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WATERSPORTS/ ACTIVITIES

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Bitter End Excursions: 15-Plus Adventures Every Week

Did you know? Bitter End owns and operates all of its own excursion boats, *Paranda*, *Corinthian* and *Ponce de Leon*, running more than 15 snorkeling trips and daylong excursions every week and the boats are available for private day charters...



48' pontoon accommodates up to 40 guests

Ponce de Leon

Captain Kinto Sprauve guides guests on twice-daily snorkel trips in and around North Sound. In addition to the must-snorkel areas near **Eustatia Reef**, within sight of Necker Island, and **behind Esutatia Island**, snorkeling **the Invisibles** with Kinto is unforgettable. The water teems with underwater life in this feeding ground and popular hangout for reef fish, game fish, turtles and a green octopus that Kinto has observed frequenting the area. In addition to his expertise on the water, Kinto is an excellent host, providing towels, water and music to entertain snorkelers topside too!



59' double decked, twin hulled, power boat accommodates up to 75 guests

Corinthian

Aboard *Corinthian*, guests can enjoy a comfortable and fast ride to the destinations furthest from Bitter End, Norman Island and Anegada, as well as to The Baths and the Dog Islands. All of these excursions are daylong trips that include lunch.

Norman Island is famous for the caves where pirates may have stowed their treasure, if you believe Robert Louis Stevenson. At the Caves, you can swim in and out of the caves to view coral formations, and the deep water outside the Caves allows for an amazing underwater display of schools of fish and close encounters with stunning angelfish, parrotfish and more.

One of our favorite spots at Norman Island is the Indians, which make up a craggy underwater mountain peak that juts out of the water just off of Norman Island. Snorkeling around the Indians, the coral and sea life begins at the water line and goes on from there.

Lunch is served aboard *Corinthian*, and the chef sets up a barbecue BVI-style, including grilled mahi-mahi.

Anegada is the only coral atoll in the BVI (the rest are formed from the tops of volcanic mountain ranges), so it is a haven for fish, sea life and flamingoes. The day is spent at Loblolly Bay on the north side of the island. There, a wide white sand beach provides a great spot to set up for the day. You can stroll down the beach (pretty much as far as you can see), and snorkel just off shore – the reef creates a large natural lagoon perfect for swimming and exploring.

Lunch is served at the Big Bamboo restaurant at Loblolly Bay. This is a great opportunity to have lobster! **A GREAT opportunity to have lobster!** The lobster, when in season, is caught fresh that morning, just off the beach.



48' Sprunk designed racing catamaran accommodates up to 20 guests

Paranda

Not just for sunset sails, *Paranda* is a fun excursion boat that is used for the daylong excursions to The Baths and the Dog Islands. Enjoy sharing the cockpit with the captain and first mate, or sit with your feet dangling above the trampoline, feeling the water spray as the boat picks up speed. Under sail, all you drink in is the wind, the water and the views; it's a sailing adventure even before it becomes a snorkeling adventure!

The Baths are one of the BVI's most well known places, and everyone should see why. Either your captain or first mate will provide a guided tour of these wonders of wind and water, showing you how to climb them to get the best views and find the secret chambers. You can swim and snorkel off the beach in water so clear you will think that the bottom is just within reach.

Snorkeling at the **Dog Islands** is another of the great secrets – it's similar to Norman Island, with extensive coral formations and fish of all shapes and sizes, but once you adjust to the underwater light, you will be able to see coral-encrusted cannon, anchors, and more, lost there decades or centuries ago. And turtles and rays are regular visitors to the area. Truly amazing.

Lunch on *Paranda* is a gourmet picnic. Box lunches are packed with your choice of sandwiches, salads, fruit, chips and desserts. Favorites include the thyme roasted chicken on Winston's Bitter End bread, the roast turkey and cheddar on Bitter End bread, the pastrami and swiss with thousand island on pumpernickel, the roasted corn and black bean salad, the roasted Mediterranean vegetable salad with fresh mozzarella and tomato, and the roasted corn and potato salad. Dessert is usually fresh baked cookies, or Myron Hokin's all-time favorite, brownies!

Don't forget, you can always take off for your own snorkel excursion in and around North Sound aboard a Boston Whaler from the Club fleet of boats. Order your lunch the day before, and the watersports staff will outfit you with towels and a map of the area and a list of their favorite (and sometimes secret!) spots.

