

Vacation Sailing Courses in the British Virgin Islands!



- Basic, Intermediate & Advanced
- Mileage Builder Courses
- ICC Certification



Choose from one of the following 4 course options:

Feb 1 - 8, 2025

Feb 8 - 15, 2025

Feb 15 - 22, 2025

Feb 22 - Mar 1, 2025

Only \$2795 USD*

Sailing Package Includes*:

- 8 days & 7 nights cruising and learning in the British Virgin Islands
- All text and course materials
- Superior instruction from a Sail Canada certified Advantage Boating instructor
- Sail Canada cruising exam & certification
- BVI cruising tax, park permits and VISAR fees
- Standard double (shared) cabin
- Split provisioning: 6 breakfasts; 6 lunches & 3 dinners on board & water to drink
- Snorkelling equipment
- Fuel for the sailboat & dinghy; Full tank of water at start of course
- The opportunity to obtain IYC (ICC & IBS) certifications



Maximum of 4 students per week

Our courses sell out fast. Don't Miss the boat! Email your application to
info@advantageboating.com

THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The beauty and easy sailing of the British Virgin Islands account for their popularity among sailors from around the world. Air access to this paradise is simple with flights from both Ottawa, Toronto or Montreal to Beef Island or nearby St. Thomas.



WHERE ARE WE SAILING? Most of the cruising activity takes place in an area about 15-20 miles long and just half that in width, extending from Jost Van Dyke to Virgin Gorda. The prevailing winds are steady from an easterly or northeasterly direction. The water is warm, clean and clear with the bottom visible to as much as 40 feet below. Beautiful fish and coral can be seen anywhere while snorkelling.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? Among the most popular stops in the BVIs are the Baths at Virgin Gorda, who's boulder-formed caves shelter private swimming grottoes. The Bight and caves on Norman Island are described in Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" - a likely setting considering the wrecks and pirates in these islands' history. Casual 'beachy' sand floor restaurants and bars are all just a quick dinghy ride



to shore. These waterfront establishments always make you feel welcome when you come ashore. The view of the sunset while anchored at Anegada, a boisterous dinner at Foxy's at Jost Van Dyke and a visit to Leverick Bay after a sail in the Gorda Sound are all options for your fun-filled itinerary. Rest assured your BVI cruising adventures will leave you with memories to last a



lifetime.

2025 BVI Course Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

* Please print your first and last name as they appear on your passport. Also list the name you regularly use if different from your passport.

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Numbers: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Are you travelling with a CND passport? YES NO (Country) _____

TRIP COST (Per person, per week, based on double occupancy / cabin).

\$2795 US (*Detailed terms and conditions on pages 6-9)

PLEASE ENROL ME IN (select appropriate boxes):

Course Choice:	Week preference (indicate 1st and 2nd choice)
Basic Cruising	Week 1 (Feb 1 - 8, 2025)
Mileage Builder (basic cruising practice)	Week 2 (Feb 8 - 15, 2025)
Intermediate Cruising	Week 3 (Feb 15 - 22, 2025)
Mileage Builder (intermediate cruising practice)	Week 4 (Feb 22 - Mar 1, 2025)
Advanced Cruising	

Any special notes (i.e. are you travelling with a partner or group who wish to stay together?):

I AM TRAVELLING:

Single (Options include to purchase a whole cabin or be assigned to share a cabin which will include sharing a double bed or a bunk in the salon - We will try our best to accommodate your preference, but it is not guaranteed)

I am OK to share a double bed & cabin

I am OK to sleep in the salon (with my belongings shared in a cabin)

I will pay additional fare to ensure my own cabin

Couple (Cabin mate name): _____

Boat load (Crew mate names): _____

PERSONAL INFO (your applications are kept confidential)

