

# CRUISING THE CARIBBEAN



 This winter as the weather gets cold and wet in the north, head south to the warm sunny Caribbean where four spectacular Sun Resorts marinas await your arrival. Sun Resorts International has four full service facilities that are known for their friendly and attentive service. The four marinas are located in the Northeastern Caribbean and include: American Yacht Harbor in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Village Cay Marina and Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour in the British Virgins; plus Simpson Bay Marina in Sint Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.

“Genuine friendly service is a hallmark of our marinas and a point that is stressed at every level of our operations,” according to Ken Criswell, the company’s Caribbean Regional Manager. “Our staff knows to do whatever it takes to make a marina guest, happy, safe and secure. It’s our total attention to detail that makes the big difference” Criswell noted.



The four facilities offer the visiting boater many options and amenities to make their visit a pleasure. Boaters can select from the **American Yacht Harbor** located at Red Hook on the East End of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This popular marina is a favorite of both sport fishermen and sail boaters alike. The success of this marina is attested to by an exceptionally high occupancy rate year ‘round. Sport fishermen like to make it their base both for its’ complete facilities and proximity to the North Drop fishing area where billfish abound. Several major Caribbean fishing tournaments are based at AYH and the Virgin Islands Charter League hosts both its spring and fall shows there. The sprawling AYH complex features some 50+ separate businesses including restaurants, well-stocked chandlery and just about every type of business one can imagine; all right on premises. The islands of St. Croix and St. John of the U.S. Virgins and several of the British Virgins are all within sight of AYH.

**The Village Cay Marina Hotel Restaurant** is about as centrally located as possible in Road Town, Tortola, Village Cay’s popularity attests to its’ multi-faceted operations. The marina can handle yachts to 185 feet. Closely associated with the marina is the waterfront hotel and restaurant under General Manager Trefor Grant who emits a smile and genuine Caribbean greeting not soon forgotten. The marina’s restaurant and bar are among the most popular of the island group. There are no fast food franchises or casinos in the BVI. The island’s tourist bureau proudly proclaims “No Slots, Just Yachts!”

**Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour**, a full service marina, located on the leeward side of the narrow central section of the island by Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda boasts a well-protected marina plus all the trimmings including one of the Caribbean’s most popular and well populated shipyards. Virgin Gorda’s aim is to provide protection to yachts the year ‘round, according to Capt. Linda Graham, general manager, and one of two female marine professionals handling Sun Resorts Caribbean marinas. Their yard offers unique “hurricane pit” facilities to reduce the wind profile of yachts and meet insurance requirements for the region’s sometimes unpredictable hurricane season. In addition, there are numerous facilities on the complex catering to every whim and need. Construction has already started on expanding the shoreside facilities to an even higher level.

If you want to be close to the action and multi-faceted facilities in Saint Maarten, then **Simpson Bay Marina** is the place to be. Saint Maarten is both tax and duty free on everything and is hence the provisioning capital of the Caribbean, bar none. The marina has an excellent provisioning service right on its docks and can easily handle yachts to 200 feet. The marina is located on the Dutch side of the island (Netherlands Antilles). The other side of Sint Maarten is “Saint Martin”; administered by the French. The island is oft-described as “A Little European and a Whole Lot Caribbean.” As with all of the Sun Resorts facilities, the Simpson Bay Marina abounds in shoreside facilities, including a pharmacy, bank, medical and dental clinic, plus an impressive collection of restaurants, beauty salons, yacht brokerages and an exceptional “gelateria” (ice cream extraordinaire!). 

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