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- Accommodation for two
- Three meals daily
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- Introduction to Sailing course
- Fresh water pool
- Vita course, walking and hiking trails
- Monday Night Guest Cocktail Party
- Sunday Regatta and Party
- Bluewater excursions to snorkel and explore spectacular sites in the BVI
- Snorkeling trips in and around North Sound
- Sunset sails aboard *Paranda*, and champagne cruises and dinner cruises

WATERSPORTS/ ACTIVITIES



The Bitter End Watersports Fleet

We often highlight the fact that we have over 100 boats in our fleet, but exactly what boats do we have? Here is a punch list of our entire watersports Fleet:

Optimist Dinghy	4
Vanguard Pram	2
Vanguard Club 420	2
BIC O'Pen	2
Barnett 1400	2
Laser	12
Hobie Wave	10
Hobie Getaway	6
Hobie Odyssey Double Kayak	4
Hobie Pursuit Single Kayak	4
Hobie Mirage Double Pedal Kayak	2
Hobie Mirage Single Kayak	2
Rhodes 19	4
Hunter 216	6
IC-24 (Modified J-24)	2
11 foot Boston Whaler	16
Bic Techno 283 Windsurfer	8
Hi Fly Primo Teaching Windsurfer	4
Mistral Malibu Windsurfer	2
Mistral Protégé	3
Mistral Energizer	
High Wind Slalom Board	2
Mistral Flow 266 Wave Board	2
That Makes	101

Get to Know:

Ashley McGowan



Assistant Watersports Director

Ashley McGowan, Bitter End's Assistant Watersports Director, hails from the great outdoors of the great white north. Raised in London, Ontario, in Canada, she sailed at her family's lake cottage every summer and skied all winter. Racing the circuit in Ontario at Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club where she was head instructor and race coach, she climbed to an overall 17th in the infamous CORK Regatta, sailing Laser 2s.

Ashley came aboard at Bitter End in October 2006, after visiting the resort many times as a counselor with *Sail Caribbean*, and then as part of the *Sail Caribbean* staff who assisted Bitter End's staff to coordinate and run the *Sail Caribbean* Weeks at Bitter End. She got "hooked" on the BVI and finds Bitter End to be a second home, where she can get out and enjoy the tradewinds year round, play volleyball with fellow staff, and keep them groovin' with her ipod, and foster enthusiasm for sailing in the kids who visit Bitter End. She is CYA certified, a certified diver, as well as US Sailing certified in basic keelboat sailing.

And, to the great benefit of staff and guests, she has also set her sights on keeping our corner of paradise cool this summer: she picked up ice cream churning skills at a dairy back home, and she'd like to set up a stand along the path at Bitter End!

Sailing Certification at Bitter End!

You can get certified and still go to Anegada!

This summer, Bitter End's certification program will kick-off by offering basic keelboat sailing certification.

Bitter End adheres to the guidelines set forth by US Sailing, regarding the number and quality of sailing instructors, and type and quality of boats. Additionally, the curriculum must pass US Sailing's stringent requirements, and Bitter End's coursework will use the US Sailing Association's own materials. The Basic Keelboat Course will be taught on Rhodes 19s and IC-24s. Classroom instruction takes place in the 15-seat Bitter End Sailing School building (adjacent to the Watersports Center), complete with dry erase boards, and wall-mounted Laser-model simulators. At all times, we maintain a staff of no fewer than four US Sailing certified instructors, and class sizes will be very small, to afford personal attention for each participant.

Coursework follows a regular weekly schedule, island style, starting on Monday morning, and concluding on Friday with the exam during the final hour of instruction:

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, the courses will run three hours in the morning, three hours in the afternoon with a break for lunch in between.

Wednesday is layday! Go to Anegada! Relax at the beach or by the pool or learn something else – windsurfing? Diving? Whatever you wish!

On Friday there will be two hours of instruction in the morning and then the test, so either the



afternoon is free to show off your new skills or you can take that time to make up anything you might have missed earlier in the week. Graduation is at 5 pm.

Basic Keelboat certification, in Bitter End terms, is a combination of our current 101, 102A & B, with a lot more time spent on really honing the 102A & B skills.

Of course, if this is too much structure for a vacation, we will still offer our other courses that you can take if the mood strikes you.

