

Quiet - Keep the Islands all to Yourself

Summer Barefoot Sailing!

The Caribbean in the summer gets a lot of bad press...it's too hot, it rains a lot, there's a risk of tropical storms...but for some, including me, cruising in The Grenadines is better in the summer and here's why.

First let's address the hurricane risk. The Atlantic hurricane season is officially from 1 June to 30 November. Statistically tropical storms are more likely to form in the north and The Bahamas and Bermuda have more to worry about than St Vincent and The Grenadines, which is considered to be at the southern edge of the hurricane belt.

With sophisticated weather forecasting, you can get at least 3 days' notice of any potential problems. Barefoot Yachting check almost obsessively the weather patterns and if there is any cause for concern they can get you and your yacht to safety. Quickly.

And yes. it is hot and it does rain in the summer, but it doesn't rain every day and it never rains for long. Everything gets dried out quickly. It's hot here all year long and whilst it may be a little hotter in the summer, on your yacht you will always get the sea breeze to cool you down. Still hot? Just jump in and go for a swim.

So now there is no reason not to sail in the off season but what are the benefits?

For starters you will get a good deal on your charter, or on a sailing course through [BOSS](#). Less demand means lower prices for you. Not only that but you will get a wider choice of yachts available.

Ironically, despite being hurricane season, in general the winds are a little lighter and the sea state more comfortable than in the winter. Perfect sailing weather.

The crowds have gone! You don't have to miss out on a great days sailing by having rush to get a mooring buoy, or a decent spot in the anchorage. Tobago Cays without a hundred other yachts there!

The islands are completely different in the summer. They have a much more relaxed feel about them because not everyone is chasing a dollar or two and coping with the hoards. You feel you're getting to know the true Grenadines.

You may get good deals on mooring buoys, just ask what their summer rate is.

Less queues at the bars and restaurants, better service, less waiting.

The shops won't run out of ice!

So, a bargain boat, good sailing, no crowds and ice for your Rum Punch. It's a no brainer really.