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The Picturesque Mediterranean

Three NEW Moorings Destinations

The new Moorings 514PC

All-New 514 Powercat arriving Spring 2014

The Stylish Moorings 5800

Now available as a bareboat charter option

Tahiti – Tuamotus Islands

NEW Crewed Yacht Destination



Editor's Letter



It is time to look forward to what's new in 2014 and reflect back to The Moorings beginnings in 1969.

Those of you who've cruised with us for years have watched The Moorings grow from a small fleet of 6 sailing monohulls in the summer of 1969 into a charter company dedicated to bringing you the finest cruising

vessels in the world's most beautiful destinations.

As part of our family, we are pleased to provide you with an exclusive "Insider's Sneak Peek" at many of the exciting announcements to come in the 2013-2014 cruising season.

We are pleased to announce a fresh Mediterranean experience with new, more convenient and centrally located destinations in Greece, Croatia and Turkey. Come explore new cultural meccas and ancient seascapes – this is the real Mediterranean at its finest!

In other exciting news, we are unveiling an all-new new power catamaran, the Moorings 514PC, which will be available Spring 2014 for charter in the BVI and Bahamas!

As summer winds to a close, if you haven't caught your next "travel bug" already, your imagination will surely run wild after reading the following pages. So start planning your 2014 unforgettable vacation on the water.

We hope to see you soon!

Shannan Brennan

Editor, Moorings Mainsheet



On The Cover

For 2014 The Moorings has three new picturesque destinations in the Mediterranean. The cover photo of Fethiye Ölüdeniz Coast and Beach is a place you will love to visit when you charter with us in Turkey.



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A Very Classy Cat

New 5800 stylish catamaran prompts admiring double takes

By David Shaw

You're at the helm of a magnificent big cat, a brand-new 5800 that The Moorings just introduced as a bareboat charter option in June. Gentle trade winds fill the sails as the yacht glides toward Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. The lush green summit of Mahjohnny Hill rises more than 1,000 feet above a calm turquoise sea, creating a picture-perfect backdrop from your vantage point on the spacious elevated flybridge. Superlative views extend all the way around the compass. A hardtop roof provides shade.



Your first mate mixes drinks at the wet bar while your companions lounge on the plush white U-shaped settee that surrounds the flybridge's table. Jimmy Buffet's "Cheeseburger in Paradise" wafts through the powerful CD stereo's Bose speakers at your feet. There's an MP3

connection as well. You're all looking forward to barbecuing juicy filet mignon on the propane grill after enjoying happy hour in your next scenic anchorage. Later, if the fancy strikes, you plan to watch a DVD on the 46-inch flat-screen television in the main saloon.

You chose the 5800, currently available only in the BVI, because of its stylish looks and impeccable detail, the hallmark of any custom-built Robertson & Caine catamaran. With accommodations for 12 guests in six air-conditioned modern cabins with en-suite bathrooms, privacy was assured for everyone. You had to draw straws to see which two couples got the two staterooms with full-size double beds on the main deck. The glass doors from the staterooms leading to the enormous forward cockpit proved tantalizing to all. The four cabins in the two hulls were easy on



the eyes as well, featuring three full-size doubles and two twins. With a kitchen boasting a large fridge with double-drawer freezer, gas stove with oven and broiler, a convection microwave, dishwasher and plenty of counter and storage space, you knew cooking wouldn't be a chore.

Another Jimmy Buffet tune comes on. You smile as you tweak the roller-furling headsail with the electric winch next to you at the helm station and you're sure life just doesn't get any better than this!

To live the dream and take the helm of the all-new Moorings 5800, call us today at 877.797.1233 for assistance in planning your next sailing vacation.

What's New in The Moorings fleet



Brand New 514 Powercat: Coming soon!

The Moorings is pleased to announce the new 514PC entering the Moorings fleet available for chartering in the beautiful British Virgin Islands. This contemporary offers a brilliant ergonomic layout that

makes maneuvering around the power yacht comfortable and easy. The design team at Robertson and Caine and Simonis Voogd Design have exceeded expectations by delivering this all new, from the keels up, powercat that offers modern open living space in a fuel efficient design.

sunbathing platform with direct access to the flybridge, a first for Moorings Catamarans.



The Moorings 514PC is a truly elegant yacht where dreams will come true and memories will be made.

Like The Moorings 5800, the flagship of the Moorings Sail fleet, the 514PC includes a large flybridge with seating for up to 8. She also features a large forward cockpit, something first seen on the popular Leopard 44, and a

The Moorings 514PC's interior features a refreshing modern look to include new materials used for flooring and cabinetry. This yacht also boasts a large and open saloon, a galley with the latest appliances, and 4 en-suite cabins. The Moorings 514PC combines the best from our sailing fleet with the luxury and ease of a power yacht. This is the boat you and your friends and family will make lasting memories with. Welcome Aboard!



Fabulous New Moorings Destinations

By David Shaw

The Mediterranean. Its very name sweeps you back in time. And yet you also imagine golden beaches, whitewashed homes with red-tile roofs and intimate waterside cafés where you sip local wine and dine on succulent fresh seafood. The Mediterranean is a place where the past merges with the present in an almost seamless fashion. It invites you to enter a world of unique ancient culture and exquisite natural beauty.