This summer (for visits from now to July 28), the price will be \$500 per person for guests staying on an Admiral's Package. And starting this fall, the price will be \$800 per person for guests staying on the Admiral's Package

Just let your travel planner know you are interested in getting certified in basic keelboat sailing when you make your reservation, and you'll be commanding your own vessel before you know it!

Chart Your Own Course

Cosmic Warlord Adventure



Steal away for the day as far away from Bitter End as Salt and Ginger Islands on your own Express 37 racing yacht adventure sail. Most daysail monohulls plod along at 5 or 6 knots. Not *Cosmic Warlord*, Bitter End's recently overhauled Express 37. She tacks upwind at 6 to 7 knots, and planes downwind at upward of 10 knots. She's an exciting, but stable ride!

Plan your destination with the captain the day before your departure – choose a spot you've never visited before, or visit a favorite. Pick up your picnic lunch prepared by our chefs and when you get to your anchorage of choice, you'll have all the amenities you'd expect from a 37 foot boat: a cockpit for up to eight people, ample headroom, spacious shower/head, and berths to relax on away from the sun.

This daysail adventure is just \$550 when added to your Admiral's Package stay! To book this package and your next visit, contact our travel planners at 800-872-2392, 312-506-6205, binfo@beyc.com.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Women on the Water Week

October 25 – November 1, 2008

Admiral's Package (8 days/7 nights) start at \$4,410 for two.



Bitter End's 17th annual week for women combines exceptional hands-on instruction with superb shoreside activities for a one-of-a-kind experience. Sailing instruction covers all aspects of skippering, sail trimming, sail changing, crewing and teamwork, as well as overboard recovery techniques, sailing smart, downwind sailing and racing.



Participants showing off their skills

Pros Leading the Week:



Martha Parker is considered among the best female crew to ever roam the foredeck of a racing sailboat. As a day job, Martha is the owner and operator of Team One Newport, a leading retailer of high-performance sailing clothing and gear.



Pam Wall has been a frequent cruising visitor to the Bitter End, regaling our guests with stories of far away lands, and cruising exploits. Her profound knowledge of offshore sailing and enthusiasm for it are infectious.



Betsy Alison is the greatest female sailor that has walked the planet. In addition to the countless world and national titles, she coaches the US Disabled Sailing Team.

For more info on the pros, visit our web site: www.beyc.com and click on the Special Events Page

Event Schedule:

Saturday, October 25 – Arrivals and Welcome Harbor Cruise (Get to Know the Instructors and fellow participants)

Sunday, October 26 – AM: Skills Assessment & Laser Racing, Skills Assessment & Hunter Racing

Monday, October 27 – AM: WOW 101 With Pam Wall (Basics), PM: On the Water with Pam; WOW 201A Boathandling with Betsy Alison and Martha Parker aboard IC 24s; Around the World With Pam Wall (slide show)

Tuesday, October 28 – WOW 102 With Pam Wall (AM and PM—sail with confidence with Pam); WOW 201B Tame the Spinnaker with Betsy and Martha (AM); Bluewater Sailing on Express 37 (PM); Sailing Gear for Women at Sea (showcase), with Team One Newport's Martha Parker.

Wednesday, October 29 – Optional Anegada Trip and Twilight Racing, or private tutorials; Betsy Alison on "Sailing's Glass Ceiling."

Thursday, October 30 – IC 24 Regatta (for the racers), WOW 202 (intermediate/advanced Cruising Clinics) With Pam Wall

Friday, October 31 – IC 24 Regatta (for the racers), WOW 202 (intermediate/advanced Cruising Clinics) With Pam Wall

Awards Dinner

Sponsors (at press time)

Vineyard Vines, West Marine, Team One

Bitter End will be teaming up with local and American organizations that focus on women's health and welfare and medical research. 10% of the proceeds from the week will go toward helping these organizations.



Family Fun at Bitter End



Snorkeling at Anegada

For any family that enjoys a little active adventure at the beach or on the sea, Bitter End is the ultimate family vacation destination.

Thanksgiving Week at Bitter End

November 22 – 29, 2008

Admiral's Family Package (8 days/7 nights) starts at \$8,120 for two adults and two children.

