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UPDATE 1 - US and Spanish Virgin Islands Cruise 2027

Hi all.

Thank you for your interest in the 2027 SVI Cruise. As the cruise is just 10 months away, it is time to start getting serious with plans.

Bringing Your Own Boat

- Plan to meet the fleet in Charlotte Amalie on Saturday March 20th.

Charter Boats

- If you have not already made charter arrangements, I would not wait too much longer.
- There are issues with charter yachts moving between the US and British Virgin Islands. The new fees instituted by the British Virgin Islands have severely limited the availability of boats for charter. [Just curious, how do fees in BVIs affect availability of charter boats in USVIs?]
- One charter company that has worked with some members is Navigare.
<https://navigare-yachting.com/en/destinations/british-virgin-islands>
- Taking boats between the US and Spanish Virgin Islands is also a potential issue. Make sure you discuss the itinerary in detail with the charter company in detail and get them to put in writing that you can go between the US and Spanish Virgin Islands.

Deposits Due Soon

- We will soon ask for an initial Deposit to secure your spot on the cruise. This is important as we need to plan for at least two or three group dinners.

- The deposit will be \$250 per person.
- Once the link is live, we will send out another email.

Looking for a Cruise Treasurer

- We are looking for a Cruise Treasurer. If this sounds like something you are willing to do, please send me an email.
- The job of the Cruise Treasurer is primarily to work with the Club Treasurer to collect fees and pay bills related to the cruise.

Looking for four volunteer Port Captains

- The Port Captain will work with me to make sure all arrangements for each Port of Call (or Island) are in place.
- We need one Port Captain for St. Thomas, St. John, St Croix and Culebra.
- If interested, please send me an email.

Looking for a Cruise Medical Director

- If you are a medical doctor or a nurse, and you can help with medical planning, and would like the prestige of being the Cruise Medical Director, please send me an email.

Store Opening Soon

- Cruise Gear will be available for purchase through Team One Newport shortly.

List of interested members

- We have a list of everyone who has expressed interest in the cruise.
- Link to the list is here:
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EgLjhQ5Vvwz7CjIXpKRPCXpojxp1tJZCVW67PQw3SCE/edit?usp=sharing>

Any other comments or suggestions, let me know.

If you are no longer interested in the cruise, please let me know so I can remove you from the mailing list.

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