With The Moorings, you can experience it all aboard a bareboat sailing or power yacht. If you desire, you can avail yourself of the impeccable services our Crewed Yacht captains and private gourmet chefs are famous for. Indeed, The Moorings prides itself on making our guests feel right at home and offering you an

unforgettable dream vacation.

One important way we achieve our distinguished reputation in the charter business is we listen to what our guests have to say. Many of you requested more convenient and geographically centralized bases within prime Mediterranean cruising grounds. As a

result, we recently opened new bases in Vounaki, Greece; Turgutreis and Fethiye, Turkey; and Kremik, Croatia.

Make the Ionian, Aegean or Adriatic your next vacation playground! Each is unique. Each is magnetic. Each awaits you with a Mediterranean flavor all its own!



Greece Cruise the Waters of Odysseus

The new base in Vounaki exudes the laid-back charm of Greece's southern Ionian Sea

The calm waters of the Ionian Sea glisten in the sun. Tree-clad islands surround you, rising up to steep heights in places and flattening into coastal lowlands rich in olive groves and vineyards.



The environs near the new base in Vounaki captivate with a delicate blend of ancient history and legend. Quiet waterside villages and tavernas and humble monasteries and churches magically seem to spring from the fertile ground like the crimson wild flowers that splash color across fields of green. When you embark on an Ionian yachting vacation with The Moorings, you imagine seeing triremes rounding

a rocky promontory, the banks of three oars moving as one to the steady beat of a drum. You feel like Homer's intrepid Odysseus may make an appearance at any time while you relax in the dreamy villages of Ithaca.

The spirit of the past coexists with the vibrant present at every turn. On the Kefalonian coast, the Venetian fortress atop the craggy heights embracing the ancient town of Assos magically transports your mind to eras of long ago, but as you amble down the streets to visit the shops and linger in the tavernas you are firmly rooted in the tangible and sensuous pleasures of today. The island boasts some of the most beautiful unspoiled beaches in Mediterranean, and its undersea canyons, walls and caves are known for some of the best scuba diving in all of

Europe. Vounaki enjoys a similarly stellar reputation for superb diving and snorkeling.

Far from the bustle and glitz of touristy destinations elsewhere in Greece, the southern Ionian is a world apart, one that enchants with understated elegance and draws you in with laid-back charm.

The madding crowds are easy to elude. Instead, you are immersed in natural beauty savored from the cockpit at anchor in picturesque coves or enjoyed in picture-postcard waterfront villages. Relax, reflect and rejuvenate amidst the beautiful enchanting isles of the Ionian Sea.

"When cruising out of Vounaki, you enter an area of stunning natural beauty with quiet fishing towns, where you tie up at quays amongst local fishing boats. There are also plenty of secluded coves always in close proximity," said Brad Trusler, Country Manager for The Moorings in Greece. "You're sailing on a safe, protected inland sea with constant weather conditions. It's simply beautiful!"



Turkey

Savor Turkey's Mythical Turquoise Coast

Cruising western Turkey ushers you into a Mediterranean less traveled

The weathered faces of stunning cliffs capture the eye as your yacht glides gracefully into Tomb Bay amidst the pine-studded isles of western Turkey. Hawks ride the gentle updrafts rising invisibly off the purple foothills of the Taurus Mountains, and a gentle warm breeze carries the pleasing scent of evergreens.

You cannot imagine a Turkey more starkly different from the bustle and hustle of storied Istanbul. Here you indulge yourself in snorkeling in crystal-clear Aegean waters far from urban frenzy and noise. Here you sunbathe and swim on white-sand beaches in a spectacular natural setting. Here you kayak into shallow rocky clefts and stumble upon the entrance to ancient tombs that the Carian or Lycian people carved into stone. The Byzantine ruins of once fabulously wealthy cities peek through the lush green foliage. You almost feel like the former residents welcome you, inviting you to enjoy

locally produced wine and freshly caught seafood that you'll find in the shops and at waterside restaurants.

The historic sites are alluring, especially those on the Dalyan River with its famous archaeological dig and nearby hot springs.

The journey up the shoal-filled waterway on an excursion boat takes you deep into a living venue for a long-extinct culture.

The Datça and Bodrum peninsulas soar from pristine blue waters, jutting outward from the Turkish mainland to create a varied coastline that beckons you to explore. Both were the sites of ancient civilizations, and both are the focus of outstanding yachting, laid-back nightlife

and superb sightseeing. You immerse yourself in the land and the people at Fethiye, home to one of our new bases in Turkey. Hire a boat to dive on ancient shipwrecks or sightsee in quaint fishing villages. Visit a local maritime museum. Pamper yourself at resorts fronting white-sand beaches. Hear the calls of vendors in the market bazaar in Bodrum near our new base in Turgutreis. Breathe in the rich scent of spices and herbs.

Let the peace, beauty and history the Turquoise Coast seduce you. Tarry awhile and drink in the splendor of western Turkey, a place like no other in the eastern Mediterranean.