Do you suffer from motion sickness? Yes No

Do you have allergies and/or dietary restrictions? Yes No

Please describe: _____

Do you have any mobility issues? Yes No

Please describe: _____

Can you Swim? Yes No

 Strong Swimmer OK Swimmer Weak Swimmer

Are you claustrophobic? Yes No

Do you have any medical concerns we should know about Yes No

Please describe: _____

Do you smoke? Yes No

Are you a light sleeper? Yes No

What time do you: Go to bed: _____ Wake up: _____

SAILING EXPERIENCE

Have you sailed before? Yes No

Your role on the boat: Skipper Crew Both

Number of years (as skipper): _____ (as crew): _____

Your confidence on the boat as skipper: Strong Medium Weak

How much sailing have you done in the last 2 years:

Do you currently own a boat? Yes No

How many years?: _____ Type of boat : _____

Marina/Club: _____

Have you previously owned a boat? Yes No

How many years?: _____ Type of boat : _____

Marina/Club: _____

Do you hold any certifications?

Basic Cruising	Year obtained
Intermediate Cruising	Year obtained
Advanced Cruising	Year obtained
VHF-ROC(M)	Year obtained
Basic Coastal Navigation	Year obtained
Intermediate Coastal	Year obtained
ICC	Year obtained

Other sailing experience or certifications? _____

Is there any other information about yourself you feel we should know about that might relate to this course?

Vacation Courses - Yacht Charter Costs Explained

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR COURSE:

- Course instruction by a Sail Canada professionally trained and certified instructor
- Course materials
- Exams and certification fees
- Yacht charter from 1700 on the first day of your program until 0900 on the last day of your program; 7 days Saturday to Saturday
- Yacht inventory as described below
- Provisioning budget of up to \$250 CAD per student
- Mandatory yacht charter costs listed below
- Dockage fees for the first and last night of your course

Yacht Inventory:

What is included will vary per yacht but as a guide a charter yacht will include: dinghy, full cruising area charts and cruising guide or pilot book, navigational equipment (binoculars, hand bearing compass and course plotting equipment), initial full tank of water, fuel and cooking gas, VHF radio, autopilot, electric anchor windlass, wind instruments, furling or battened mainsail, furling genoa sail, galley equipment (cooking and eating utensils), standard safety equipment (navigational and first aid), hot water, bed linen, stereo, dodger and bimini for shade.

You can also expect your charter yacht to include GPS (plotter), cabin fans, cabin reading lights, BBQ, outboard engine, snorkelling equipment.

Budget Guidelines for On-Board Meals and Supplies

Each student is allocated a budget of up to **\$250 CAD / week**. This budget should be used for the purchase of:

- Provisions for breakfasts, lunches, and dinners (for the group of 4 students and the instructor) on board.
- Non-alcoholic beverages & water to drink
- Miscellaneous staple items (e.g. cleaning supplies, food condiments, spices)

Purchases should be made using a credit card. To qualify for reimbursement, students must provide receipts along with the relevant credit card transaction records showing the conversion to Canadian dollars (CAD). Advantage Boating will reimburse amounts up to **\$250 CAD per person** via e-transfer after the course, based on the submitted receipts and transaction documentation.

MANDATORY YACHT CHARTER COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR COURSE:

Refundable security deposit or damage waiver:

All yachts require a *security deposit* (paid by Advantage Boating) and a *damage waiver* payment (paid by Advantage Boating) to insure your yacht while on charter. A refundable *security deposit* is authorised by credit card or left in cash upon arrival at the base. This amount represents the maximum deductible and any damage to the yacht will be deducted up to the total amount authorised. A *damage waiver* is a non-refundable charge based on a daily amount. It is charged even if no damages occur to the yacht, however it offers peace of mind that even if the yacht incurs significant damage during your course, you will only incur the cost up to the maximum of the security deposit. The security deposit for your course is \$3,300

US. In the event there is a damage claim made against the boat (by the charter company), the security deposit will not be refunded, and the amount owing will be divided equally between the students onboard and made payable to Advantage Boating by e-transfer to info@advantageboating.com within 2 weeks of the completion of the course.

End cleaning, starter pack and handling fee:

These are one-time mandatory fees. The mandatory starter pack includes some basic supplies to get you started on your charter. These fees are included in your course pricing.