In addition to all of our regularly scheduled activities, we offer additional special events and expanded programs for Thanksgiving Week. While older kids are taking part in the Hobie Wave Family Fun Week (see below), younger kids will be able to participate in expanded kids' programs led by our Kids Camp Coordinator; and everyone is invited to participate in the Turkey Day Regatta and celebrate at our Thanksgiving Feast. All of these extra events and activities are included in standard Admiral's Package pricing.

And don't forget: Our Kids' Camp Coordinator and Bitter End staff conduct expanded kids programs at least six weeks throughout the year, offering expert instruction in dinghy sailing, windsurfing, and the safe handling of boats, as well as fun activities such as tube riding and banana boating, family regattas and Beach Olympics.

Hobie Wave Family Fun Week

November 22 – 29, 2008

Admiral's Family Package (8 days/7 nights) starts at \$8,120 for two adults and two children.

Bitter End's Hobie catamarans are a favorite among guests. They are easy for new sailors to use, yet the Getaways are a great performance boat for experienced sailors, and no matter your skill level, they are a lot of fun. A whole family can pack a picnic lunch and some towels and take off on one for the day, sailing North Sound and exploring deserted beaches and the underwater world.

Bitter End is one of Hobie's favorite places, and for the fourth year in a row, Hobie Cat president Doug Skidmore is inviting families to join him at the resort for a week of sailing tips from those in the know (Doug himself, as well as his team of experts, including Dan Mangus, Hobie Cat's marketing director, and also the chair for most of Hobie's regattas and clinics) and a series of fun races that show off new skills you and your kids have learned aboard Bitter End's fleet of Hobie Waves and Getaways.

Join us! Visit the web site to see a schedule of activities, www.beyc.com, and contact our Reservations and Information Office to start planning your visit: 800-872-2392, 312-506-6205; binfo@beyc.com.



Hobie Wave Sailing

SPECIAL EVENTS



2008 Schedule of Events

2008 September

11 – 14 Newport Boat Show

18 – 21 Norwalk Boat Show



2008 October

9 – 13 Annapolis Boat Show

25 – Nov 1 **Women on the Water Week**

30 – Nov 2 **CEO Sailing Challenge**

31 Halloween



2008 November

1 – 2 **3rd Annual Drake's Challenge Regatta**

1 – 8 **22nd Annual Pro Am Regatta Week**

8 – 15 **11th Flotilla Sailing Week**

22 – 29 **Thanksgiving Sail Caribbean Week**

Caribbean Hobie Wave Fun Week

2008 December

6 – 13 **Longshore Caribbean Sailing Week**

22 – 29 Hannukah

13 – 20 **Longshore Caribbean Sailing Week**

24 **Christmas Eve Boat Parade**

25 **Christmas Day Regatta**

31 Old Year's Party

2009 January

10 – 17 **Conference (CME) on Marine and Travel Medicine**

10 – 17 **Midwinter Regatta of Champions**

10 – 17 **Longshore Caribbean Sailing Week**

17 – 24 **Longshore Caribbean Sailing Week**

29 – Feb 1 Strictly Sail Chicago Boat Show



2009 February

1 Superbowl Sunday

14 Valentine's Day

12 – 16 Miami International Boat Show

14 – 21 **Presidents' Week Family Fun**

23 – 28 **6th Annual ClubSwan Rendezvous**



2009 March

31 – Apr 5 **BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival**

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- Three meals daily with special theme dinners around the resort
- Unlimited use of Club fleet
- Introduction to Sailing course
- Fresh water pool, where you can have lunch served to you poolside
- Vita course, walking and hiking trails
- Monday Night Guest Cocktail Party to meet the staff
- Sunday Regatta and Party
- Bluewater excursions to snorkel and explore spectacular sites in the BVI, such as The Baths, Norman Island and Anegada
- Snorkeling trips in and around North Sound
- Sunset sails aboard Paranda, and champagne cruises and dinner cruises

While we recommend at least seven nights to really experience Bitter End and the BVI, you are welcome to stay as many nights as you wish.

20% off select dates this fall and winter! Contact us now at: 800-872-872-2392, 312-506-6205 or binfo@beyc.com.

Conference on Marine and Travel Medicine January 10 – 17, 2009



In January, expert medical faculty are conducting a comprehensive seminar on the prevention and treatment of medical problems at sea. The conference is designed for physicians, nurses, health care professionals, and for mariners who simply want to increase their medical skills, self-reliance, and safety at sea.



