

# The Grenadines 2010



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## Windward Antilles Bareboat Flotilla and Summer Sailstice Celebration June 10 - 20, 2010

The Grenadines consists of a cluster of small islands between St. Vincent and Grenada. These islands are the most delightful and have some of the best snorkeling and scuba diving in all of the Antilles. The Spinnaker Sailing group will be chartering out of St. Vincent which is just a biscuit toss from the heart of the Grenadines, one of the most undeveloped and unspoiled of the bareboat chartering areas in the Caribbean. This is also where "Pirates of the Caribbean" was filmed.

At the northern end of the Grenadines about 8 miles from the Sunsail Charter base in St. Vincent is Bequia, known as the Island of Fishermen. The model boats carved here are known around the world. Just South of Bequia is Mustique, a quiet enclave of the rich and famous. The Tobago Cays make up a coral atoll where the richness of the reefs must be seen to be believed.



Join us as an individual, couple or put together your own group to fill your own boat

If you have your own group and can act as skipper, you may charter your own boat and join the flotilla. You can choose the size of boat and other options. Contact Bob at Spinnaker for information about cost and availability for doing your own boat. You can also book your own private cruise through Spinnaker Sailing for charters with Sunsail, Footloose, or The Moorings.

Sailing Vacation

## Itinerary

Fly out of the Bay Area Thursday evening, June 10 to arrive in St. Vincent Friday evening after transferring in San Juan. Board boats at the Sunsail charter base.

Saturday - Chart and boat briefings, check out the boats and head out for the night's anchorage in Admiralty Bay in Bequia. There are good restaurants and interesting shops ashore.

Sunday - Sail to the Tobago Cays. Anchor behind the horseshoe reef. Local "boat boys" will greet us and offer service for deliveries of fresh fish, bread, fruit, etc. There are three tiny islands in the anchorage. This is where Capt. Sparrow (Johnny Depp) was put ashore in "Pirates of the Caribbean".

Monday/Tuesday - There are dinghy moorings over the reef for the best snorkeling in the Caribbean. Check out the beaches on the uninhabited islets nearby or arrange a scuba dive.

Wednesday - Chatham Bay at Union Island is another unspoiled anchorage with excellent snorkeling and peaceful surroundings.

Thursday - Stop by Charleston Bay at Canouan Island. This is where Moorings is located and a good place to refresh supplies like water and ice. The local resort is called the Tamerind Club and has good pizza baked in a wood fired oven..

Friday - Sail to Bequia, explore the shops and sights of Bequia. See scrimshaw and elaborate model boats and other crafts.

Saturday - Return boats to The Sunsail base by 10 a.m. Check in to hotel, dinner at base or in town.

Sunday - Return flight to the Bay area to arrive Sunday evening.

## Dining

Sunsail offers several provisioning plans. Each crew will get together to decide the plan and the provision selection for each boat. We'll also be going out for dinner occasionally. Some-time fishermen come by in their boats to take orders for fresh fish.

The boats come equipped with full galley facilities including refrigeration and propane stove with broiler/oven. Each boat also comes with a transom charcoal barbecue grill.

## Cruise Meeting April 10, 2010

A meeting for The Grenadine cruisers to get to know each other will take place on the evening of April 10th. We'll also wrap up our food and beverage orders then. (There's nothing like making a joint beverage order to help people get to know each other.) There will also be a chance to see slides and share experiences with each other.

## Reservation and Payment Information

### Total Cost:

\$1595/person sharing a double cabin.

\$1795 single in private cabin

Does not include airfare but we'll help with the arrangements for you if needed.

\$100 non refundable deposit

\$500 due January 1, 2010

\$500 due February 1, 2010

\$Balance due April 1, 2010

## The Boats

- Our group will use the latest model (less than 2 years old) 43' Beneteau yachts equipped with 4 double staterooms. We limit the number of people to keep it comfortable for everybody no matter the size boat.

## Bareboat Charter Certification

- Certification is available to Basic Coastal Cruising graduates who have acted as skipper at least 3 times. It's important each student gets used to the responsibility of skippering a boat before Bareboat Charter certification is attempted. The cost is \$315.00 extra for text book, certification fee, testing and instruction. Bareboat charter graduates can do their own bareboat cruising in the Caribbean and other locations around the world.

## Diving in the Grenadines

- This part of the Caribbean is well known for spectacular snorkeling and diving. The Tobago Cays contain about the best snorkeling anywhere. A vast horseshoe reef about three miles long rises out of a depth of only 10 or 12 feet. The reef protects a large open anchoring area with firm holding in white sand inside the horseshoe. Corals on the reef grow in abundant variety in the crystal clear water as schools of fish browse among the coral heads and sea fans.

Certified divers can take advantage of diving services in Bequia and around The Tobago Cays. Bequia has several excellent diving areas that include caves and boulders along the outer shores of Admiralty Bay and a nice drift/wall dive at Pigeon Island nearby. Diving also takes place on the outer part of Horseshoe Reef and around Worlds End Reef. The dive services offer diving from their own boats and will give experienced snorkelers the opportunity of doing supervised scuba diving for the first time.

