Talisman, Safety boat; James Masson skippered his own boat with Mark Rother and Beth Berkobein as our Photographer. Skipper Steve Conn's Mi Casa was the Race Committee boat. Special thanks to Gloria Davis as our guest Principal Race Officer. Ken Shur, Jimmy Meyer and I were her assistants. Protest; Mark Rother. The hard-working breakfast and lunch volunteers: at the head was Sheri

Ogorek, helpers; Ellen and Bob White, Lisa Glaser, Meg Banitch, and Ellen Alexander. Meg and Ellen did the Check In and Meg carried the land VHF radio.

Unfortunately, the FWSA Rainbow Regatta has been canceled along with the remaining Interclub regattas. Meg Banitch was to represent the RR's in a pram. Thank you for your efforts in preparing for the regatta.

Also, to comply with current BCYC cancellations and to keep everyone safe all Rhumb Runner events are canceled until further notice. Better times are coming and I'm sure you will join me in looking forward to resuming all our events.

On a happier note, the Corona virus has not stopped some members from sailing. Enjoy and have a blast but please, please be careful. A happy BCYC member is a safe BCYC member.



See more Rhumb Runner and FWSA racing photos online on the Gallery page



## Rhumb Runner Racing Report

Submitted by Paula Shur, Rhumb Runner Race Chair

The Rhumb Runners were treated to gusty, shifting wind for our fourth race day. The unsteady wind would drop suddenly, almost knocking a few of the hiked out Sunfish sailors off their boats. We had a great day exercising every muscle in our bodies. The Capris and Sunfish each raced three races. We especially enjoyed being out on the water because it almost did not happen.

Everything looked good for racing - warming air temperature, enough water for launching, not too much wind in the forecast. Until...we took a look at the dock by the hoist.

"What the Hell?" I repeated over and over. Frayed lines held Crimson Tide, a large neglected and uninvited trawler, to the hoist dock.

The other Rhumb Runner racers and volunteers, who observed the ugly sight, were not as polite with their wording of "What the \_\_\_\_?"

I was mistaken when I thought we had experienced everything that could go wrong on our 2nd race day. Nope. Did not see the Crimson Tide coming.

This monstrous thing was blocking the entire dock. We could not launch Capris nor the safety boat.

We called out, "Hey! Anyone in there!" We knocked on the hull. We repeated this several times. No response.

Steve Conn, our Signal boat owner/ driver, had not seen the boat at 10:00 on Saturday night.

Mia meowed what she knew about the odd sight.

Fleet Captain James Masson arrived to help us sort this out.

We attempted to move the offending vessel north alongside the seawall to allow us to at least launch the safety boat. The boat was reluctant to move much.

A Gulfport police officer, responding to our call, approached the boat. The owner, surprised by the crowd gathered on the dock, appeared from down below.

He stated he was towed in after midnight and would leave as soon as his engine was working. He did not understand his horrid boat was preventing us from using the hoist.

We needed to launch the safety boat or we would be headed to Stella's for brunch again. Fortunately, Steve Conn, Roger Gilmore, Ken Shur, James Masson, and Jimmy Meyer successfully launched the safety boat behind the behemoth.

The Capris on land were not available, but #1 and #2, which are kept in the water, could be raced. The resilient Capri racers assigned three people to each boat. The remaining three sailors were awarded average points for generously allowing the other six to race.

Yeah! We salvaged a glorious race day.

As we sailed back into shore after our three races, we enjoyed the sight of the Crimson Tide heading back out to sea.



FWSA regatta



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Seeing Spanish Town up ahead. The swells are pretty high. We are unsure what to do so we cautiously get closer to The Baths. We can see waves crashing on the rocks, no boats anchored and a red flag blowing in the wind. It is too rough to stop even though it makes for a beautiful sight! It's such a bright sunny day, but it would be dangerous to go close to shore. So, we decide to go over to Spanish Harbor.

Swells are really crashing on the jetty. We secured a mooring ball outside of the Spanish Harbor (with no trouble at all...those Meyer brothers are a good team!). A couple of large ships are moored behind us.

We decide to leave Spanish Harbor and head for Leverick Bay. The main sail is up as soon as we get out of the bay and both Meyers guys said at the very same time... "How about some genny action"! Now we are sailing!! WOO-HOO! The girls take a turn at the helm and we are "flying" ...well, sailing fast at 7-8 knots!

Three dolphins were seen in the dinghy wake of a boat we passed. We are still sailing fast but need to start the engine soon since we are almost to our destination.