"The beautiful Dodecanese Islands of Greece are an easy sail from our base in Turgutreis. The wind is always steady here," said Constanza Zamudio, Country Manager for The Moorings in Turkey. "In Fethiye, you have secluded coves alternating with charming villages and picturesque towns."



Croatia

Delight in Croatia's Allure Coast

The new base in Kremik delivers easier access to the beautiful Dalmatian Islands

The balmy breeze carries the fragrant scent of pine across calm waters. You smile as you relax at the helm of your private yacht. The Adriatic Sea's world-famous Dalmatian Islands are spread before you like rare jewels, urging you to cast off all your cares as you cruise southward from our new base in Kremik.

Dubrovnik lies beyond the horizon with its imposing fortress walls, cosmopolitan culture, lively nightlife and upscale restaurants. But for now the large islands of Hvar, Brac and Korcula are close at hand.

Each has its distinct character and charm. Each rises up from the blue waters in brilliant green cloaks of evergreen trees. As you approach the beautiful Vrboska Cove on Hvar, the historic buildings perched on the slopes catch your eye. The medieval stone bridge reminds you of Venice. With its central location in the heart of the Dalmatian Islands, yachting out of Kremik entices you. You came to snorkel and swim. You surrender to the pleasures of white-sand beaches and watersports. You yearn to enjoy the lively nightlife and upscale boutiques



as you stroll cobblestone streets and linger for a drink in intimate cafés. You encounter history around every corner. Then you take your private yacht north, deep into the unspoiled waters of the Kornati National Park with its myriad uninhabited isles, isolated coves and beaches devoid of the usual crowds.

"There are more than 1,100 islands and islets within an easy sail of our base in Kremik. Zlatni Rat in Bol, on Brac Island's south side, is one of the most beautiful beaches in the entire Adriatic! The island of Hvar has the most days of sunshine on the Adriatic Coast. People call it the Island of Sun," said Jon Wilson, Country Manager for The Moorings in Croatia. "The culture

here dates back to Roman and Venetian times, and it's in evidence just about everywhere."





Mojito

There's nothing more refreshing than this minty number on a warm, Mediterranean evening, at a beautiful, calm anchorage, watching the sun go down.

Mediterranean Cuisine

Mojito in the Med

Traditionally rum was given for medicinal purposes to workers on sugar plantations in Cuba – mixed with water, sugar cane and mint. However, we believe that there's nothing more refreshing than this minty number on a warm, Mediterranean evening, at a beautiful, calm anchorage, watching the sun go down.

One Serving

1 tsp white sugar
a good squeeze of lime juice
a handful of mint sprigs, (the stalks contain essential oils vital for the flavor)
soda water, to serve
50ml white rum
a dash of Angostura bitters
lime slices, to serve
ice

Put the sugar in the bottom of a glass and pour the citrus juice over to just cover it. Add 2 long sprigs of mint. Muddle (gently pound) the juice, sugar and mint. Add ice to the top of the glass; fill the glass two-thirds full with soda water. Add the rum. Stir and add a dash of Angostura bitters.



Dolmades (stuffed grape leaves)

Ingredients

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil	1 1/2 cups chicken stock
1 large yellow onion, finely chopped	2 tablespoons finely chopped dill leaves
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest	1/4 cup finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
1/2 cup pine nuts	Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 small fennel bulb, halved, cored and diced	1 (8-ounce) jar grape leaves, rinsed & drained
1 cup long-grain rice	2 lemons, juiced

Directions

To make the filling, coat a large saute pan with 1/4 cup of the oil and place over medium heat. Add the onion, fennel and lemon zest and stir until soft, about 10 minutes. Add the pine nuts and rice, saute for 2 minutes, stirring to coat. Pour in just 1/2 cup of the chicken stock and lower the heat. Simmer until the liquid is absorbed and the rice is al dente, about 10 minutes. Scrape the parboiled rice mixture into a bowl and add the dill and parsley; season with salt and pepper. Allow to cool. Now on to the grape leaves.

Bring a big pot of water to a simmer. Blanch the grape leaves in the hot water for 5 minutes until pliable. Drain then trim the stems and any hard veins from the leaves. Pat dry with paper towels.

To assemble the dolmades, lay a grape leaf on a work surface, shiny-side down. Put 2 tablespoons of the rice filling near the stem end of the leaf. Fold the stem end over the filling, then fold both sides toward the middle, and roll up into a cigar – it should be snug but not overly tight because the rice will swell once it is fully cooked. Squeeze lightly in the palm of your hand to secure the roll. Repeat with remaining grape leaves and filling.

Place the dolmades in a large Dutch oven or wide deep skillet, seam-side down in a single layer. Pour the remaining cup of broth, remaining olive oil, and the lemon juice over the dolmades, the liquid should reach halfway up the rolls, add some water if necessary. Cover the pan and simmer over low heat for 30 to 40 minutes, until the dolmades are tender when pierced with a fork. Serve warm, at room temperature or cool.

