

SAIL AWAY SAILING SCHOOL, LLC



BVI Vacation Course – Catamaran 2024

Cruising Catamaran course: February 9–15 Earn your Cruising Catamaran certification (ASA 114) while enjoying a beautiful vacation in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). Our live-aboard yacht is a 40' 2019 Lucia Fontaine-Pajot (photo above) with 4 double cabins and 4 heads. It is air-conditioned, complete with full galley, flat screen TV, and state-of-the-art GPS, chartplotter and Wifi. Board our boat at Nanny Cay Marina in Tortola, BVI. Yacht details: <https://virginislandsailing.com/yacht/from-the-fields-bareboat-charter-in-virgin-islands-british/>

We will sail each morning and anchor off a different island by early afternoon each day. There will be plenty of time during the week for snorkeling, swimming, and enjoying all the sights of this magnificent group of islands. We will tow a motorized dinghy for sightseeing and dinner excursions. We will learn navigation, twin screw operation, diesel engine checks, crew overboard techniques, emergency procedures, reefing, anchoring, sail trim, cooking underway, live-aboard skills and learn to expertly dock a twin-screw cat.

Upon successful completion of on-water skills and written exam, you will be certified to skipper your own charter catamaran. Friends and family members are welcome on this cruise, though ASA 104 is the prerequisite for ASA 114 Cruising Catamaran certification.

Included: All breakfasts and lunches onboard, bottled water, coffee, tea, sundowner drink.

ITINERARY: Board at 12PM on February 9. We board at Navigare Charters in Nanny Cay on the south coast of Tortola. We set sail after orientation. We will anchor or moor off a different island each night, exploring 1–2 islands every day. Disembark February 15 at 12PM.

GETTING THERE: Fly into Tortola airport code–EIS and take taxi to Navigare Charters, Nanny Cay Marina – or – Fly into St Thomas airport code–STT and take short taxi to ferry. Take 45–minute ferry ride to Tortola – either west end or Road Town. Taxi to Navigare Charters, Nanny Cay Marina. Ferries stop running in early afternoon. Purchase ferry tickets in advance. See bvitourism.com

Details and Fees

Cruising Catamaran course: Feb. 9–15: \$2490 each for shared double cabin. One person in a private double cabin: \$4880. Non-students take \$45 off total fee.

Included: 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, bottled water, onboard Wifi, snorkeling gear, textbook; Cruising Catamaran Made Easy, ASA certification, shared double berth, bed linens, towels. Packing list and textbook will be sent upon registration. (ASA 104 is prerequisite for those completing the 114 course.)

Not included: Dinners ashore each night, taxi and entry fee to The Baths. Personal snacks and beverages.

No smoking onboard yacht, dinghy, dock, or public places in BVI.

ASA 114 Registration Form – BVI 2023

Mail with Check to:
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Minneapolis, MN 55432
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____

Phone Eve _____

Email _____

(no personal information is shared)

I would like to reserve _____ spaces for **Feb. 9–15, 2024** – Cruising Catamaran (ASA 114) Course fee: \$2490. \$4880 for 1 person in double cabin.

Deposit Amount Enclosed: _____

Signature _____

Deposit: 50% of fee required to hold place in course. Remainder due: Nov. 15, 2023.

Cancellation policy: Full refund if canceled by Nov. 20, 2023. No refund after Nov. 20, 2023 unless replacement student from waiting list is registered. Travel insurance is recommended.

ASA Instructor Captain Joan Gilmore has taught 70 week-long courses in the British Virgin Islands since 1997, from ASA Cruising Catamaran and Advanced Coastal live-aboard courses, to Cruising Instructor for Women’s Cruising Week and Guest Cruising Instructor at the Bitter End Yacht Club.

Gilmore has conducted catamaran instructor training clinics for the American Sailing Association in the BVI. She holds a 100-ton U.S. Coast Guard Master’s license and a master’s degree in adult learning styles from the University of Minnesota.