The course will be accredited for 15 Category 1 CME credits. The lectures are scheduled each morning from 8:30 to 11:30 am and leave the rest of the day free to enjoy all the facilities of Bitter End. There are no lectures on Wednesday, allowing participants to take the full day Anegada Island excursion. The week's lectures will be led by Dr. Michael Jacobs and Dr. Phil Rasori. View their profiles on the website: www.beyc.com.

Course Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Participants arrive at Bitter End
6:00 – 7:30 PM Welcome cruise and Reception

Sunday, January 11

8:30 – 10:00 AM Hypothermia and Cold Water Immersion (Dr. Jacobs)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Travel Immunizations (Dr. Rasori)

Monday, January 12

8:30 – 10:00 AM Acute Treatment of Near Drowning (Dr. Jacobs)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Traveler's Diar-

rhea and Water Purification (Dr. Rasori)

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 – 10:00 AM Malaria Prevention and Chemoprophylaxis (Dr. Rasori)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Update on Seasickness Prevention and Treatment (Dr. Jacobs)

Wednesday, January 14

Day Free – go to Anegada!

Thursday, January 15

8:30 – 10:00 AM The Marine and Travel Medical Kit (Dr. Rasori)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Hazardous Marine Life (Dr. Jacobs)

Friday, January 16

8:30 – 10:00 AM Health Maintenance at Sea (Dr. Rasori)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Acute Treatment of Traumatic Injuries at Sea (Dr. Jacobs)

Saturday, January 17

Departures

The seminar fee of \$695, with an Admiral's Package, (which offers plenty for spouses and family to do during seminar hours!) includes all lectures, comprehensive course syllabus and accreditation for 15 hours of Category 1 CME.



Join Us

**July 19 – July 23, 2008,
for the AH Riise BVI
Billfish Tournament.**

Visit www.beyc.com for more information, and www.bvibillfishtournament.com to register.

QUARTERDECK CLUB NEWS

Yacht Management Program at Bitter End



Hammer, a Gunboat 48

If you've been out on the water in the past few years, cruising or racing, and been overtaken by what looks like a catamaran's catamaran – deep hulls, hulky body designed for comfortable interiors, but amazingly quick and agile – you've no doubt crossed paths with a Gunboat.

Gunboat was founded by Bitter End repeat guest Peter Johnstone (of the famed J-Boats family), and penned by Morrelli & Melvin design with an eye toward cruising sailors who wanted more performance out of their yachts.

Coincidentally, two Bitter End regulars each own a Gunboat 48, and both of these high-tech carbon fi-

ber beauties can be found in North Sound when they are not off cruising or racing, taking advantage of Bitter End's Yacht Management Program.

Tom Robinson, the owner of *Hammer*, enjoys many aspects of the boat's design, including its three-foot draft and its speed:

"I've hit 28-29 [knots] on the boat; you spend most of your time trying to slow it down!"

And he enjoys so much time at Bitter End – he's been visiting the BVI for over 20 years! – because the camaraderie and laid-back atmosphere make it so comfortable, and it's a great home base for the Caribbean regattas.

Featured Yacht Management Captain



Captain Glen Harmon

As a winter haven for yacht owners and their captains who choose to base their boats in the North Sound and participate in our Quarterdeck Club or Yacht Management Programs, these "guests in residence" make the resort's waterfront unique by expanding Bitter End's "family" onto the water and out and about in the BVI (and beyond!).

Glen Harmon is one of the captains who call the Bitter End Quarterdeck home for the winter. Glen runs s/v *Paradigm*, a 55' Trintella hailing from Annapolis, Maryland.

"What I really enjoy is the sense of community on the docks. Everyone is so friendly, you can get so much information from the

other Captains on the dock when it comes to anchorages, maintenance and weather."

Originally from Santa Cruz California, Glen has spent the past six seasons cruising in the BVI. He has been based out of the Bitter End for the past two seasons. "I can get so much work done while on the dock. The boatwrights and dock staff are a huge help to me."

In his free time, Glen is an avid waterman. As an accomplished windsurfer, Glen completed a crossing from Eustatia Sound to Anegada last season (13 miles offshore!). And this season, Glen was convinced to cross-over to kiteboarding, which he has picked up rather quickly. Or, when the wind is down, Glen takes advantage of his PADI Divemaster skills and enjoys exploring the reefs with Kilbrides Sunchaser Scuba.