Recipe from: foodnetwork.com

A Family's First

A first-time Crewed Yacht Charter in the British Virgin Islands has one Florida family ready to do it again

By David Shaw

Marie breathed in the heady fragrance of the tropical forest spread before her like a steeply sloped emerald carpet. To the west, Virgin Gorda's North Sound shimmered in brilliant blue to the shores of Prickly Pear and Mosquito islands, playing host to scads of Windsurfers and moored yachts. Swanky resorts and restaurants dotted the shores, luring all comers with the promise of paradise. To the east, the Caribbean Sea sent majestic breakers cresting on the windward white-sand beach.

Marie and her family had just ascended the heights above Biras Creek, grateful for the cooling caress of the

gentle breeze. They were silent for a long moment as they admired the panoramic vista and tried to see which of the moored boats in the tranquil anchorage was the 46-foot catamaran that they'd chartered as a Crewed Yacht from The Moorings, a well-appointed 4600 that ranks as one of the most popular in the fleet in stylish detail and spacious accommodations.

Their family had flown into St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands direct from Miami, Fla., on a Sunday evening in mid-June. Marie and her husband Jeff, their son Brad, 16, their daughter Tori, 13, and their niece Pegeen, 20, all came along for the fun.

They spent two nights at the Ritz before hopping the ferry to The Moorings base in Road Town, Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands. When they arrived, the captain, Keith, and the yacht's gourmet chef, Breeana, met them at the dock. Then they set sail into the heart of the BVI. Over the next week the husband-and-wife team of captain and personal chef catered to the family's every desire. Keith and Breeana sailed the boat, though anyone who wanted to try steering was welcome. They recommended destinations and fun things to do. Keith concocted delicious non-alcoholic frozen drinks for the kids during

the daily happy hour, which always included Breeana's gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Freshly caught Mahi-Mahi, tender fillet mignon and stuffed chicken with capers were on the dinner menu.

The charter unfolded in what Marie describes as a blur of cherished memories. Donning snorkel and fins, she watched rainbows of reef fish whirling like submerged storm clouds among intricate formations of mushroom and brain coral. Sea fans and sea sponges added to the beauty. Water so clear she could see far into the depths enabled her to truly appreciate the Indians, a series of four rock pinnacles just off Norman Island. Swimming into the purple and rust-colored sea caves at Treasure Point, near The Bight, a favored harbor on Norman Island, marked another memorable snorkeling excursion.

Before long everyone was fully in synch with "island time," Marie says. When the yacht was sailing along in the balmy trade winds, Capt. Keith taught Brad, Tori and Pegeen how to steer the boat, raise the sails and provide lots of introductory sailing tips. He even gave knot-tying lessons. Nothing was hurried or frenetic, which was important to Jeff because he works long hours. Spending quality time together was also important.

"Keith was really great about engaging the kids and showing them how everything worked," Marie recalls. "He also told us

fun stories about [hapless] drunken pirates in Deadman's Bay on the last night of the charter. I don't know if the stories are true or not, but it sure was fun to listen to them!" The Baths, a conglomeration of giant granite boulders formed in a long-past volcanic event, captivated Brad, Tori and Pegeen as they climbed the rocks and explored for hours in the caves and tidal pools, their voices echoing in the enchanting grottos. Hiking around Jost Van Dyke as a family provided a glimpse into island culture. While they were there, they enjoyed drinks at Foxy's beach bar, a favorite BVI haunt among sailors.

In many ways, the adventure was important to Jeff on another level. He'd been to the BVI 30 years earlier on a charter with The Moorings, sailing with his parents and brother on much the same itinerary. Now that he had a family of his own he wanted to share the joy of his earlier BVI experience with Marie and the kids as they all played together with the two kayaks and the two stand-up paddle boards they had with them on the yacht. "The trip was Jeff's idea," Marie says. "I was all for a crewed charter too. What's not to like about not having to cook?"

They ate all but one dinner aboard, opting for fresh lobster at Anegada. The meal was a real highlight of the charter for Jeff, Marie says. "He and his family had enjoyed a lobster dinner when they were



on Anegada, and so it brought back lots of fond memories."

The family flew home happy, content and inspired. "Jeff's already working on doing another crewed yacht charter," Marie says with a laugh. "Maybe we'll get another family to come along and we'll take two boats!"



Adventures & Events

What's happening in the Caribbean

From festivals to regattas, we've got you covered!

View our guide of adventures and events for planning your next best vacation aboard a Moorings yacht charter in the Caribbean.



Join The Caribbean Spirit

SEPTEMBER

September 1 – 30, 2013
Dance Festival
St. Vincent

Prepare to be inspired by a series of events that showcase traditional and modern works that include African and contemporary Caribbean dance.



OCTOBER

October 15-24, 2013
The Moorings 32nd Interline Regatta
British Virgin Islands

See page 23 for more details! Racing and spectator yachts are still available for this exciting event.

NOVEMBER

November 22-23, 2013
Caribbean Rum & Beer Festival
Grenada

'The Spice Isle' will once more play host to this much loved and unique annual Festival, which includes the competitive 2013 CAB Taste Contest and Caribbean Rum & Beer Festival Golf Tournament. Rum & Beer companies will setup booths offering patrons samples of some of the finest rum and beer products.



