

# WELCOME ABOARD



## BVI JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for choosing to sail with us. Are you ready? To help prepare for your course, we have put together some useful information and recommend you read it through before your arrival...

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# MAKING CONTACT

Please do not hesitate to call our offices if you have any questions.



## SUNSAIL US SALES OPENING HOURS

The office is open all year:  
8:00 am – 8:00 pm Monday to Friday  
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# FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Plan for an adventurous day of travel... The destination is well worth the journey!



## Packing Tips

Part of the appeal of the Caribbean is the isolation and laid back atmosphere. This can make arriving on time, with all of your luggage, a bit of a novelty!

## Your Carry Bag (Carry-On)

Carry all relevant personal documents and booking information. Carry any necessary medications and/or personal items that will be hard to replace if lost.

Carry at least one change of clothes and basic toiletries in case you, or your checked bag, are delayed...



## US DEPARTURES

Fly to Cyril E. King Airport (STT) or Beef Island International Airport (EIS).

## TRANSFERS

The journey from Beef Island International (EIS) to the base takes approximately 30 minutes. Transfer via ferry to Cyril E. King Airport (STT) takes 90 minutes.

## TORTOLA, BVI ARRIVAL

If flying into Tortola, a company representative will welcome you at Beef Island International Airport (EIS) and arrange your transfer to the base.

For our customers who book the flight inclusive option with Sunsail, the transfer is included.

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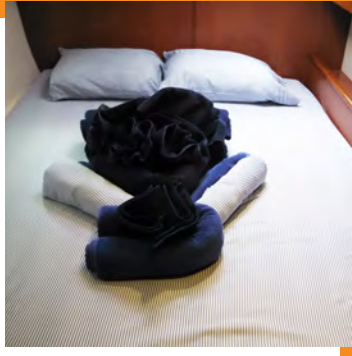


# ON ARRIVAL

You're here!  
The hard part is over.



Time to get settled on board,  
and relax...



Welcome to Tortola!



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## EMBARKATION: SATURDAY, 6:00 pm

At 6:00 pm you will be allocated a berth on board your training yacht and given an evening safety briefing by the School Principal, your Course Instructor, or the Base Staff.

There is no problem if you arrive late; we know what travel to the islands is all about! After stowing your luggage, the rest of the evening is your own.

If there is anything else you would like to know about your yacht, the marina or the islands, please ask a friendly member of our Customer Service Team.



## ACCOMMODATION

You will be sleeping aboard the training yacht in shared cabins, unless single occupancy has been reserved. Sheets, pillows, blankets and bath towels are all provided.

PLEASE NOTE - Bring your belongings in a soft hold-all as there is little storage on board your yacht. Luggage can be stored ashore.

## BASE FACILITIES

We're very proud of our brand new Marina! It is all yours for the length of your stay:

- Two (x2) shower and toilet facilities, open 24hrs/day
- Two (x2) onsite restaurants and bars
- Modern Hotel Rooms & Spa
- A selection of shops
- Swimming pool
- Coffee shop
- Easy walking to town, restaurants and shopping

# ON COURSE: LET'S GET SAILING!

## ALL AROUND THE BVI

Each day starts at approximately 8:00 am and finishes at approximately 6:00 pm.



Learn from the best how to plan passages, as well as design a week long Bareboat Cruise!

You will experience a variety of moorings and anchorages during the course.



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## COURSE START: SUNDAY, 8:00 am

A full yacht and safety briefing will be given on Sunday morning at 8:00 am by your Course Instructor. Please be ready at this time as it is our goal, as well as yours, to get sailing as soon as possible! We hope to be underway before lunch, and it is always a priority to make time for a mid-day swim and snorkel...what a classroom!

## COURSE ITINERARY: SUNDAY TO THURSDAY

Our mission is to maximize your sail training whilst here in the British Virgin Islands, the most exquisite classroom anywhere! You will have lunch stops and overnights in beautiful anchorages and harbors. Sunsets, snorkeling and beachcombing await you... once the work is done! Everything is weather dependent. That is the sailor's life.

Each day starts at approximately 8:00 am and finishes at approximately 6:00 pm.

The syllabus will be sent to you with your course confirmation information but is also described in the G15 RYA logbook. Our instructors are expert at achieving the RYA syllabus with a variety of BVI sailing itineraries. Learn from the best!

## COURSE PROVISIONING

Your yacht will be already provisioned for a five day course. Breakfast and lunch on board is included every day. In the evenings, you and your crew will normally go ashore to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant. On one night of the course, you will finish training later than normal so that you may experience night sailing. Dinner is provided on board that evening.



*Photo Courtesy of Yacht Shots BVI*

# RETURN TO BASE

Well Done to the 'Salty' Crew!