We look forward to seeing Glen and s/v *Paradigm* (and Tom and *Hammer*) again next season!

Get to Know

Checkley Shaw



Patrick "Checkley" Shaw, the Quarterdeck Marina Manager at Bitter End, hails from Memphis, Tennessee and lived in St. Augustine, Florida for 25 years before joining the staff at Bitter End in January of 2007. He started on the Marina Desk, but his can-do attitude propelled him to Fleet Captain, and now he is the Quarterdeck Manager.

While working in the Caribbean may not be for everyone, for Checkley, the lure of the sea and sand is constant.

"I enjoy all aspects of boating, fishing and diving; the Bitter End provides an excellent environment for all of this. Plus the clear water and warm temperatures and steady breezes year 'round help a lot."

Anyone who knows Checkley knows that he really lights up when a sportfish "battlewagon" approaches Bitter End. And when the Billfish Tournament rolls around in July, Checkley will be in his element, "gaining experience from the wide array of boats that enter the North Sound, and assisting boaters as they arrive at Bitter End for the first time," his favorite part of the job, according to Checkley.

Checkley wants to remind everyone that dock reservations are recommended though not required. But at peak times, such as any holiday, and Mondays and Tuesdays during the winter months, it's wise to call or e-mail ahead for slip availability and reservations. And find out how you can join the Quarterdeck Club for additional perks! Email quarterdeckclub@beyc.com, call 284-494-2746, extension 315, or hail us on VHF Channel 16.

Mooring

70 moorings — \$30 per night. The Harbour Master will collect the fee at your boat, or pay ashore. Credit cards accepted ashore.

Dockage

We welcome all boaters to tie up at our Quarterdeck Club and Marina where they may take advantage of private showers and toilets dockside, and 24-hour security, electricity and water.

Dockage Rates

Deep draft for yachts up to 200'.

Up to 50'	\$1.50 per foot
51' to 75'	\$1.60 per foot
76' and up	\$2.00 per foot

Marina Services

We have certified outboard mechanics, certified diesel technicians, air conditioning technicians and boatwright service. Our team is certified to repair a variety of outboard makes, sell new and used engines (and take trade ins), as well as handle field repairs for a number of the charter companies in the British Virgin Islands.

Provision your boat at the Emporium.

Free Launch Service!
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm each evening.

Free Wi-Fi at the Pub!

Our Chandlery stocks many items that are useful while you cruise—a full range of fasteners, batteries, charts, cleaning supplies, line and more. We can help you find that missing nut or bolt, or assist in a total refit.

If you travel with your boat when you visit the Caribbean, consider our **Yacht Management Program**. Leave your boat at Bitter End for as long as you like and our staff will expertly maintain it, inside and out, as well as have it ready whenever you need it.

For more information contact the Quarter Deck Marina, 284-494-2746, extension 315.



Join the Quarterdeck Club

DINING, AMENITIES AND STAFF



New Menus Underway

Since he joined us last fall, Executive Chef Evan Lee and the Food and Beverage team have been refreshing the dining experience at Bitter End, from Breakfast to the wee hours. Bitter End Classics – Winston's breads and desserts and Mrs Bain's soups! – will always be available, but Chef Evan and his team are working to create new favorites. Here is just a sample menu. We hope you will try something new on your next visit!



**CLUBHOUSE
STEAK and SEAFOOD GRILLE**

STARTERS

Make your own Classic Caesar Salad
Mrs. Bain's Homemade Soups of the Day
The Bitter End Yacht Club Native Seafood Salad
Today's Selection of Salads and Appetizers

ENTRÉE

Plantain Stuffed Breast of Chicken
Served with a Saffron Cream Sauce

Fisherman's Catch of the Day
Ask your server for details

Broiled Fillet of Grouper Coated with Almonds
Served with a Sun Dried Tomato and White Wine Sauce

Pork Tenderloin Coated with Local Herb Rub
Accompanied by Spicy Apple Chutney

Chef's Special Snapper Florentine
Snapper filled with Seasoned Spinach in a White Wine Cream Sauce

Broiled Stuffed Beefsteak Tomato
Served with Garlic Asparagus (V)

Grilled 16oz T-Bone Steak
Served with Maitre d' Butter

Broiled Anegada Lobster
A Bitter End Favorite

All of the above entrées are served with your choice of
Baked Potato or Rice and Vegetables, Dessert and Coffee

Wine Pairing Coming this Fall



This Fall a menu that has it all! John Terlato, President of Terlato Wine Group, made Dana Hokin an offer she couldn't refuse: "Fly your chef up to Chicago and we'll spend an entire day pairing wines with your new menu." And so they did!