DECEMBER

Annual Abaco Christmas Festival
December 7, 2013
Abacos, Bahamas

This year marks the 10th year of this festival with holiday activities including a visit from Santa, an arts and crafts bazaar, Bahamian dishes, choirs, quartets, soloists, marching and Calypso bands, Junkanoo parades, a Christmas float parade, a dog show and all-day entertainment.

December 20-24, 2013
Christmas Foliage
St. Martin

Marigot will be vibrant with the colors and atmosphere of Christmas with several large events, including a large Christmas market located on the waterfront. Festival activities will include giant puppets, music and dance, visit Santa Claus, magical parades. The Christmas Village will begin daily at 4:00pm, then Santa Claus arrives to Marigot's waterfront by boat at 6:00pm on Thursday, December 20.



December 28 – January 1
Old Year's Night at Foxy's
Jost Van Dyke, BVI

Foxy's Tamarind Bar, located in the Great Harbour on tiny Jost Van Dyke (JVD), is the site of Old Year's Night, which is renowned worldwide for ringing in the New Year. Be part of the biggest weekend with live bands, great food and flowing drinks. Eat, drink, and be merry!

JANUARY

January 30 – February 4, 2014
Grenada Sailing Week
Grenada

Sailors from across the globe come together in Port Louis to compete against local sailors from around the Grenadines, a Caribbean jewel that has a long standing tradition of sailing, fishing and boat building. See page 23 for more details on participating in this regatta!



MARCH

March 2013
Caribbean Arts & Crafts Festival
Trellis Bay, BVI

Find intricately woven baskets, chunky jewelry and other local handcrafted items at the annual Caribbean Arts & Crafts Festival in Trellis Bay.

March 31 - April 6, 2013
2014 BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival
Tortola, BVI

Sponsored by The Moorings, the BVI Spring Regatta has something for everyone that attends the week-long event. Be sure to check out the racing, entertainment, parties and more. Racing and spectator packages available.

FULL MOON PARTIES

Bomba's Full Moon Party
Tortola, BVI

Featuring a variety of activities from live entertainment to food and drinks, Bomba's Full Moon Party offers countless components of an authentic BVI event.

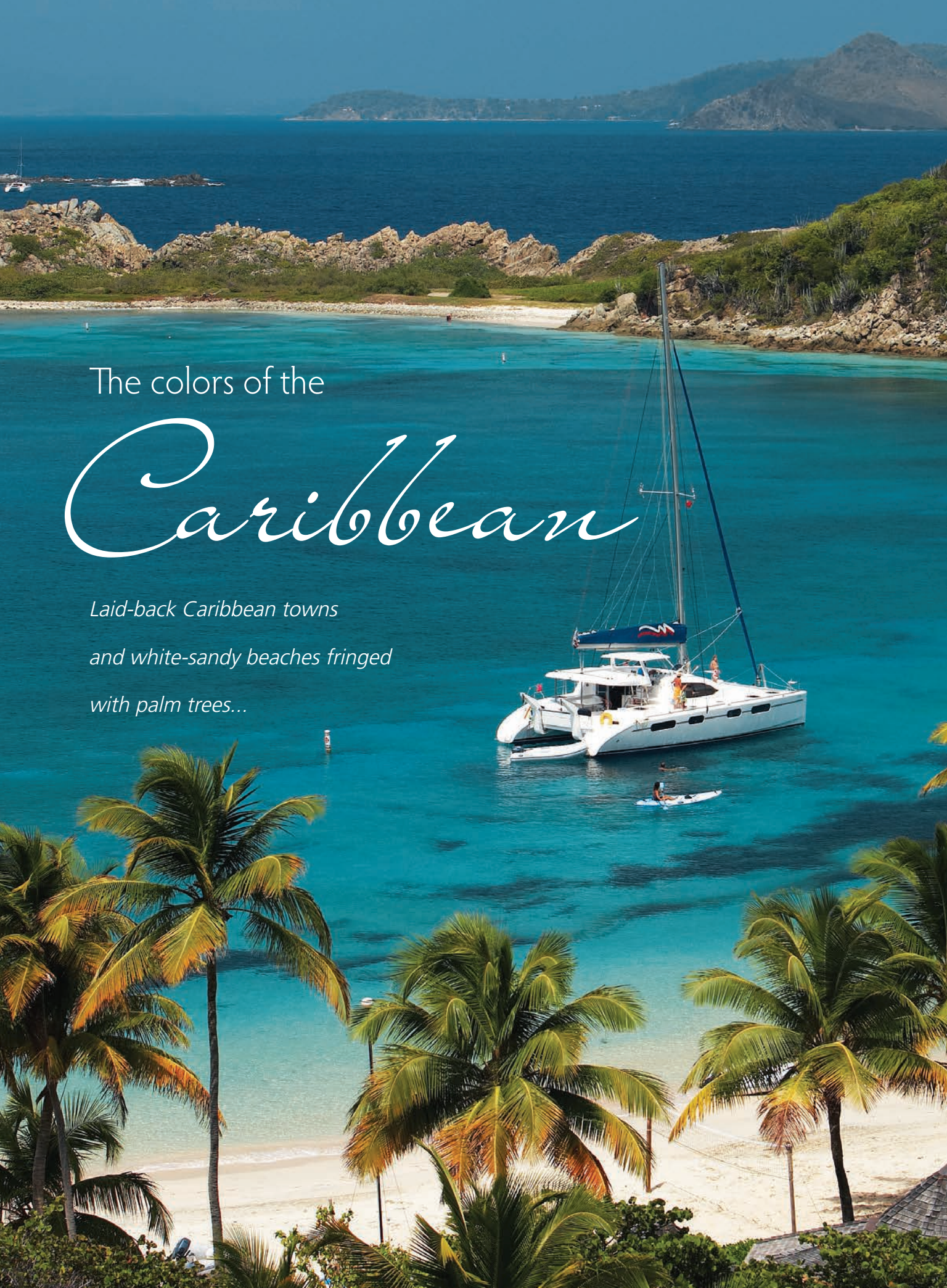
Fireball Full Moon Party
Trellis Bay, BVI