There is a big rainbow ring (or sun halo) around the sun. Barb indicated that the worm moon created the ring around the sun. There are hardly words to describe how stunningly awesome it is!



We grabbed a regular mooring ball at Leverick Bay without difficulty at 12:10. (Or it might be called "beer: ten").

We called for reservations for 7:00 at Hog Heaven. Now we are off for the marina to pay for our mooring ball for the night. The mooring ball is in a great place that is a straight shot to the dinghy dock. There are goats

bleating on the hillside (goat yoga anyone?). Now we will look for transportation to The Baths. Just because we couldn't anchor there doesn't mean we want to miss seeing The Baths! We have a taxi that will take us to The Baths for \$12.50 per person. It's a long ride up and down the hills/mountains. The taxi is open-air and seems like it's the back of a pick-up truck with bench seats and a Bimini over our heads. Beautiful views! We pass Hog Heaven on the way.

The Baths and Devil's Bay were great! It was a very challenging climb on and through the boulders down to The Baths. We kept going further (very slowly) because it was challenging but oh so much fun. Once we were at Devil's Bay we were met with lots of crashing waves in the bay. There were several teenage boys running into the waves and surf, recording their fun with their GoPro. The tide was coming in quickly and violently and they almost lost the GoPro in a wave. We found that we had sand in all sorts of places from our adventure! We walked back on the path indicating "car park". It was a lovely much tamer rocky hiking path that was much easier to climb than through the huge wet boulders. Between us we saw a small black snake, a hermit crab in a beautiful shell and a large lizard. There were chickens/roosters all around.

Barb gets the prize for the most sand in her suit and even after a \$2 shower she and Jimmy hopped in the pool with hopes of removing more sand! I washed my hair in the foot shower...well, I used water from the foot shower to wash and rinse my hair. Feeling much better!! Enjoyed an adult beverage on top of the cliffs.

Our taxi driver met us when we were done at The Baths and took us to Hog Heaven. He also indicated he would come back and pick us up when we were done with dinner. Very nice man.

The views from Hog Heaven were spectacular! We have a birds-eye view of our boat in the harbor, too! The food smells delicious, but we are getting tired. I don't think we will be partying all night tonight!

Oh, and where is Captain Sam you may wonder? He is at Hog Heaven with the rest of us! We all said hi, but when he spots Jimmy, he gets the biggest grin on his face and quickly embraces him as if he were a long-lost brother! Very fun seeing him. Our taxi driver knows Captain Sam, too, as they live in the same area on the island.

We took the dinghy back to the boat after the taxi ride with our driver Cyril. Rick and I stayed on the boat for



The view from Hog Heaven

sponge baths while both Meyers' dinghied back to the marina for showers. Rick turned in early and the rest of us played the new game Renee bought called Shut the Box until midnight. Jimmy was the winner tonight!

**Day Six: Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

Waking up to a bright sunny day in Leverick Bay. Simply beautiful!

Yesterday, Jimmy had noticed that the autohelm wasn't working properly. He called the Moorings base yesterday on the handy-dandy cell phone they had provided. They said they would be sending someone out. They must be on island time as we haven't heard a word from them since. They had referenced that someone would come over on the ferry. (?)

We waited around for quite a while without hearing anything or seeing anyone coming for the repair. We decided to move on and head for Trellis Bay for the night. We will get some additional provisions there since there is a chance of dehydration on the boat – we are almost out of beer! There are several large yachts leaving the harbor.

We are sailing in medium winds going at a speed of 5-7 knots. Great sailing! We stopped at Trellis Bay on the east end of Tortola. This is the first place we have been up close to so much storm damage from Irma. There is still much repair needed. They are putting a new thatched roof on the Loose Mongoose, one of the restaurant/bars; it looks close to being done. There are several boats that are without a mast in the anchorage. We are not sure if they are derelict or not.

We had lunch and got a few provisions. Good food at a reasonable price. The market was slim pickings and a bit pricey, but we found items we came for and were able to find a good supply of beer.

We have heard roosters on at most of our stops and have seen many chickens walking around. They aren't being pests at all!

No live music or bar at this little island building ruined by Irma. The windows are still blown out and the roof is no longer fully on the building. It is so deserted; it looks like it could have been a fun spot to dinghy over to!



The airport on Tortola is right here. It seems busy. We see the airport's runway from the boat. Also, the "people" ferry stops here as do ferries for transporting vehicles. One ferry arrived with several dump trucks full of dirt ready to continue with the rebuilding efforts on the east side of the island.

Folks in their power boat came for the \$30 mooring ball payment. One boat came in without a mast with several young folks on it. Looks like they are liveboards here in the bay.

