



Where do I meet the Boat?

Oteka is based in Nanny Cay marina, out of Road Town, Tortola. Nanny Cay Marina is a delightful place and a well-protected marina, with beautiful surrounding hills and a relaxed feel about it. Nanny Cay encompasses a charming 40-room hotel, a pool, a beach, two bars/restaurants (the Genaker Cafe and Peg Leg Landing), a small supermarket, delightful shops and boutiques, dive shop, water sports centre, WiFi, gym and spa. And definitely the nicest private marina showers in the Caribbean!

Being our guests, you will be free to use the volleyball court, relax by the beach or the large swimming pool which overlooks the beautiful Sir Francis Drake Channel.

There will be no dockage free in Nanny Cay Marina.

Charter schedule runs from noon to noon.

Which type of Luggage should I use?

Pack lightly! Storage space on a boat is limited, and the trunks have little openings, so please choose soft-sided, collapsible luggage. Hard cases cannot be stored away and would have to remain in your cabins where they take all room. Duffels or small suitcases without wheels are preferred as the wheels leave black marks and scrapes on the boat surfaces.

What should I Wear?

The dress code is casual, even ashore. The Caribbean is very laid back and informal, so keep your packing to a minimum. You'll be in bathing suits all day, shorts and tee shirts at night. You might want a lightweight, long-sleeved shirt or windbreaker for cooler evenings. We require you to be barefoot while onboard. Be sure to bring a comfortable pair of sandals or walking shoes for excursions ashore.

Note: there are a couple of elegant resorts that require men to wear collared shirts and long pants and ladies to dress "island chic" for evening dining ashore.

How about Sunscreen?

Not only is the tropical sun hot, the UV reflection from the water can burn too. We recommend you bring a high factor sunscreen, preferably not oil or aloe vera based as they stain the upholstery and no sprays as they grease the deck.

What about Seasickness?

Although the catamaran is very stable, also at anchor, you may wish to bring medicine for motion sickness. Just in case, we recommend you pack some Gravol or Stugeron tablets (ginger flavoured if you wish to offset any side effects) or some Transderm V (scopolamine applied behind the ear).. You could also try a motion sickness wristband, or ginger capsules, which have a natural settling effect on the stomach.

Can I choose the Itinerary?

When you are on board we will give you a full safety briefing. We know very well the area and are happy to draft an itinerary for you based on your interests. We are also happy if you have some idea of where you would like to go. We will tailor make the route to suit your wishes in accordance to the weather forecast. Captain Pat will bring out the chart



every evening, chat about tomorrow's plans and explain what exciting things await you. The plans can always be changed at breakfast due to weather conditions. The fabulous thing about the BVI's is that all the islands are so close, so it may be a case of going to one beautiful bay over another!

Could we meet Pirates?

No, it is very safe to sail in the British Virgin Islands. Pirates have left some 200 years ago.

What about Water on board?

Keeping hydrated in the tropics is important. We provide bottled drinking water, along with cool drinks. Water for rinsing, dishes, and showering is stored in tanks, we try to spare it as much as we can. A refill is sometimes necessary during the week.

What about Electricity?

We have 220V/50Hz AC outlets, with US/UK/EU adaptors, some 110V/60Hz AC outlets (generator on or at dock) and 12V DC sockets to charge phones, iPods, and other small appliances.

We also run the generator if needed to use galley appliances.

What do I spend in the BVI?

BVI uses USD currency.

What time is it in the BVI?

BVI is on Eastern Time zone in summer and -1 in winter (GMT – 4 all year round).

Can I use my Cell phone and access the Internet?

Most places we go have cellular phone coverage, and we can connect to the internet at EDGE speeds, typically 100kbps, adequate for sending and receiving emails. Please note there are several places where we cannot catch wifi.

Can I use my Credit Card?

Most places do accept Visa and MasterCard, although some beach bars are cash only. There are only a few ATM's around the BVI's, so it is recommended that you bring plenty of cash (the BVI uses US currency).

Can I Smoke?

Like on many charter yachts, smoking is not permitted on board either inside or outside. Thank you.

