

My Visit to the Virgin Islands

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Phew! What a long flight. After 4 days I finally arrived in St John, US Virgin Islands only to be stuffed into a box! Turns out that there is no mail delivery on St John, so I was placed in a Post Office Box.

Later that day Captain Jason picked me up and took me for my first dingy ride out to his 47' sailboat.

The sailboat was my home during my visit.



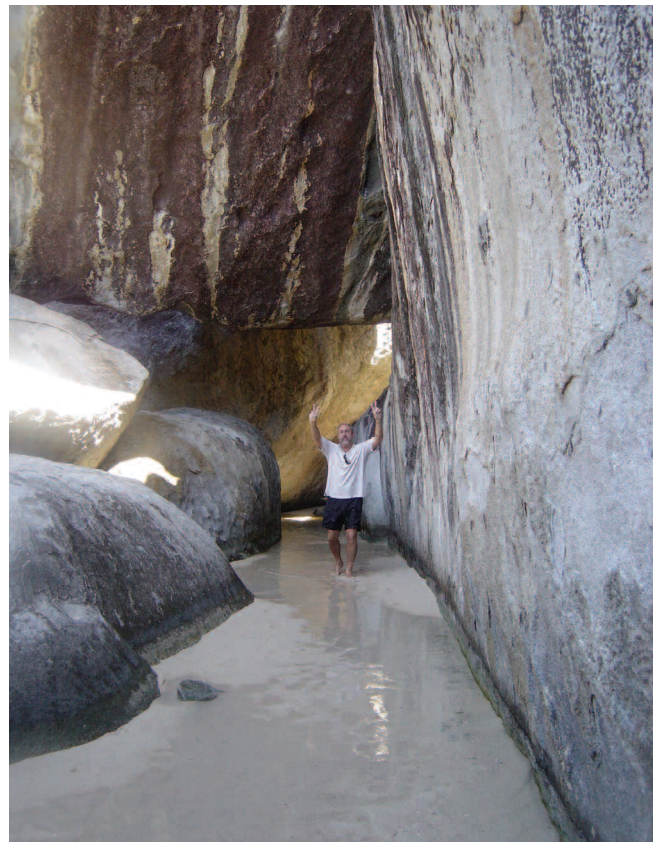
What an adventure it is to ride fast in a dingy. Captain Jason took me out to spin donuts and it made me dizzy.



Our days were spent sailing, playing on the beach, snorkeling and playing in the water. I even got to take a turn at the helm (drive the boat).

We sailed past many islands each day. It turns out there are almost 100 islands in the British, US and Spanish Virgin Islands.

I got to visit a few of the British Virgin Islands. My favorite was Virgin Gorda and "the Baths". These are a bunch of rocks and caves that you get to climb through.

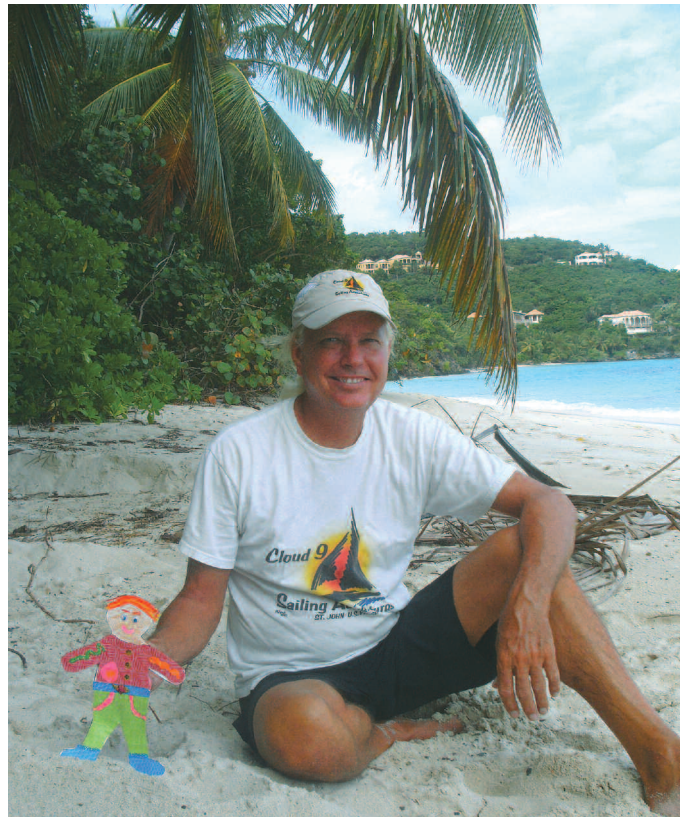


It is always warm in the Virgin Islands, around 84° all day and even the water is about 84° which makes for great snorkeling. First I learned to snorkel and saw lots of fish.



Then I learned to free dive... you hold your breath and swim under the water to get even closer to the fish. Captain Jason helped me.

The next day we went to visit the beach. I played in the sand, found some shells and a coconut.



I learned that it is local custom to "Take only photos and leave only footprints".

Later we went for a hike. St John is 75%

National Park land with lots of great trails for hiking. This is me at the top of a rock - can you see our sailboat?





The first time I got to go to another country, we went to visit the British Virgin island of Jost Van Dyke, population about 200.

I had to clear into customs and Immigrations.



i got my first passport stamp!



Then, I got to meet Foxy - a world famous entertainer who owns a beach restaurant. We ate conch fritters and a chicken Roti for lunch.

Captain Jason and I love eating at Roni's Pizza. I get to watch TV there and drink the local Root Beer.



We also like Mojo's Cafe, we got to feed "buddy" their pet Iguana - she loves to eat french toast and potatoes.



And, since I mentioned pets, here is a picture of me with "Kitty Buster" the cat who lives on the boat.

I had a great time in the Virgin Islands with Captain Jason. Now it is time for me to pack up and go home!