Fuel:

Your boat will have a full tank of fuel. Upon arrival back at the base at the end of your course the boat will need to be refilled with fuel. This cost is covered in your course pricing.

Water

Water tanks on your yacht will be full upon arrival but you will have the opportunity to fill your tanks along the way should you require more. Any costs incurred during your course to refill the water tanks will be divided evenly between each student on board. You can return the yacht with empty tanks.

Tourist tax or cruising tax

This is a tax per person normally added in Caribbean destinations. It is normally paid upon arrival at the base or in some instances paid in advance. These fees are covered in your course pricing.

EXTRA COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR COURSE:

Meals Ashore & Boat Kitty

Meals ashore, alcohol and costs of provisions above the \$250 USD/person/week budget are not included. In general, most marinas offer mini markets or larger supermarkets nearby. In some cases it is possible to pre-order some or all of your provisions. We will provide full provisioning details at the pre-departure meeting for your course.

Boat Kitty starts with each person on board contributing ~\$100 US dollars which covers items such as ice, garbage removal from the boat, freshwater tank refills, mooring or docking fees, and additional groceries. If the boat kitty runs low then each person is asked to add more money. At the end of the trip any money left over in the boat kitty is divided equally among each person on board.

Mooring and anchoring fees

In the Caribbean, mooring is generally by mooring ball, anchor or at a marina facility. Mooring ball & docking fees will be divided evenly between each student on board or paid from the kitty.

Other items not included in the cost of your course:

- Provisioning costs above your split provisioning budget
- Flights and transfers
- Any land excursions, hotels, transport or car hire
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance

PRICING & INVOICING:

Our course prices are shown in US dollars. Pricing is subject to change without prior notice. A booking is not confirmed until a 50% deposit payment is received along with the filled out Advantage Boating vacation course application and Advantage Boating acknowledges and reviews your application. Payment (deposit and balance) can be made by cash (US or CAD equivalent), US or CAD bank draft, Visa (CAD equivalent) or Mastercard (CAD equivalent). At time of payment, the most current exchange rate will be used if payment is made in CAD funds or with a Credit Card

BVI COURSE BOOKING & PAYMENT TERMS:

- Booking must include this completed form along with your deposit payment.
- A deposit of 50% is due at the time of booking to secure your spot.
- All prices are in US\$ funds (unless otherwise specified) per person, per week, based on double occupancy.
- Balance payment is due Dec 15, 2024.
- Prices include yacht charter from 5:00 PM on the first day of your program until 9:00 AM on the last day of your program, yacht insurance, fuel, a budget for split provisioning on-board, course instruction by a Sail Canada professionally trained and certified instructor, course materials, and certification fees.
- Customer confirms they understand details above: **Vacation Courses - Yacht Charter Costs Explained**
- Customer confirms they are a Canadian citizen travelling on a Canadian Passport valid for 6 months beyond the date of travel.
- Participants are required to adhere to all travel protocols for the Countries visited.
- Advantage Boating recommends all participants purchase travel cancellation and medical insurance to protect themselves from unforeseen events. It is the customer's responsibility to purchase sufficient travel cancellation insurance for their trip to protect them from cancellation and/or changes that result but are not limited to, flight cancellation, trip interruption, lost luggage, sickness, accidents, deaths, emergencies and travel advisories.
- Living standards and practices at the destination and conditions there, with respect to the provisions of utilities, services and accommodations, may differ from those found in Canada.
- Advantage Boating reserves the right to substitute suitable comparable yachts as necessary for exigencies beyond its control.
- When a Government issues a Travel Advisory, Advantage Boating will update the customer where possible. The final responsibility however lies with the Customer to be up to date with current Government Travel Advisories.
- Your course includes a budget of up to a maximum of \$250 USD per person, per week for meals on board the boat as described above (**Budget Guidelines for On-Board Meals and Supplies**)
- Meals ashore, alcohol and costs of provisions above the budget are not included.
- Dockage fees at the charter base for the first and last night of your course are included.
- Each student is expected to contribute to a 'Boat Kitty' \$100 USD which covers items such as ice, fresh water tank refills, mooring or docking fees and additional groceries. If the boat kitty runs low then each person is asked to add more money. At the end of the trip any money left over in the boat kitty is divided equally among each student on board.
- What is included will vary per yacht but as a guide a charter yacht will include: dinghy, full cruising area charts and cruising guide or pilot book, navigational equipment (binoculars, hand bearing compass and course plotting equipment), initial full tank of water, fuel and cooking gas, VHF radio, electric anchor windlass, wind instruments, furling or battened mainsail, furling genoa sail, galley equipment (cooking and eating utensils), standard safety equipment (navigational and first aid), hot water, bed linen, FM radio, CD player, dodger and bimini for shade, berthing fees at home port on the first and last evening of your course.
- Flights and transfers, any land excursions, hotels, transport, car hire and meals ashore are not included.
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance are not included.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BOOKING OF ALL CLAIMS, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY & ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