A family oriented celebration featuring local musicians, cuisine and entertainers at Aragorn's Studio in Trellis Bay.

Full Moon Dates

2013: September 19, October 18,
November 17, December 17
2014: Dates to be announced!





The colors of the
Caribbean

*Laid-back Caribbean towns
and white-sandy beaches fringed
with palm trees...*

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Rated as one of the top cruising destinations in the world, these islands are filled with laid back Caribbean towns, white-sandy beaches fringed with palm trees and infamous beachside bars. The area includes majestic stone formations, vivacious coral reefs – teeming with colorful life, and pink Caribbean flamingos, introduced over a decade ago from Bermuda. Various attractions wait ashore from luxury resorts to quiet villages and eclectic shops.

ST. MARTIN

The beautiful Leeward Islands are filled with a mixture of British, French, Dutch and independent islands, however each is as unique and chic as the other. The area is home to stunningly beautiful beaches and a diverse range of picturesque landscapes.



Dives off areas such as Prickly Pear Cay are popular and anchorages such as that off Crocus Bay are protected and quiet. St. Martin itself, half French and half Dutch, is bustling with activity and filled with classy restaurants, bars and duty-free shopping. The marine parks offer superb snorkeling, and swimming in warm, turquoise waters. A truly upscale treat.

GRENADA

'The Spice Isle of the Caribbean.' The bustling Market Square, historic forts, spice plantations, rum distilleries and colorful coral gardens are all involved in the make-up of this quintessentially Caribbean island. Further inland, explore waterfalls surrounded by lush, tropical rainforests or visit the great crater-lake at Grand Etang National Park and Forest Preserve. With so many options and so much to explore, a Grenada yacht charter is filled with unforgettable experiences.



ST. LUCIA

Jewel of the Windwards – the steep slopes are carpeted with lush rainforests and are home to a variety of tropical wildlife and flora, including giant orchids. Filled with expansive banana plantations, picturesque hamlets and beautiful harbors – it's more reminiscent of a less developed Caribbean. Cruising here offers the chance to truly immerse yourself in the cultural and colonial Caribbean of old.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

A vibrant culture and lush landscape greet visitors who find themselves traveling on a crewed yacht to this eastern corner of the Caribbean. Here the isles are infused with sought after cruising conditions that consist of sheltered waters, tranquil passages and favorable winds.



The surrounding coastline lends to the overall beauty with its indigo-colored waters ideal for kayaking day trips or snorkeling among the abundant marine life. Your starting point on St. Thomas features some of the best panoramic views of the encompassing shore before your captain takes you to the British Virgin Islands to delight in the white sands and lulling surf. Explore the area's livelier, albeit still laid-back, side where beach bars and eclectic shops will fill your time and leave you with unforgettable island memories.

Miami

Lose yourself in the tropical escape that has been masquerading in plain sight.



Nestled comfortably between Everglades National Park and the emerald waters of the Caribbean, the towering high-rises of downtown Miami shoot majestically skyward, an imposing metropolis entrenched in an otherwise tranquil landscape. Seldom does one encounter such profoundly disparate forces existing in such proximity, and with such resounding success. A perfect harmony between the city and the sea, vast expanses of fine white-sand beaches slope gently into the caress of waves lapping the shore, while the infinite



expanse of the sea extends to the horizon in a display of dazzling blues and greens. In the distance, the angular silhouettes of yachts under full speed are a familiar sight as they slowly meander up and down the coast.

From Miami, you can enjoy tropical paradise, plus a wide array of sailing and power boating options, right here in our own backyard. From the world-famous beaches and nightlife of South Beach, to the fishing, snorkeling and diving mecca of the Florida Keys that are just a short cruise away, Miami has been a boater's haven for decades. With year-round temperatures averaging a pleasant 82 degrees, any time is a good time to visit. On the water, the calm seas, line of sight navigation and steady trade winds make this an ideal location

for those new to chartering and experienced cruisers alike. Miami International Airport accommodates nonstop flights from all over the world making travel easy and our marina, located a stone's throw from South Beach, is ideally situated to allow charterers the freedom to explore north along the coast, east to Bimini, or south towards the Florida Keys. Seemingly every cardinal direction offers its own incomparable delights.

