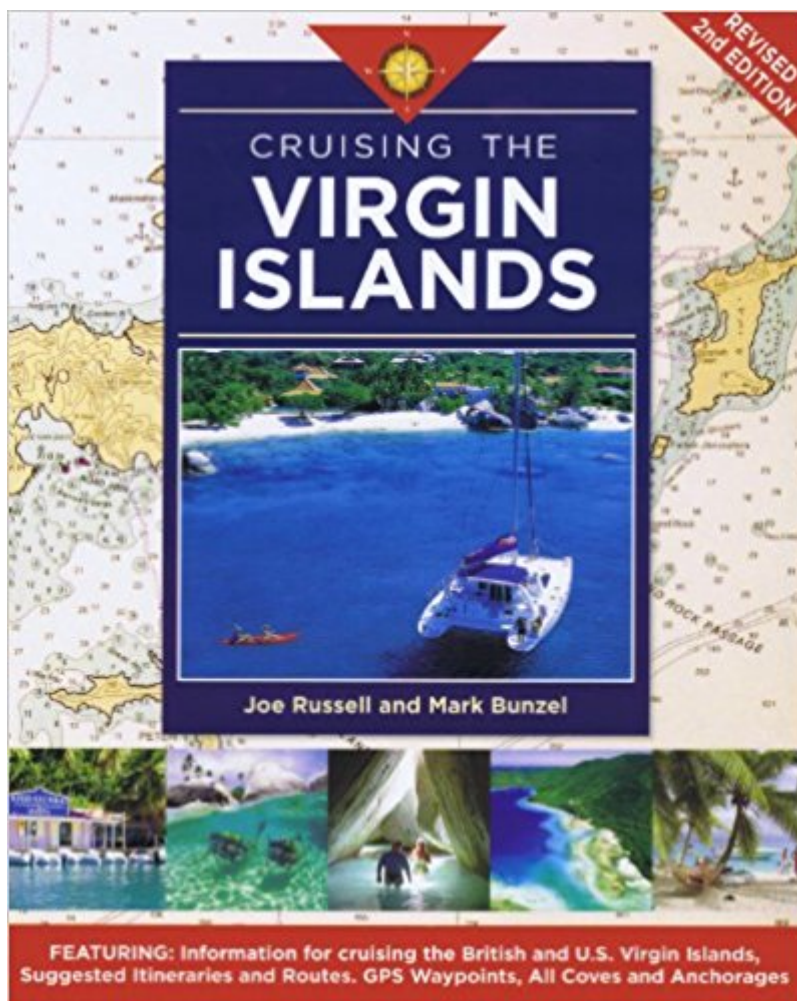


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# Cruising The Virgin Islands



## Synopsis

The warm tropical waters and easy sailing make the US and British Virgin Islands one of the most popular cruising destinations in the world. Exploring the Virgin Islands, 2nd Edition provides newly updated information on all of the coves and anchorages in both Island chains including many never published before. Many anchorages are illustrated with color aerial photos and diagrams showing the best means for entry and where to anchor. GPS waypoints for each harbor are provide along with the best routing to get there. Local sites, restaurants, beach bars and hiking trails are included along with suggested itineraries and tips on how to prepare for your trip to this Caribbean paradise.

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## Customer Reviews

Joe Russell, was raised in the San Francisco Bay area. After a serious hydroplane racing accident in the mid 60 s, he wisely took to a slightly slower form of boating sailing on The Bay. This led to the delivery of Yonder, a Calkins 50, from Alameda, California to St. Thomas in 1968. During the succeeding 30 years in the Caribbean and beyond, Joe has sailed most of the countries and islands in the area while writing features for Cruising World. Sailing to the South Pacific as skipper of ther 38-foot cutter, Christina, let to the publication of Joe s Exploring the Marquesas Islands (Fine EdgeNautical Publications.) A Coast Guard licensed Master, Joe has run charter vessels throughoutthe Caribbean. 2007 found him Captain of the square-tops l training schooner, Heritage of Miami, taking young adults on week-long training cruises throughout the Florida Keys as well as day trips in Biscayne Bay.Mark Bunzel - Like many who return again and again to the Virgin Islands, Mark has discovered over the past 25 years of charter cruising in the islands that one can come back again and again to the Virgin Islands and have a different experience each time. In his writing

Mark presents recommendations for the many unique experiences the Virgin Islands can offer beyond sailing to unusual locations like Anegada. He has explored and likes to write about places where one can moor alone in a special out-of-the-way anchorage like Money Bay on Norman Island, take an art class at a small studio on shore in Trellis or Maho Bays, or visit a special beachside restaurant in a quiet cove for a memorable dinner. In 2002, Mark escaped a demanding career in high-tech in Silicon Valley and in the entertainment and media field in Los Angeles. He was a successful management consultant to various high-tech companies such as Intel and Microsoft and the major film studios such as Disney, Sony Pictures, and MGM. He moved to Anacortes, Washington and the San Juan Islands to start a new career as a writer and publisher of boating and cruising guide information. Mark is the Publisher and General Manager at nautical and recreational publisher Fine Edge producing nautical cruising guides, how-to books, recreational planning maps and formative websites. In addition, Mark regularly writes for Northwest Yachting Magazine, Power Cruising, Pacific Yachting, Latitudes and Attitudes, Dockside, and other magazines on interesting cruising destinations. Mark is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain and has charter cruised a variety of sail and power vessels in many locations around the world ranging from the coast of Vietnam, the Greek Islands, all through the Caribbean, Honduras, Mexico, the Bahamas, the Intercoastal Waterway, the Chesapeake, and through the pristine fjords of the Inside Passage through British Columbia and Alaska. The Virgin Islands continue to be one of his favorite cruising grounds.

Used successfully to plan trip to the Virgin Islands - so good the book went on the trip too

I have chartered twice in the BVI for two weeks, each time with Conch Charters. This book is on all their boats. I give it my highest recommendation. It is clear, easy to follow and has all the necessary waypoints. Don't forget the map which goes with the book. Conch has a supply of these at their charter site and use them for their charter orientations. Shelley Whelan

I purchased this as a guide for my first trip to the BVI's. Although it contains lots of good information, it has MAJOR NEGATIVES. There is no overall map of the BVI's in this book except inside the back cover which is too small to read. The book gives distances and headings between the islands, but there is no way to know the overall islands relationship to each other. The maps of the islands are extremely helpful along with aerial photos, BUT I found it really strange that in many cases the map was oriented with north at the top and the photos on the adjacent page rotated so north was left or

right. That was very confusing making is extremely difficult to orient....maybe I should have turned the book upside down or sideways. In order to use this book, the authors provide a 24" x 36" map for an ADDITIONAL \$12.95. Again, in order to make full use of the book, the map is a "Must Have" for first time sailors planning a trip or you're going to be confused. My suggestion: Seek an alternate book which includes the same basic information and a map. They are out there!

We are a cruising couple and have really enjoyed the useful and thorough information provided by this book. Highly recommended!

We are going on a 7 day private sail cruise through the BVI's with 4 other couples. This book has helped set expectations on many of our "planning meetings".

Very helpful on our recent charter in the BVI.

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Without a doubt the best guide for the new visitor to the Islands. Dont leave home without this book. Its is invaluable.

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