*Photo Courtesy of SC Divers*

Botanical Gardens  
Beautiful Beaches  
Fantastic Snorkeling & Diving

## COURSE END: THURSDAY, 5:00 pm

Your course ends at the Wickhams Cay II base on Thursday 5:00 pm. The crew normally enjoys drinks and dinner together at the end of the course. If you are arranging your own flights you are free to leave after the course finishes either to catch a return flight or to go to a hotel on the island.



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## FRIDAY: TORTOLA ACTIVITY

This is your free day to relax and explore the island of Tortola, the capital island of the British Virgin Islands. You have several options for accommodation and activities at the end of your course week. Please speak with your holiday planning specialists before arrival.

Some of the activities you may like to do:

- Hire a yacht for a 'Maiden Voyage'
- Go diving or snorkeling with SC Divers
- Hike Sage Mountain National Park
- Wander through BVI Botanical Gardens
- Explore the island in a hire/rental jeep
- Relax on the beach of your choice

Talk to our local Activities Department for ideas!

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# FAQ

What essentials should I bring?

## TICKETS, PASSPORT & BOOKING MATERIALS:

A passport is required for your journey to the British Virgin Islands. Please carry with you all relevant traveling documents, airline tickets and vouchers for transfers, etc. Additionally, please have your Sunsail booking information and details at hand. If you would like to hire a car to explore Tortola at the end of your Training Week, you will need your US Driver's License.

**DAY SKIPPER:** Candidates should bring two passport photos for certification paperwork.

**LOG BOOK:** You will require an RYA log book G15 for your course. If you have not already ordered a log book you can purchase one at the BVI Base. If you ordered one when you made your booking it will be sent to you.

How best can I prepare for my Sail Training Course?

**COMPETENT CREW & DAY SKIPPER:** Candidates are encouraged to read the RYA practical and/or theory course books. These can be purchased in advance at a Marine store locally or online. They are also available at the BVI Base. **Day Skipper candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Day Skipper Theory Course prior to arrival for their practical assessment.**

Day Skipper Theory Courses can be taken at our Port Solent, UK School or Online. Please visit us here for more details: [sunsail.com/Sailing-Schools](https://sunsail.com/Sailing-Schools)

Successful completion of the Day Skipper Practical Assessment in the British Virgin Islands will provide you with an RYA Day Skipper (Non-Tidal) qualification.



What is the local currency?  
What should we budget?

**CASH & CREDIT:** The local currency is the US Dollar. ATM's are available for USD, although at select locations only. There are no currency exchange facilities available on the island. Credit cards are widely accepted at restaurants and shops. Moorings/marine fees are NOT included in the course fees. Any costs incurred for berthing will be split between the crew. Overnight mooring fees are approximately \$30 per night depending on the itinerary. Dinners out are at modestly priced locations, and rarely exceed \$40 per person, per night. A few souvenirs are probably in order, and you have the option of excursions and activities on the Thursday off. A few hundred dollars per person would be adequate.

**Tell me more about the food?**

**VICTUALING:** All breakfasts, lunches and non-alcoholic beverages are provided on board together with one evening meal. You are welcome to purchase locally any extra nibbles you may require. Normally the crew eats ashore every evening except for one. Vegetarians or other dietary needs are not specifically catered for, however we will try to accommodate to the extent that we are able to. You can supplement the Course Provisioning with a few of your favorite things, directly through our Online Provisioning. Please log on to [store.sunsail.com](http://store.sunsail.com). Happy Shopping! Please note that you will be expected to help with cooking, washing up and the general house-keeping of your yacht.

**Can I bring friends, kids, non-students?**

**YES:** All are welcome on the training boat. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The minimum age for Day Skipper is 16. Competent Crew can be achieved by younger students but please be aware the yacht is large and there will be some tasks that cannot be achieved by smaller crew members. Refer to the G15 log book for the syllabus. We are happy to accommodate private and/or family bookings, but you should decide in advance if you would prefer a Sail Training Week or a Skippered Holiday. Please remember that our Max Passenger Limit is five (x5).

**What clothes should I pack?**

**CLOTHING:** Tortola enjoys warm temperatures all year, but you should be prepared for occasional wet weather conditions. We advise you to pack the following items: Shorts, t shirts, sunglasses, hat, sun screen, light trousers, fleece, sailing gloves, light waterproofs, deck shoes or non-slip white soled trainers, swim wear and perhaps a beach towel. Casual is the order of the day in Paradise!

**Will I be in any Photos?  
Can I take my own Photos?**

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** An essential part of our brochures is using photography that gives clients a true idea of the product, rather than using models. During the course of the season there are photographers on site at our bases. If you have an objection to close up photography of yourself and party, please indicate your feelings to the photographer at the time.

