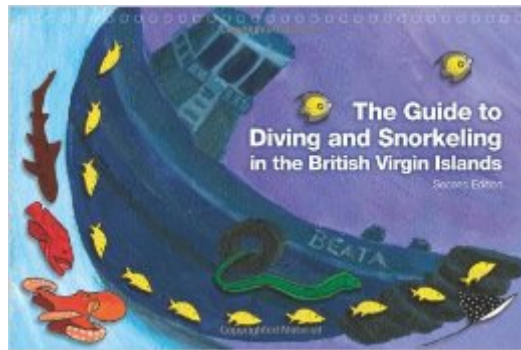


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The Guide To Diving And Snorkeling In The British Virgin Islands, Second Edition



Synopsis

The only complete guide to scuba diving and snorkeling in the British Virgin Islands. Complete maps and descriptions of 77 dive sites throughout the BVI. Compiled from contributions from all major dive operators in the BVI by long term dive instructor and enthusiast Jeff Williams. This is the new second edition of the book. Thanks to all you active divers, this new edition is now in its fourth printing! Plan your dive. Dive your plan.

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Customer Reviews

I've got at least 3 other books on Diving in the British Virgin Islands, but this one is is the best for someone doing bare boat chartering in the area. I found this jewel in the office of TMM Yacht Charters in Roadtown, and after opening it up immediately bought it for one simple reason. The author Jeff Williams, has drawn a dive brief map of each of the dive sites! You know, the one the dive master on any good dive boat draws up right before you hit the water. What you won't find is pretty pictures of all of the marine life in the BVI's underwater environment, what you do find is a site location map, dive briefing map, skills level, whether or not snorkeling is in store, what to expect from a mooring or anchoring perspective, a dive briefing section, and what to expect to see in marine life at the site. Unlike most other books that feature key facts on only the most well known dive sites, Jeff does this for every one of the sites in his book, and it will make it easy for you to decide whether or not you want to have the guidance of a dive master, or if you would be comfortable doing it with your dive buddies on your own off your chartered yacht. Does it replace doing rendezvous diving with a local dive shop, not at all, since they should be up on all the latest local events, but for the charter boat that picked up tanks and stuffed them on board for casual

diving, it is indispensable. Armed with the information in Jeff's book, you should be able to determine where to put your boat, so you can best enjoy the night's anchorage and the shortest dinghy trip to those sites nearby, plan a day trip for the experienced divers, put your charter on a site so that those that don't dive can enjoy some snorkeling while you and your diving buddies get some time in the water by taking the dinghy or just jumping off the back of the boat, snapping pictures or just enjoying the scenery. With that kind of knowledge, you can set up your rendezvous or dinghy diving for the serious divers, and let the remaining folks enjoy the underwater sights from the surface or trips onshore to the stores (No, Jeff doesn't bother with those selections, let them buy their own guides). Another plus from just a planning perspective, is that the book is spiral bound, allowing it to lay open for a last perusal before you jump in, without having to hold it open with damp hands from assembling your gear. lists this as being out of print, and published in 1991, but my copy is published in 2009 by Dive Guide BVI and has the web site as [...]. If you're doing a charter in the BVIs, this book should be right next to your charter guide, and even if you are going to do diving with one of the dive shops, you'll find this guide a pleasure to use. I just wish that I had found it years earlier, rather than the top 3 or 4 that always seem to come up on a search. Buy the other ones if you want to do so, but turn to this one if you're going to actually dive the sites.

This book is all you need for diving success in BVI. We just got back from our trip a few days ago. We used this book to help us find 7 sites over 11 days. The directions on how to get to each site are great. I was personally stressed about not having GPS coordinates for every site I wanted to visit. Don't worry - if there aren't coordinates, you don't need them. Many sites can be found by looking at the map and then going to that spot - you'll see the NPT mooring balls when you get in the area. The only thing missing is that in some sites, such as Wreck of the Rhone, there are better mooring balls to choose than others. You may have to learn that on your own or perhaps call a local dive shop and ask them. For instance, for the Rhone, choose the southerly mooring balls. For the airplane wreck at Coral Garden, choose the eastern-most commercial buoy. Also, if you have your choice of picking up a regular (red, usually) or commercial (yellow) mooring ball, grab the commercial (if during the off-season) or get as close to it as you can. Those usually lead directly to the "start" of the dive or the best spots.

Great travel companion for diving. This book gives detailed dive briefs so that you can decide if you want to rent tanks and dive off of your own boat, or are doing a more dangerous dive and should go with a dive shop.

it is the best book for diving on BVI. It is my second one. First one got wet and destroyed after 3 years of using. I got it because I am bare boating at BVI for last 5 years and dive without guide. This book has all info you need. Plus of course you need scuba experience :).

Contains detailed overviews on issues like buoy rules, seasonal sea conditions, dive shop locations, as well as a detailed map of every dive site including the mooring locations, historical anecdotes and some topside advice. I found it to be very accurate. It's also quite amusing, and very honest in its depictions of the sites. Unfortunately it's printed on thin paper, that is not at all water resistant. When on a small sailboat navigating to the site, then doing pre-dive briefings, then dive ops it might be hard to keep this little book dry. It would also be nice to have some tabbed pages for the area maps. For the price, the paper could be better.

It's obvious this guy has spent a lot of time researching and compiling the most comprehensive guide to the best snorkeling & diving in the BVIs. Well written with great illustrations. It'll be with me on my next trip !

We liked the book and did use it to help plan our diving adventures. We all felt the book could have been a little bit more concise with the dives themselves in regards to underwater navigation to get started on the dive but it was, overall, worth owning and using.

This is a must have for anyone who is planning a vacation in the Caribbean. It is the most complete reference to diving that I have seen.

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