We invite you to experience this one-of-a-kind cruising grounds from the deck of your very own yacht - wining and dining with local celebrities one night, escaping to the Keys in search of Margaritaville and the famed Cheeseburger in Paradise the next. In South Florida no adventure is too much to handle, so pack your bags and visit us in this cultural oasis for your next vacation!



The Exploration of Mana

The Moorings has partnered up with Icelantic Skis to explore the synergies between the Skiing and Sailing communities and the search for the Mana (Tahitian for Energy or Power) that brings us all together.

"My life is my passion, my passion is my life." We stared blankly at the French sailor turned friend as his salty dry lips uttered what our hearts had been screaming since our arrival. Our crew of eleven home-grown Rocky Mountain skiers felt his words as we set sail on the most technical day of the trip as rolling swells transported us to exotic Bora Bora. Tantalized with scents of warm vanilla, lush ridges and the salty kiss of the ocean, we took a moment to absorb landing on the archipelago. Eleven snow enthusiasts had discovered a rare intersection between the 32°F/1°C (the point at which water becomes snow) we ferociously search for in the winter and the 80°F/27°C indigo waters that seductively called us to play in her tides. Raising the mainsail that day with 18 knots of wind, we felt the tingle of adrenaline skiers experience. It is the sensation as one peers down upon their perfect line, after the perfect storm, with only a sheer cliff standing between them and Mother Nature. The bursting physical rush coupled with the undeniable seduction of passion had somehow found a group of dedicated skiers in the South Pacific.



The journey had commenced only a few days earlier. Peering out the window during the chart briefing at the distant ridgelines of Bora Bora and Huahine, our minds drifted back to the sacred snow-capped mountains we call home. Our attention was drawn back into the room as we each studied the table model of the archipelago. Violetta, The Moorings Tahiti Base Manager, eloquently helped us to finalize our 14-day endeavor. She masterfully helped create a perfectly balanced cocktail of adventure and leisure.

Our crew prepared to flow in turquoise waters, explore islands and melt into sunsets that burn with such ferocity; they appear to ignite the universe into flames of burnt orange and violet. From Raiatea to Ta'haa, Ta'haa to Bora Bora, Bora Bora to Huahine,

only Mother Nature's sanctuary sat in the distance. As the boat made its way out of The Moorings dock on Raiatea, our minds became mesmerized by the adventure that lay ahead for our crew of skiers and our new floating home, the Cameral IV.

Want to see more? Follow their adventures video and detailed itinerary at www.icelanticskis.com as the Icelantic crew documents their 2-week journey sailing our Moorings 4600 catamaran in Tahiti, French Polynesia.



Come dive with us into the serene azure waters of the Society Islands and, in the words of our new skiing friends, "find your Rhythm".

Icelantic Skis is owned, operated and driven by a group of friends whom allow passion to be their guide.

Special Benefit for Moorings Captains!

Our newest partner, Icelantic Skis is now offering **40% off** all merchandise from Icelantic Skis and Softgoods! By using the highest quality American craftsmanship, top of the line materials and cutting edge graphic art, Icelantic is dedicated to providing customers with the best possible, high performance ski and experience.



Tuamotu Islands of Tahiti

A best kept secret, you now have the opportunity to discover this beautiful and remote destination aboard a private Moorings Crewed Yacht.

In addition to Bareboat Sailing and Crewed Yacht Charters from our home in Raiatea, The Moorings now offers exclusive Crewed Yacht Vacations in the Tuamotu Islands.

This secluded area of French Polynesia is home to over 80 atolls, including Rangiroa – meaning 'the very large sky,' because when relaxing on the beach you are encircled by an endless, beautiful blue mix of sky and sea. Enjoy the colors of this natural aquarium under the guidance of your professional Captain and Polynesian Chef.

SAMPLE CRUISING ITINERARY

DAY 1

Transfer from Rangiroa airport to anchorage at the Kia Ora Hotel, welcome and briefing with your crew. After lunch on board, go snorkeling in the giant, natural aquarium.

DAY 2

Sail to the "coral forest" or, if possible with the wind direction to the "blue lagoon." Swim from deserted beaches and explore the preserved islets on the reef where marine life is very rich.

DAY 3

Cruise to the green lagoon and the fish parks. Explore the wine fields and the unique production of wine from Rangiroa.

DAY 4

Sail to the amazing pass of Tiputa to snorkel with dolphins. Visit the pearl farm and learn the secrets of black pearls.

DAY 5

Sail across Avatoru Pass for an ocean passage to Tikehau atoll; anchor at "Bird Islet" for the night.

DAY 6


Visit the bird sanctuary and observe all kinds of birds and nests on the islet. After lunch go to the "eden garden" and see how fruit and vegetables are grown on the desert islets.

DAY 7

After a short sail across the small lagoon, go for a snorkel with the manta rays. For divers, the diving club can take you to the fantastic external reef of the pass. Anchor at the resort.

DAY 8

Sail to the Tikehau village for a visit and transfer to airport for your return flight.



Race with us!