Should I bring Linen and Towels?

We provide quality bed linen. Hand, bath and beach towels are all provided for your individual use. All table and house linen is also provided.

Can I learn How to sail?

Yes. Captain Pat is always eager to share his sailing tips with guests and "show them the ropes." If you wish, you can participate in some of the manoeuvring exercises or even take



the helm. You may also learn to sail like in the old times as Captain Pat teaches celestial navigation.

What about Snorkeling?

There is snorkel gear on board for you. We also have equipment for teens and children. There is wonderful snorkelling throughout the BVI as most areas are protected National Park. We keep pool noodles on board and these are helpful if you are not an excellent swimmer and would like something to float/rest on. They are also an excellent beacon and yacht and dinghy Captains can identify you more easily.

What about Fishing?

It is illegal for non-British Virgin Islanders to remove any marine organism from BVI waters without a recreational permit. A permit is available for charterers who intend to fish while in the BVI. You may purchase this upon arrival, or online at www.laststopsports.com. They also rent rods and baits.

CIGUATERA. This is a serious disease which is carried by many reef fish in the BVI. It is found in predatory fish around reefs such as barracuda, grouper, snapper and jacks as well as puffer fish and parrot fish. "CATCH AND RELEASE" is recommended. See www.cigua.com for more information on this disease.

Can I eat what I want?

Of course!

On captain only charters, you do your own provisioning. You may use an online service such as Riteway (<http://www.rtwbvi.com/>). They deliver for free to the boat prior to your arrival, so when you step on board you could just go sailing.

On full-board charters, the chef will send you a menu based on your preferences for your party to approve. We send you first a detailed preference sheet to learn about your favourite. Feel free to let us know if you have any favourite foods or food allergies.

Everything is subject to availability, as we are in the islands, but we will do our best to satisfy your needs. Your chef/hostess will be in touch with you via email before the charter and Captain Pat will also be available before the charter to answer any last minute queries that you may have.

Can I drink what I want?

Yes!

On captain only charters, you can order online with Riteway, but also with Tico (<http://www.ticobvi.com/>). They specialize in wines, soft drinks and liquors and also deliver to the boat in Nanny Cay.

On full-board charters, we have a fully stocked bar on board Oteka (standard list upon request) that we adapt according to your preference sheet and of course availability on island. Please note that premium liquors or wines and special brands are on extra. Extras have to be paid upon arrival.

Could I get Bored?

This will be extremely difficult!

We have a few toys for you to enjoy:



- ✦ A towing buoy for children
- ✦ Snorkeling gear
- ✦ 2 kayaks
- ✦ 2 body boards
- ✦ 2 floating mattresses
- ✦ 2 hammocks
- ✦ beach and sand games
- ✦ board games (Captain Pat is quite good with Chess and Xiang-Qi (Chinese chess))
- ✦ library, music (Ipod base), videos (we have over 400 movies)

Can you help filling my Luggage?

Here is a list to help:

- ✦ T-shirts and shorts
- ✦ Swim wear and pareos
- ✦ Sun hat/cap
- ✦ Rash Guard or T-Shirt for snorkelling
- ✦ Flip flops
- ✦ Shoes for excursions ashore
- ✦ Sun glasses
- ✦ Sun screen high factor (non staining; no oil or sprays please)
- ✦ Toiletries
- ✦ Camera
- ✦ Chargers for phones, iPods, etc. (110-240 Volt)
- ✦ Snorkel and mask if you want yours (we supply snorkeling gear)
- ✦ Dive certification if you wish to SCUBA dive
- ✦ Books, magazines, CD's, DVD's, iPod as you like
- ✦ Laptop computer if you wish to use the internet
- ✦ Insect Repellent
- ✦ Medicines as required
- ✦ Sea sickness remedies
- ✦ Drivers license if wanted
- ✦ Credit cards and currency (The USVI and BVI use US Dollars)
- ✦ Passport

We look forward to sailing the BVI's turquoise waters with you.

Thanks for reading, and "Bienvenue à bord"!

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