Preparing entrées



From left, Bitter End's Chef Evan, Terlato's Chef Colin, and John Terlato, president of Terlato Wine Group, reviewing the menu



Weddings, Birthdays, Family Reunions

Create Your Own
Special Event at Bitter End

Contact our Special Events Office:
203-656-0799 or visit www.beyc.com



Almond Walk barbecue

Special Dietary Restrictions or Allergies?

We can enhance our menu with special items to meet your needs. Please advise the travel planners when making your reservation, and stop in at the Clubhouse Steak and Seafood Grille to meet and talk with Chef Evan Lee once you arrive.



Get to Know

Maureen

If you've had breakfast at the Clubhouse restaurant at Bitter End, chances are that you've had the pleasure of meeting Maureen Sprauve.

Maureen started at Bitter End in 1986 in housekeeping, and it was clear even back then that she was really friendly and outgoing, so a spot where she could interact with the guests was in store for her. She soon

moved to the Emporium (and Pub, back then), and then was promoted to morning cashier at the Clubhouse restaurant, where you will find her today. In that role, she is responsible for making sure everyone is accounted for, and receives the proper checks. More importantly, she also handles the Clubhouse Restaurant's VHF radio, fielding lunch and dinner reservations that come in from boat visitors. Maureen is from Virgin Gorda, and lives in Gun Creek.

As true proof that the apple does not fall far from the tree, Maureen (a past Employee of the Year), is mother to Captain Kinto Sprauve (also a past Employee of the Year), the one-man entertainment machine who leads guests on the snorkel excursions aboard *Ponce de Leon*. Friendliness runs in the family! Next time you are in the Clubhouse, look up Maureen. Being greeted by her warm smile is a great way to start the day!

North Soundings Summer 2008
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AROUND THE RESORT

New Feature: In Room Provisioning

Bitter End will now stock your refrigerator and shelf with the beverages of your choice to be ready for your arrival. From champagne, wine and rum, to sodas, juices and milk, there's something for everyone on the list.

The provisioning menu is e-mailed or mailed to guests about one month before arrival, and it can be filled out online or faxed (or mailed) back to our Reservations and Information Office, and we'll take care of the rest!

The Admiral's Package has it all – see page 5 for details!

Guest Comments

"This is a perfect vacation for us. People are wonderful, accommodations are very nice and the view is spectacular. New bathrooms are very nice, grounds well kept and new menu very good. See you next year." *G&TP, April 2008*

"It was great to be greeted on the dock with a cool, fragrant towel and handed the first of many rum punch drinks! It was the perfect gesture after a long trip... we love the BEYC and have now had another wonderful escape from our hectic lives to paradise!" *A&SR, April 2008*

"[I] Really wanted to charter, but my wife did not. [Bitter End] was [a] compromise. Loved it.

We enjoyed the ambience, the attentiveness of the staff. The activities we took part in were great." *M&RL, April 2008*

"My husband and I, and our 10 year old daughter, were looking for a vacation which offered sailing instruction (and a beautiful location!). I had sailed into Bitter End years ago and remembered it. Within four days of instruction with the staff, my husband and I were sailing a Rhodes 19 on our own for 2 days (several hours each day!). Our daughter has immensely enjoyed kids' sailing and activities.... Our daughter hates to leave – we do, too!" *Mr and Mrs II, March 2008*