Barb and I are getting ready to jump into the water to cool off. The current is quite strong here. We have made a habit of putting out the main sheet with one of the

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blow-up life vests they gave us for snorkeling tied to the end. It has been very useful! Wouldn't want to drift off and not have someone notice! Harold and Renee went for a long kayak adventure. They said there was a sunken sailboat marked by a green flag not far from our mooring ball and many others throughout the mooring area. It looks like the kayakers got off on land to explore. Renee found some beautiful shells.

A couple more boats have joined us here at Trellis Bay. We plan to just stay on the boat tonight with cheese & crackers, rum punch & beers. Our lunch that we had on land was delicious and filling. We want to get an early start tomorrow morning to head over to Jost Van Dyke.

### **Day Seven: Thursday March 12, 2020**

We were up at 7:00 today and ready to head for Jost Van Dyke. It is still almost a full moon and was beautiful to see as I peeked out through the port light above my head throughout the night. We are off and sailing due north (0 degrees) at 8:30. Wind speed is 13 knots and we are cruising at 6-7 knots. Simply heaven!!

The Moorings have suggested we run the engine for 2 hours in the morning and evening to keep the batteries charged. It's such nice sailing now that we are keeping the engines off until we get moored and will enjoy the sail - EF Hutton style! Silence is golden!

I cannot express how beautiful the scenery is. Every direction I look it is breathtaking!



9:42 and we are sailing on the north side of Tortola. We are sailing between 5 and 6.5 knots consistently in waters that are 95 ft. deep. That has been a surprising thing to me that the waters are so deep between islands that are so relatively close together.



We saw just one dolphin. He didn't want to pose!

We have set an anchor at Big Harbor at Jost Van Dyke. It is windy and we tried three different locations before we were satisfied with our destination with the way the other boats were swinging. The boats are pretty close together as there aren't enough mooring balls/Botty Balls in this harbor. We haven't had any luck at all with securing a Botty Ball. We all agree that we are not fond of this new addition to the anchorages. Grrrr.

Look over there! Now I feel right at home. There is a Tow BoatUS boat close by!



I'm sorry I am repeating myself (no, not sorry), but it is really beautiful here. Our concerns, though, are hearing of all of the pandemonium of the COVID-19. It is so real, yet in this paradise, it is hard to get a full grasp of the real situation around the world.

Lunched on sandwiches, carrots, orange and apple slices. We have only seen 2 turtles since arriving. Foxy's and other restaurants are within sight of our boat.



We see the US S/V Arabella anchored close by. It is a 157 ft 3-masted beauty! (Thank you, Google for the details.) We can see an

advertisement that it is an ASA charter. WOW!

We are heading into "town" around 4:30. The Arabella was leaving the anchorage as we were taking the dinghy to shore. We walked up and down the "street" and came back to Foxy's even though there is a Trump 2020 flag flying. Then we remember there so many flags that people put there and that it isn't an endorsement!

Harold saw a t-shirt that said "Jost Van Dyke population: Humans – 300; Goats – 5,000 plus!"

We are definitely experiencing "island time" trying to get dinner. We've been here since 5:30 starting off with drinks and appetizers. Dinner doesn't start until 6:30 at Foxy's so we waited. No problem, Mon. At 8:15 we were really hungry...we had placed our order, but food had not arrived. A DJ appeared and started the music blaring...let's get this party started! What do we hear? The first song played is New York, New York!?!?! A lot of the "youngsters" kept the dance floor hopping. We finally did get our dinner. Barb and I ordered lobster. Yum!

This was our first encounter with bugs. The bartender indicated they were sand fleas – to us they seemed like "no see-ums" famous around Boca Ciega Bay. Jimmy and Harold went back to the boat for bug spray and that helped. (Thank you!)

We got back to the boat without incident. (We are getting better at boarding the dinghy...a little bit better...) There is a trimaran very close to us. It picked up what looked to be an old mooring ball that we purposely didn't pick up. There were no "bumps in the night" to report, thankfully.

### Day Eight: Friday March 13, 2020

We woke up to another beautiful day in paradise. We are reading so much about the Coronavirus, yet it hardly seems real here. Being on a lovely vacation the news is unsettling yet a bit unreal. We don't believe we will have difficulty leaving St. Thomas but are preparing for long lines at the airport. So tragic!

Look who ended up in our neighborhood anchorage last night! Silversea's cruise ship Silver Wind is docked here. This is probably not a good sign...why didn't they go to one of the usual ports to dock? The Coronavirus is beginning to get real! We heard on the radio that a ferry would not stop at the ship because of immigration issues. Hmmmm...

