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# 2001-2002 Cruising Guide To The Virgin Islands



## Synopsis

This popular guide that has been assisting sailors and vacationers for two decades, includes full-color sketch charts and GPS coordinates, accompanied by aerial photography of anchorages, harbors and other favorite cruising sites. Also provided is the most up to date information on marina facilities, shoreside resorts, restaurants, shops, diving and snorkeling, provisioning and a variety of other useful information including a directory of services. The guide includes a free color planning chart covering the Virgin Islands and the Spanish Virgin Islands.

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## Customer Reviews

Simon and Nancy Scott met while cruising in the British Virgin Islands during the mid 70s where some years later, they were married at St. Georges church in Road Town. Simon, a native of the UK, spent time in New Zealand as a teenager, where he raced dinghies and fell in love with sailing and the cruising lifestyle. A career in international marketing took him back and forth between London and New York before a sabbatical to the Virgin Islands aboard the classic John Alden cutter Tomorrow introduced him to the charms of the islands. He later returned to manage a major charter fleet where he was ideally positioned to listen to the needs and concerns of sailors from around the world discovering the delights and challenges of Caribbean cruising. As Nancy's father was a U.S. naval officer, they lived in many places. Japan was where he taught her to sail dinghies and several moves later they lived in Hawaii where sailing became a major focus in her life. Nancy cruised extensively in the Bahamas in an old, wooden Tahiti Ketch, Ichiban, before sailing into the British

Virgin Islands where she met Simon. They moved aboard Zephyrine, their Saxon class sloop, and began what would become their lifetime commitment to the sailing industry. The first Cruising Guide to the Virgin Islands was published in 1982 and since that time Nancy and Simon, along with their daughters, have continued annual surveys of the cruising area. Nancy continues to oversee the daily operations of publishing guides at the offices of Cruising Guide Publications with her team in Dunedin, Florida. From the authors: We thank our readers for their loyalty, suggestions and criticism. It is for you that we write the books, and it is because of you that we are encouraged to improve. We look forward to seeing you in Virgin waters. Nancy & Simon Scott --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book seems to be mostly written for people who charter boats in the Virgin Islands even though the cover title eludes that it is for cruisers (private boaters). The book lacks a lot of information that private cruisers need. Also, some of the information is incorrect (i.e. It says you can anchor in an area with good holding that is very grassy and has no holding. It also states there are new government moorings installed in St. Croix but there are no new government moorings installed--yet). The book is 2015/2016. This is 2017. The information should be more accurate. There is some good information about the cities' histories, shopping...etc...that is fine but mostly sounds like it was sent by the Tourist Center to the author. I am not sure the authors actually visit the places they write about to see for themselves if the information is correct. We bought these guides so we could plan ahead and so we would know the layout of the area in advance. Important information on things like good anchoring, dinghy docks, moorings...etc. If the information is incorrect it can and has caused us major difficulties when visiting an area. We are longtime experienced boaters. We compare several sources for information when we visit a destination and do not rely on just one source. I feel the money I spent on these books would have been better spent elsewhere on a different source of information.

We recently used the latest edition on a sailing trip last week and this book was essentially our Bible for the trip. It had the most up-to-date information on the Islands we were visiting, where we could moor/anchor overnight, and what restaurants/bars were worth checking out. We loved it! I would recommend it to anyone heading over to the Islands.

My husband & I visited the British Virgin Islands for the first time in March 2012 & took this book along, after reviewing literally dozens of other book options. It was absolutely invaluable!!!! We did a

bare boat charter, meaning we rented a sailboat with no captain as we are sailors with experience in the Southern California ocean, but unfamiliar with these islands. This book was also provided by Moorings Charter on each of their fleet of sailboats & catamarans, which again, underscores its value. My husband found the charts and aerial photos of the ingress and egress for each marina and cove of each island invaluable! The written descriptions supported the photos with helpful and, yes, critical information concerning shallow areas, rocks, available moorings, and the availability of restaurants, marina access to water or electricity, wi-fi, gift shops, bars, groceries and other provisions. We referred to the information in this book throughout each and every day - no exaggeration. Prior to our vacation, this book provided insightful explanations of what we could expect and helped us to pencil in a loose itinerary for the week; during the trip, it provided reminders of what to watch out for, what to look for and where to look for what. We had such a fantastic vacation, that we repeated the experience, accompanied by our adult son and his fiancée, in December 2012. Same boat, some of the same islands, some different. Prior to leaving on this second trip, we purchased this book again as a gift for our son, who also found the book enjoyable reading and spiked his happy anticipation of this vacation - which, he reported, was the "best vacation of my life!" Even during our second BVI vacation, we still referred to this book every day. If you are planning a bare boat charter of anywhere in the British or American Virgin Islands, this is THE BOOK TO TAKE. Bon Voyage!

By far the best guide and I looked at a few!! We are back from our 2 week charter and this is the one that is scattered around the BVIs in various bars and restaurants, seems to be the guide of choice. It's accurate, easy reading, succinct and comprehensive at the same time. My only build would be that a bit more of a steer on the cost of the various restaurants and provisioning stores would be very handy (Lonely Planet style). You might plan to stock up in a certain place/eat out e.g. The Bitter End, Virgin Gorda, and seriously get ripped off!!! Watch the costs as stores and restaurant prices vary!!

This guide was our bible while cruising in the BVI. It had great tips on where to anchor, where moorings were scarce/how many were available at a given location, and of course how to approach each island or bay. It helped us figure out where to go for the night based on the ocean swells, where the best snorkeling was and what our dinner and provisioning options were. When we got to our charter sailboat an older edition of this same guide was onboard, and I know of many people who used it. It's the best guide for the area that there is. Thanks to this guide we had a great cruise!

A very comprehensive guide to the Virgin Islands and can't imagine how I could have planned my trip without it. Not just great information about each island and bay, but also GPS Way Points to help you navigate between the islands. The ariel photographs of many of the bays help bring the charts to life. Not only a great planning tool, but I will be taking it with me on my sail.

If you are planning a trip (sailing or not) to the BVI, this guide is a MUST HAVE!!! The overhead maps, the descriptions of reefs, watch-out-for-this, the must visit islands + bars... very nicely put together. Not 100% sure what was updated since the previous edition, but that doesn't matter. JUST GET IT ALREADY! :-)

Best help on approach, moorings, land info, eating, drinking etc. map included is excellent. Would not travel to VI without this

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