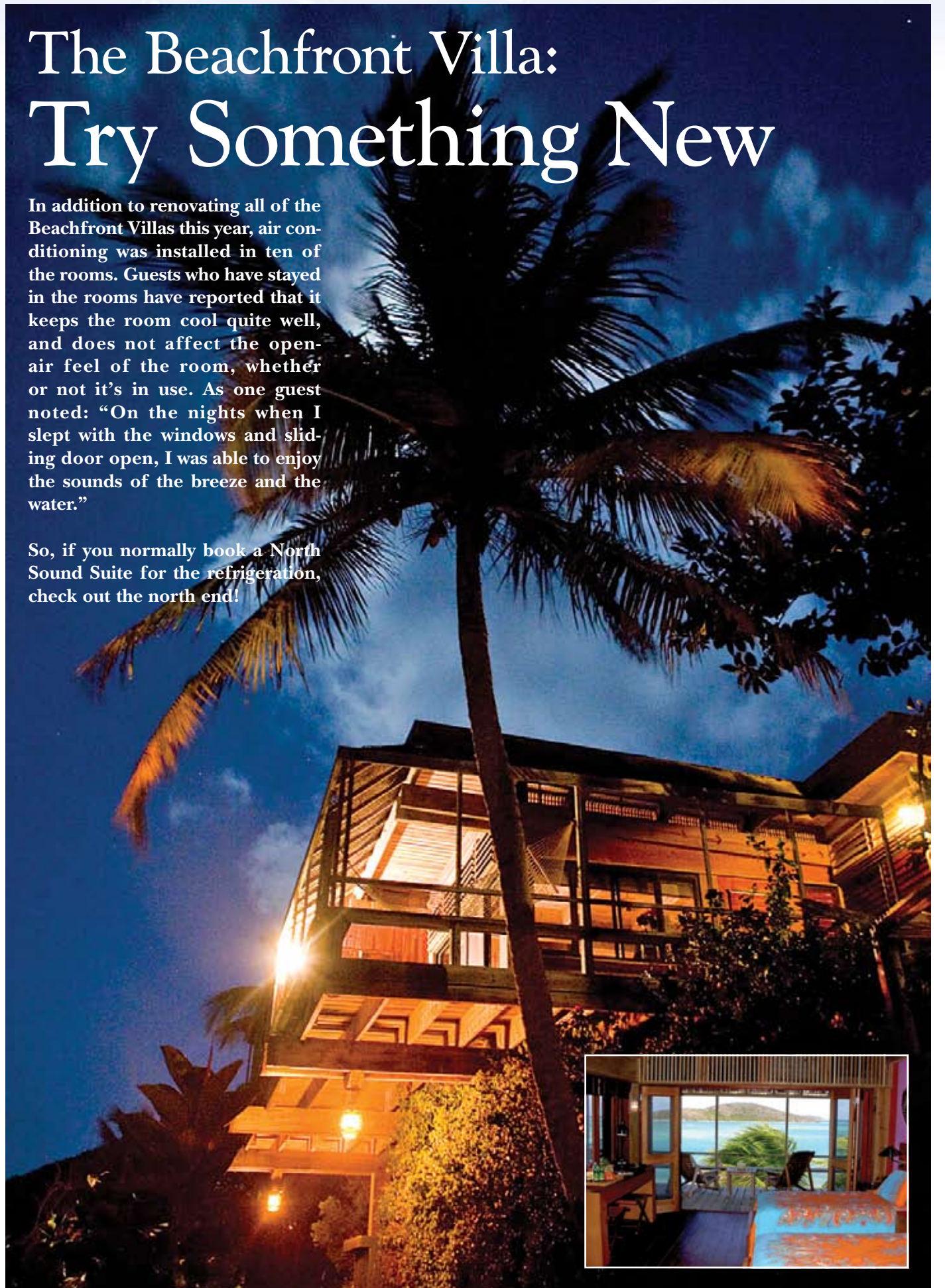
"We recommended BEYC to our group of fifteen and you pleased them all.

No reason to stay anywhere else in the BVI!" *P&GV, March 2008*

The Beachfront Villa: Try Something New

In addition to renovating all of the Beachfront Villas this year, air conditioning was installed in ten of the rooms. Guests who have stayed in the rooms have reported that it keeps the room cool quite well, and does not affect the open-air feel of the room, whether or not it's in use. As one guest noted: "On the nights when I slept with the windows and sliding door open, I was able to enjoy the sounds of the breeze and the water."

So, if you normally book a North Sound Suite for the refrigeration, check out the north end!



All Beachfront Villas are now renovated

Bitter End in the News

Selected by *Real Simple Travel* as one of the best resorts in the Caribbean for honeymooners, in their inaugural issue!

Fortune Small Business has a feature on Bitter End and the Pro Am!

Featured in the Spring 2008 issue of *Destination Weddings and Honeymoons* for our wide variety of activities and events that will appeal to all guests in the wedding party.

Highlighted by *Newsweek International* for our green efforts!

You can check these articles out on our web site, in the News section!