The Moorings is a great place to begin your plans for one of the many great island Regattas. We offer special Regatta Racing Packages for many of the most popular events that can include racing fees, measurement, apparel and more. For other Regattas we can arrange special delivery of the yachts to your desired location and ensure she is fully outfitted and in her best race form.

32nd Interline Regatta October 15-24, 2013

The Moorings Tortola proudly hosts its Annual Interline Regatta for airline employees, their friends and families. Discover the unique opportunity to meet people from all over the world, bonding under one common interest – sailboat racing! And with over 30 years of celebrating the industry with the kind of people who know how to have fun, this year promises to be the best yet! Race and Spectator Packages are still available.

Grenada Sailing Week January 30 – February 4, 2014

Attracting sailing enthusiasts from all over the world, the festival takes place out of Port Louis Marina, also home to The Moorings. There will be a great mix of courses to provide challenging sailing for competitors from USA, UK, Europe, Grenada, the Caribbean and more. Once the racing is over, participants will be treated to a great party program.

34th St. Maarten Heineken Regatta March 6-9, 2014

This is an event that isn't to be missed, plus Bareboats are the largest and very competitive division! Annually, this regatta always lives up to its mantra, "Serious Fun" with competitive offshore racing, evenings filled with beach parties, live Caribbean reggae, rum punch and Heineken. The island offers stunning scenery, excellent duty-free shopping, and a uniquely charming character European and Caribbean character. Make plans to join the fun this year, as a sailor or spectator. The racing, spectating and entertainment are sure to be a hit once again this year!

BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival March 31 – April 6, 2014

Whether you race, cruise, practice or just come to party, this Caribbean Regatta has something for everyone!! The weeklong

BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival, sponsored by The Moorings, takes you through the beautiful BVI. Starting at Nanny Cay, the Sailing Festival races up the Sir Frances Drake Channel to the renown Bitter End Yacht Club. After the warm up, the BVI Spring Regatta kicks off three days of some of the best racing in the Caribbean.

Antigua Sailing Week April 26 – May 2, 2014

Known as the Caribbean's hottest sailing week, Antigua Sailing Week is one of the worlds' premier racing regattas. Held in late April – early May, this regatta for ocean going yachts attracts professionals from Europe, North and South America, Australia and Japan. Today, it has been going for over 30 years and attracts some 150 racing yachts from countries all over the world and thousands of onlookers.



Corporate Events & Group Travel

Whether for business, pleasure or both, The Moorings will ensure your group enjoys a uniquely rewarding experience together!

Completely customizable with a group of 5 or more yachts, our Groups & Incentives Team will assist you in planning and executing the perfect experience. Select from Bareboat, Crewed (with Captain & Chef), or Power Yacht Charters; then specify your dates, locations, itineraries and even meals for all group members. We will also facilitate your air and hotel arrangements.

Simply put, you and your group will step aboard a superb yacht; then set off on the most memorable, relaxing vacation you'll ever experience with picturesque anchorages, white-sand beaches, exotic sea life and charming local flavor of nearby restaurants and bars. See what our guests have to say!

When asked what they liked most about their vacation, guests of the 2013 Maritz Travel group said...

"Relaxing. The yacht staff was wonderful. Our captain was extremely funny and was great at mixing drinks."

"Flexible itinerary. Outstanding crew. Amazing activities at all port locations."

"Best of all worlds. Great food we didn't have to fix. Great islands we didn't have to drive to. Beauty everywhere we looked."

"First time doing Moorings Yachts. It is now my most favorite trip. Liked being on the yacht and yet being able to shop on the islands."

"Everything. This was our best trip yet."

"Being free to do whatever we wanted. Sailing to a new place each day."

For details, call our Group Charter Specialist, Barbara Daetwyler, at 888.703.3173, or email: bdaetwyler@mooringsnet.com



Announcing MedSail 2014

11th Medicine for Mariners & Safety at Sea Conference

Please join us for the perfect mix of education, fun and island cruising in the British Virgin Islands January 25 – February 1, 2014! This unique, annual week-long marine medicine conference is designed for physicians, healthcare professionals and anyone active in aquatic sports and recreational boating. It provides an outstanding educational opportunity while you enjoy the world's best cruising vacation!

Accreditation: Accredited by the Wilderness Medical Society, medical professionals will earn 16.5, category 1 CME credits, but you needn't be a medical professional to join - this event is open to any boater who wants to feel safer and more knowledgeable on the water.

Yacht Accommodations: Sail on a Moorings Crewed Yacht with two other participating couples, captain your own boat or hire a skipper; then choose from our fleet of sailing monohulls and catamarans, or range of 37' to 47' Power catamarans.

Schedule: Attend a 2-hour seminar ashore each morning and sail to a different anchorage each day, with stops along the way for snorkeling, hiking, shopping, or just relaxing.

For more information, contact:
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Give family & friends their best holiday EVER!

Now, is the perfect time to plan a holiday getaway or New Year's cruising in the warm Caribbean sun! Leave the frenzy behind and treat your loved ones to a vacation that will create memories for a lifetime! Plan now for the best yacht choices, and availability.

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