It is shortly after 9:30 and we are leaving for Cane Garden Bay. We will do some exploring. There is a rum

distillery that we will try to find. There are light winds, so we are motoring.



We walked around town and about 600 meters to a rum distillery. We are told the building is 400 years old and one of the only distilleries still making rum. There is a tasting room where Harold buys the tasting cup for \$1 and can taste their 5 different rums as much as he wants! Such a deal! At 10:30 it

was too early (and dangerous) for me!

We posed by a Pussar's Rum Bar with our BCYC license plate, too. We did not take advantage of the shopping opportunities in their gift shop.

Oh, and we passed more goats and chickens. They were not interested in us at all!



Other places we passed walking to and from the rum distillery; a school, a cemetery, rental cottages, hotel and the back of a restaurant where a lady was preparing lobsters. She hid her face when she saw me taking pictures.

Back on the boat for lunch. We cleaned out the refrigerator (but tried to make it look pretty)!

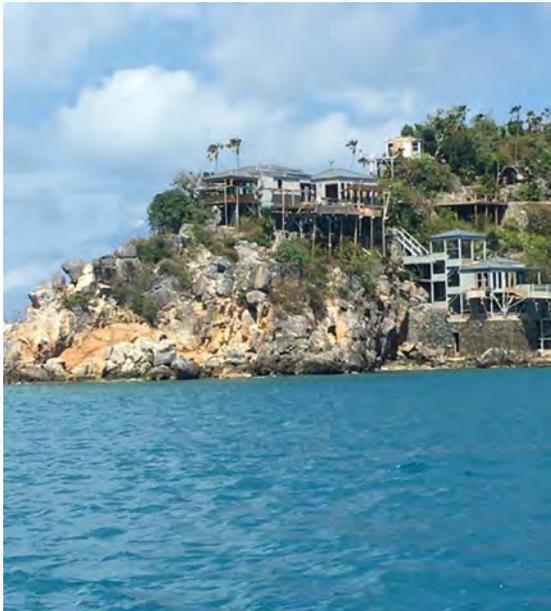
We set out for Soper's Hole Marina where we have a

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reservation for tonight. Jimmy thinks it is about two hours away. Harold and Renee will be able to get an early ferry from there tomorrow morning. It should be a shorter ferry back to St. Thomas from here for their afternoon flight back to Ohio.

Sailing on the north side of Tortola is quite scenic. Beautiful green mountains with houses sprinkled up and down the hillsides.



There are those "living on the edge". This is a magnificent home with different levels along the cliffs!

There is an afternoon happy hour for those who enjoy beers. Can't have left-over beers! We took a taxi (a large van) to the top of a mountain to the Bananakeet Café on the north side of Tortola. It was on a hillside with a magnificent view. Again, the picture I took doesn't do it justice!

Our taxi driver came back to take us back to the marina. The ride was good, but a bit scary for my taste. Hairpin turns up/down the mountains driving on the wrong side of the road. Woo-hoo!

Showers at the marina for tonight. (I opt for a shower on the boat...we have been thrifty with our water usage and there is plenty remaining!). While I wait for Rick in the shower, I sit at Pussar's Bar and have a last Painkiller of the trip. I'm feeling rather melancholy tonight. This has been a most wonderful trip with some remarkable people. I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been here this week.

### Day Nine: Saturday March 14, 2020

We got up about 7:00 to say goodbye to Harold and Renee. They had reserved a taxi to take them to the ferry. We can see the ferry station from the boat, but it is a longer walk than pleasant for carrying luggage. It is sad seeing them leave.

It looks like it rained just a bit earlier. Barb saw a rainbow off the stern of the boat. The sun is shining in the direction we will be going. Still winning!

We will start packing, after this cup of coffee! Yes, we were able to get all packed up after just a short while. We had breakfast (one last bowl of cereal in the box for Jimmy, one last bagel for Rick and Barb and I munched on Ritz crackers and fruit with peanut butter). Excellent breakfast! We cleaned out the fridge and found that we had very little to throw away. The boys bagged our smaller garbage bags into one large Moorings garbage bag. We checked the water levels and we still have a quarter of a tank in each of the tanks. (One tank is smaller than the other.) Yay!



We left the marina around 9:45 heading toward Road Town. Not wanting this time on Satisva to end, even though we are anxious about our flights tomorrow and what faces us in the next few weeks with the Coronavirus.

Winds are coming at (don't laugh) at 1 knot!

