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Here is the report w/o photos

At Bitter End YC lots of shots were made of us by this guy

[http://www.digiproofs.com/ecom/page\\_view.pl?p=FrRip5j](http://www.digiproofs.com/ecom/page_view.pl?p=FrRip5j)

I think the San Diego crew won (bow 2) and we (bow 1) got fourth. Details and hopefully many more shots will probably surface on the NOOD site

[http://www.sailingworld.com/nood\\_regatta.jsp](http://www.sailingworld.com/nood_regatta.jsp)

All the best

Christian

NOOD in the British Virgins

The "best nudists" (?) in Sunsail Charter Yachts

Getting there was easy. Even though the flight information pronounced us "airborne" when we were still waiting for the little puddle jumper in Puerto Rico. Welcome to the Caribbean. Our pilot was a very cool dude who most likely used to land with a tail hook. 120 kts at touch down is probably considered hot for a twin prop 9 seater Cessna by most. My tight fit behind the pilot gave me the best view. Seeing the BVIs from the air provided me with some insight of wind lanes, shadows and directions.

The Sunsail Odyssey 39 were the usual charter boats, built like a tank and yes, they had 2 sails as well. After stowing our 2 week supply of beverages our target volume without water was 0.55 gal/day/person. It turned out to be a manageable number for the 4.5 days.

The 2 up/down races the first day allowed a feel for the other crews and the venue as a whole. Easy going was the motto. I probably should NOT have hooked the hot shots from San Diego going for the pin at the 2<sup>nd</sup> start because in a real race I'd protested when they simply bore off to stay behind the line.

After the races we swung by the R/C to pick up our RIB. Matt just jumped into the water next to the dinghy while we were sailing on to Cooper Island. This would have been a cool maneuver if the outboard had started. Back we went to get him.

Can you believe that some of our crew paid top dollar in the only bar on the next island TO GET SICK ???

At the tourist spot, the Baths, not only did we enjoy looking and diving big boulders, but we could see the difference of some competitors freshly cleaned and painted bottoms versus others with barnacle cities.

The Bitter End YC had a 4 race Laser event organized for us and we were honored guest at their docks.

Why I was sitting next to Mr. Scuttlebutt that evening; I have no idea. It took me a while to recognize who he was. He sponsored a ProAm event prior to our visit with lots of Pros to talk about.

How could I have missed that the next start from Bitter End YC was half an hour

earlier? A couple of explanations came to mind but we aren't getting into details.

However we did make the start and it turned out to be an excellent one. We should try that more often. All the others nailed the line with speed as well and it showed the company we were in.

Towing a dinghy is never fast but attaching the RIB backwards and having the outboard and its stern sitting on the swim platform proved fastest. Only the bow was dragged in the water.

All in all it was a "typical" Monday concluded at Foxy's on Jost van Dyke. Judging by the smoke billowing from Foxy's the next morning, the night was red hot with several new friendships and broken up engagements.

The last race seemingly a follow the leader type race was anything but boring. The cut through at the western tip of Tortola had massive wind shifts in rapid succession which we managed by not changing course. Lots of auto tacks, reaches and even down wind angles had us breathing through the ranks until we got our private parking spot. We still hung on to 3rd place until the clean hull boat with the only double handed crew (Justin & Jackie) ground us down with at least 0.5 kts speed advantage. Whiners aren't we !?!

The best snorkeling was near the finish at Norman (Treasure) Island which actually has pirates (\$7 a bag of ice).

Isn't the life in paradise fun? Now we need a vacation.