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Greetings from Captain Terry at the Helm of Mañana Maybe

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Greeting to Friends Present and Future,

The 2010-2011 season is in full swing in the BVI. Boats flying flags from all corners of the world. Small boats, big boats, mega yachts and last week a 400' super yacht. (go to google and type in super yacht "A") Evenings in an anchorage is truly an international experience as greetings in Italian, French, German, Norwegian and English are exchanged.

Life continues to be filled with blessings. Mañana Maybe is a faithful and reliable vessel. Charter guests have made each sailing trip exciting and memorable and of course new friendships have been forged.

News of snow, cold frigid weather seem vague as we greet each day with a balmy breeze, blue skies and warm, turquoise water. That's what sailing vacations are all about.

Life in the islands is gentle. The Wanderlust on the water is shared and there is always an instant bond with fellow sailors. Lives cross daily as sailors stop at local marinas on journeys to near by islands or to exotic

destinations far away. Everyone has a story and is looking toward the next adventure.

I, along with my first mate Ingrid, are planning to expand our horizons. We will be offering a choice of new sailing destinations in various sailing vessels. We have had numerous repeat guests and the questions has come up "where else can we sail with you?"

Perhaps you have been thinking of trying out sailing on a large catamaran. We are looking at sailing vacations in the Fiji Islands, The Greek Islands, Gulf of Thailand, Sea of Cortez and others. These sailing vacations can be combined with land based travel.

At this time we are researching and studying various locations. If you have a special sailing vacation in your bucket list let us know and perhaps we can make these dreams come true.

Have Fair Winds and Calm Seas in Your Life,

Captain Terry
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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sailaway from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

Part 6 The Raft Sails Westward...Updates from the Crew

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Charity

We broke the raft rules today ...but for a good reason. From the picture you will see that we were all on deck without harnesses on. We did it for a reason though and that is so you can see that we are proud to wear our Water Aid Tee shirts, the charity we are raising money for during this trip. We hope that once you have read this blog you will click on the "Just Giving" link on the home page and donate whatever you can afford to this great cause. There is also a link for those of you on the American side of the Atlantic. Thanks for anything you can spare, and thanks to everyone who has already given their hard earned cash. As we said before it isn't until the amount of water you have is limited that you realise what a precious gift it is. We are very aware of that at present, we hope you will think about it as well; now go and click: its painless.

Before we close, a special mention to the pupils of [Cedar School](#) in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands who are doing a [sponsored walk](#) for [Water Aid](#) this week: Good luck and good walking!

David and the Crew of Antiki.



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El Dorado.

I wonder how many of the AnTiki crew have seen the film '[Finding Nemo](#)'. We landlubbers learned a lot about what goes on beneath the waves from that film, but Dave's fantastic picture demonstrates how wonderful it is to be right there amongst it.

In the early stages of design I remember Anthony insisting on an underwater viewing window so he could watch and film the subterranean activity. Dave's camera has given him this so easily and is a darned sight easier than one of the suggestions - a clear plastic bath attached to the under side of the raft!

Hi Robin,

Sorry to hear that the weather isn't up to much in the UK. It has been a beautiful morning here, sunny and warm. The sea is the calmest it has ever been on the voyage, not quite like a millpond as there is a very gentle swell, but we have no white water in sight. The wind is unfortunately feeble, and we are not making much progress, although are still moving westwards. The day's run to noon was a mere 34.8 miles.



The big excitement on board today is that we have company. After supper last night we came out on deck. It was a dark night, the moon having not yet put in an appearance. I shone a torch into the water to see if we could see any fish, and there, only about 4 or 5 feet off to starboard were 4 large Dorados, gleaming blue and green in the beam of light. They were just lazily swimming along with us. They were wonderful to watch, although they didn't like the light and shortly swam under the raft. They then appeared on the port side until chased away by the inquisitive and no doubt intrusive light.

When Andy and I were changing watch at 5.00 am this morning the moon was up and we could clearly see a pair of Dorados swimming side by side just a few feet from the raft and just below the surface of the water. They were so

close we could almost have touched them had we reached down. They stayed there for at least an hour, and do appear to be tracking us, as they are said to be wont to do. The Dorados are about 3 to 4 feet long, with light coloured underbellies, their upper bodies being a lovely aqua-marine colour, and they have pronounced lateral fins. One appears to be male and the other female. We will keep watch again tonight.



We have noticed quite a lot of barnacle growth on the raft on the parts we can see, and Dave has lowered his under-water camera below the surface to see how things look underneath. There is a fair amount of growth there and some small fish, but everything appears to be in good order, including the guaras which have been submerged for some time. There is also a sighting of at least one Dorado under the raft. Unfortunately, although the water is clear for a long way there are no sharks or giant squid lurking beneath us for those who want real sensation ! We attach a couple of photos.

Please thank Andrew for his comments about the regulator. We have connected it up again this morning, and it seems to be working again ! We will have to keep an eye on it, and now know to disconnect it if we find that power is not being pumped back into the batteries.

