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Sail With Terry Charters
The Fun of a Family Sailing Vacation

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Current and Future Feature Subjects



This issue:

The Fun of a Family
Sailing Vacation

*plus Whales

*plus Sir Richards
Branson's Great House

Weather Report
BVI High Today 85°
Overcast with Wind
Out of East 15-20 knts



Coming issues:

Adams Family Introduction

Adams Family Day 1 - Indians, Pirates and Sunsets

Adams Family Day 2 - Virgin Gorda, Pig Roast and Jumbies

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Adams Family Day 4 - Drowned Island, Beaches, Lobsters

Adams Family Day 5 - Dancing with the Moon - Full Moon
Party

Adams Family Day 6 - Dive, Dive, Dive - Wrecks & Reefs

Adams Family Day 7 - Exploring Jost Van Dyke White Bay,
Bubbly, Soggy Dollar Bar

Adams Family - All Good Things Must Come to an End

The Fun of a Family Sailing Vacation

Whales

This is the off-season for lots of sailing vessels in the Caribbean and most of the Mega Yachts have gone to the Med. One Captain who stays and works the off-season - says they've seen whales the last 3 weeks in a row, pods of 40 orcas & 50 short finned pilot whales.

Looks like the off-season has some BIG pluses.

Sir Richard

Lightning strikes Branson's Necker Island home during Irene causes fire

Oscar-winning



Family vacations can be the most trying times for a family. Everyone has been going in a different direction, pursuing different interests and goals. Now it

is time for the family members to get reacquainted and spend some quality time while enjoying new adventures.

Charting a sailboat for a sailing vacation is a great way to reunite. Beautiful warm sunny days, crystal clear turquoise water and a floating hotel that takes you to a different island destination each day. No intrusions from phones, TV, games or texting. Just a simple sailing trip back to the basics. Sitting under the canopy of a million stars at night, listening to the gentle waves on the boat, and taking the times to communicate...yes, talking and sharing secrets and dreams. Days consist of team work as sails are hoisted and new islands are discovered. Find hidden snorkeling reefs, secluded beaches for picnics, fun family entertainment with local musicians like the Mucko Jumbies, or hike around an island and perhaps you will find that hidden pirate treasure. Today, there are no pirates in the Caribbean with the exception of a few friendly musicians singing pirate songs.

Dinners on your sail boat are deliciously cooked on the grill and enjoyed on the deck while watching sunsets, calming waves and perhaps a side show of pelicans diving for their dinner. If you prefer, take a short dingy ride to a beach restaurant for a freshly caught Caribbean lobster or join in the fun and entertainment of a Friday night pig roast. Chartering a sail boat with the competent Captain Terry will take the worry out of your vacation. Captain Terry will match you up with the perfect boat for your family and provide advice for travel, packing and provisioning.

The Virgin Islands are easily assessable. Either fly to St. Thomas or to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Commuter planes or large

actress Kate Winslet and her children have managed to escape unhurt after a middle-of-the-night fire ripped through Sir Richard Branson's luxury home during the passage of Tropical Storm Irene last night.

Those who fled the flames at The Great House on Necker Island also included Sir Richard's 90-year-old mother, Eve, and his 29-year-old daughter, Holly.

"Around 20 people were in the house and they all managed to get out and they are all fine," said Sir Richard who was staying in another property around 100 yards away with his wife, Joan, and son, Sam, 25.

Sir Richard, 60, bought Necker Island in the early 1980s and began building the eight-bedroom Great House in 1982. He went on: "We had a really bad tropical storm with wind gust up to 90mph. A big lightning storm came around 4am and hit the house.

"My son Sam rushed to the house and helped get everyone out. Kate Winslet, her boyfriend and her family were there and Holly and some of her friends were also staying. My mother was there

fast water taxis will bring you to Tortola, BVI. Board your floating hotel and after a short introduction, Captain Terry will instruct you to toss the lines, hoist the sails and you are off to your first night's anchorage. Under Captain Terry's experienced guidance, you will be instructed on boat safety while enjoying the vacation of a lifetime. Years later as you review all of your pictures, you will realize the great memories that you made while everyone reconnected and enjoyed the best vacation ever.

"Hi Terry,
"Crew" Nelson had a fantastic week together as a family with Captain Terry and his wife Ingrid. With everyone working now, it is hard to coordinate a whole week together with everyone's schedule. So we all thoroughly enjoyed spending 7 days exploring islands, snorkeling every day, learning to sail, and just relaxing with our family. Everyone claimed it was the best vacation of their lives, and while there were many highlights during the week, I think all would agree the whole week was a fantastic adventure. And we have over 1200 pictures to prove it!
Thanks,
Mary"

The Mike Nelson Family
(As I recall the smallest of the boys was 220 lbs)



Lounsbury Sisters meet Cindy at Pig Roast

and they managed to get her out and she is fine.

"The main house is completely destroyed and the fire is not yet completely out. My office was based in the house."

[Check Out Video of Necker Island](#)

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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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boutiques, check out local entertainment and restaurants, relax on a float and enjoy a beverage, ... or do it all? Seven days, seven islands and memories that last a lifetime.

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