- I understand and accept that the sailing holiday organised by Advantage Boating Inc. and my participation in one or more of the scheduled "2025 BVI Course" programs, involves risks and I voluntarily undertake these risks. I am solely responsible for my actions both on board the sailing vessel and ashore. By this statement of waiver, I release Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers and any other persons officially related to one or more of the scheduled "2025 BVI Course" programs organised by Advantage Boating Inc. from all responsibility for any personal injuries, property damages or losses incurred by my participation during one or more of the scheduled courses of the "2025 BVI Course" programs.
- I understand that Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers and any other persons officially related to the "2025 BVI Course" programs organised by Advantage Boating Inc. are not responsible for mechanical breakdowns, group dynamics problems and physical and emotional ailments and stresses due to, including but not limited to, seasickness, heat, sun rashes, strokes and/or lack of sleep.
- I understand that Advantage Boating Inc., its agents, skippers and any other persons officially related to the "2025 BVI Course" programs organised by Advantage Boating Inc. are not responsible for any medical treatment on-board or otherwise.
- Advantage Boating Inc. will make every effort to maintain the complete itinerary but bad weather, heavy winds and unforeseen mechanical issues may alter the itinerary and yacht skippers and/or Advantage Boating Inc. "2025 BVI Course" instructors will make departure decisions based on these factors. Courses may sail in 6 Beaufort wind and sea conditions but any higher wind warnings may alter the itinerary. For safety reasons, I understand that the instructor's word is the law aboard ship and for the duration of the course.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BVI VACATION COURSE REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY:

- BVI Vacation courses are non-refundable. We encourage you to take out trip cancellation
- Advantage Boating is not responsible for any additional expenses or losses that the Customer may incur as a result of the cancelled booking such as but not limited to, flights, hotel fees, non-refundable transportation costs, travel documentation, loss of salary, time or enjoyment and all other expenses pertaining to the Customer's trip.
- No refunds are issued for any government travel disruptions including, but not limited to, border closures, travel restrictions and regulations preventing Advantage Boating from operating the Vacation Course at the departure destination. In the instance of any government travel disruptions, the Vacation Course Program will be deferred to a similar Vacation Course Program within 12 months of your originally scheduled course program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SAILOR PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Information: (\$2795 USD):

(Cost per person, per week based on double occupancy in a cabin)

Total trip cost (for applicant): _____

I am also paying for (Name): _____

Total cost to be charged (combined): _____

Method of payment: Cash CND Cash US VISA MC Check

Name as it appears on your credit card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Deposit: Cash CND Cash US VISA MC Check

Deposit USD (50% minimum): _____

X-change rate (on day of transaction): _____ Amount paid in CND: _____

Date deposit charged / received: _____

Balance Owed (USD) (Due Dec 15, 2024): _____

Balance: Cash CND Cash US VISA MC Check

Balance USD: _____

X-change rate (on day of transaction): _____ Amount paid in CND: _____

Date balance charged / received: _____

Balance Owed (USD) (Due Dec 15, 2024): _____