We are motoring back. We will call when we get to the channel markers of Road Town for assistance coming in. Jimmy would do a fine job, but who needs an audience backing into a tight space!

When we were on Norman Island, we saw a fire across the water on Tortola. We didn't realize until now as we pass Tortola that this is where they burn their garbage.



HA! We saw a sign on a freighter that read "No Smoking"! The freighter was right in front of the garbage fires.

10:40 and we are already to Road Town.

We will gather the cellphone that The Moorings had us take with



us and get it checked back in. We are circling around a small space waiting for assistance docking the boat. There are so many vessels in their docks; many of them doubled and tripled tied up. Apparently, people cannot fly into Tortola for charters.

We are all checked out at 11:45 and already aboard the taxi to the ferry station.

It has been very smooth so far. The same driver who took us to The Moorings is taking us back to the ferry. He recognized Rick. We got to the ferry station just a few minutes too late for the 12:00 ferry to St. Thomas. Tickets are \$30 each plus \$20 each for a departure fee/tax. The ferry from Road Town back to St. Thomas was uneventful this time...no pepper spray AND we weren't at the end of the line going through customs!! Win!

Now to find our hotel for the night. Hmmm, oh, just look across the street. There it is! It was about a two-block walk from the ferry station to the hotel. There was a long line and it took quite a while to get checked in. We felt bad (a little bit) as we were able to get our rooms before a lady who was in front of us. She was with a cruise ship that we could see in the harbor. She was getting 18 rooms that she had booked months ago and the whole process was apparently overwhelming for the hotel personnel. She was heading the refitting of new electronics for the cruise ship and they had been working on the project for I believe she said 3 months. There was a total of 125 working on the ship's upgrades. They were so patient...

We got to our respective rooms, took a quick shower

and met by the pool to enjoy one of the bottles of wine we still had remaining from our adventure. The bartender was ever so kind to uncork the bottle and it tasted great in our plastic cups from our rooms. Enough adventure for one day...we opted to grab a bite to eat in the hotel's restaurant. There were very few people there. Actually, for a while we were the only ones there but the food was fine!

### Day 10: Sunday March 15, 2020

We enjoyed a nice breakfast in the hotel restaurant. We didn't feel all alone for this meal like last night as the restaurant was crowded.

Back to the room for some final packing/rearranging of bags. I haven't been able to take care of baggage/check-in with the Spirit emails that have been sent me. Jimmy to the rescue! He indicated to download the Spirit app. Yay! Success! I even now have the boarding passes right on my phone; that just took 10 years off my life!

We are sitting outside our room in these lovely chairs. There are several kids in the pool sporting a game of Marco Polo. They are having a blast and it brings back memories of our kids playing that same game.

It's a beautiful day today and while we will have a long afternoon/evening of customs/waiting/flying/waiting/flying it is still a great ending to a wonderful vacation.

Oh, my, I just heard another rooster!

We left about 11:30 for the airport in our last taxi ride of the trip. Once at the airport we had to wait until after 12 to start the baggage check-in process. The bags were tagged at the airline desk then we had to carry the bags to the conveyer and continue through the check in/customs process. It took just about two hours to get to the gate. It will be another couple of hours until we get on the plane. We are glad we have plenty of time rather than rushing and wondering if we would make it.

And we passed customs! (Next time we agree it would be better to fly directly to Tortola!)

We have had a wonderful time! It was such a pleasure meeting and getting to know Harold and Renee! Even more so, it was wonderful being with Barb and Jimmy and getting to know them better. We feel truly blessed to have been included in this BVI adventure.

My only disappointment is that we didn't see Captain Sam this morning at breakfast!

Cheers to all! We miss you already!

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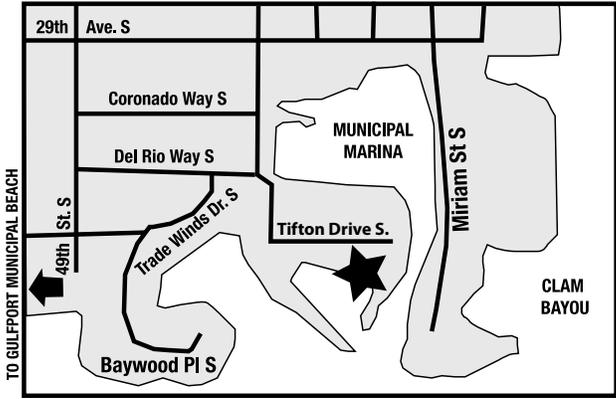


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They met in sail school and became members;  
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They bought their dream boat and got married on it at the hoist dock;  
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