That's all folks ! Best wishes from us

John and the crew

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Rafter a fashion.

Clothing for the discerning Rafter

My daughter Rosie sent me a text, after a picture of me was posted on the website, which basically said "lose the woolly hat Dad, its a fashion faux pas !"





It made me wonder whether one should follow comfort (the hat undoubtedly is , and warm as well so it stays, sorry daughter of mine) or because we are not alone on the raft (as there are all of you viewing us in a big brother type of way) be "in", and "cool", to show what the top class (!) rafter is wearing these days.

I looked around and see that we have both types on board Antiki. At night "cool" has a more literal meaning and staying warm is important. John and I have new foul weather gear for the trip (not that the weather is foul) which hides a fleece - or more in my case - so we tend to look quite chic, whereas Andy and Anthony use more basic oilies and are therefore, in my opinion anyway, not quite so elegant. However we are indeed all warm and dry.



During the day there is a sea change, so to speak, and the layers are gradually peeled off as the sun rises in the sky, and by noon the real rafter beneath is revealed. Starting with Anthony...how to describe his dress sense... Failed English aristocracy?... his comment about his jumper is that it is an old favourite and he likes it, yes we reply, almost as much as the moths. The sandals, complete with socks, finish the picture.



Andy most definitely has a tinge of Canadian in his garb and somehow it works nicely on a raft, the one regret we all have is he didn't bring his lumberjack shirt! And so to John... well we had a power problem the other day which was blamed on a faulty component now fixed. Not true, believe that at your peril, it was because John had had the iron out and was ensuring no creases in his shirts! He could go to his office right now and not stand out! How does he do that?!



As to me I leave you to make your own judgment.....as my daughter undoubtedly will!

So there we are; shall we set a trend on the walkways of the fashion stage? I doubt it, but in conclusion you will note from the pictures that we all have our harnesses on, that is a fashion statement that won't change !

David and the Crew

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Sunday Telegraph - week 4.

Here is Anthony's latest article in the Sunday Telegraph.

The good ship An-Tiki is now within the trade winds heading for the west. This means a rougher
come on board, who is most diligent in washing up, maintaining tidiness, knowing where things are
first our stern, then midships, and finally our front before they go overboard towards the

west. This means a rougher passage. It means more speed, with our instruments sometimes touching six knots. And it certainly suggests greater hazard in getting food to pan, pan to cooker, and eventually food to mouth.

So how are we four (with a combined age of 260) faring? Not a single sharp comment has yet been uttered, despite occasional encouragement. And the three wives back home are being outstandingly loyal to their opposites, a fact we all know as emails, phone calls and texts become common property.

In fact, everything becomes common property or knowledge, such as our habits. Who folds their sleeping bag away and who just stuffs it in the bag? Who gets wettest when waves



knowing where things are, keeping the log, or spotting birds?

We are entering our fourth week on board and we are still consuming perishables. The potato sack still lives. The suspended banana 'stick', however black its current offerings, is still well worth a visit. And a colossal pumpkin is still good for chefs prepared to gouge. But hard tack now confronts us, tins galore, rice aplenty, sauces of every hue, pasta of each shape, cereals of every kind. The gaunt spectre of hunger and sunken eyes is plainly not quite around the corner.

So what is? For starters, more than a couple of thousand miles. And the passing of countless waves every six seconds or so, each faster than we are, lifting

cavorting onwards, proudly happy at the chaos they have caused to the man ladelling the soup.

Who first called this Atlantic the 'pond'? Certainly not the various forms of pioneer, whether airshipmen, Lindberghs, single-handed yachtsmen or women, or courageous rowers who have understood only too well how massive is this stretch of water. And now here come a bunch of oldies wishing to prove - what? That there is good life to be had until it finishes, that rafts are a neglected and amazing form of transport, that novel experience is still exciting, and voyaging by sea has a great deal to be said for it, particularly when a trade wind is pushing them along, tossing them, and generally cavorting with them precisely in the direction they wish to go. "Go west, old men. Go as you have never gone before."

Overview of the British Virgin Islands



Map of British Virgin Islands

The BVI has 50+ beautiful islands and cays so close to each other you are always in sight of land. The chain of islands shaped like a necklace (see map above) offers numerous safe coves and protected anchorages. This sailing paradise offers daily choices in the type and distance of your sail. The BVI just 60 miles east of Puerto Rico provides the best sailing in the Caribbean with the trade winds consistently blowing 10 to 20 knots.

The larger islands in the BVI are Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, Jost Van Dyke, Norman island, Peter Island and Cooper Island. We will be featuring the history and uniqueness of each of these beautiful islands in future newsletters. Also, to be included in future newsletters will be articles on the best diving and snorkeling spots and of course the best places to eat and party.

One of the best parts of the BVI are some of the stunning sunsets seen from the bow of Mañana Maybe as she lays at anchor.

Sunset at Long Bay





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