



BITTER END
YACHT CLUB

LIVE LIFE AT SEA LEVEL

Welcome to Bitter End!

My passion for the sea began at the age of 9, when I succeeded in nagging my seasick-prone father, Myron, into taking me deep-sea fishing in the Gulf Stream off Miami. It took some more nagging but thanks to Dramamine, the sea became a shared passion for our family. By the late sixties we were sailing the Caribbean aboard *Alianora*, a 1930s vintage Scottish-built ketch that we based in St. Thomas.

In those days, Bitter End consisted of what today is the core of our Clubhouse restaurant and bar, plus five sparsely finished cottages on the hillside. When Basil Symonette, a former St. Thomas charter skipper, had gotten the Bitter End up and running, he established some house rules. Visiting yachtsmen were welcome at the bar and restaurant but only at Basil's pleasure, which he

communicated via bullhorn. The bar's opening hours were at Basil's pleasure as well; closing time was whenever Basil quietly slipped away to turn off the generator.

Bitter End became a regular port of call for *Alianora* when she was cruising the Virgin Islands, and by 1970, Myron and Bernice, my mother, were welcome ashore without a bullhorn invitation. On one of these visits, my mom asked Basil if he would sell or lease them an acre so they could build a tiny cottage. Basil didn't respond until the next visit, when he said, "You can't have an acre but how would you like the whole place?" When that message was relayed to me, I reverted to my 9-year old nagging mode. After three years of negotiation with Basil, we became owners of the ultimate family retreat.

Over the past 40-odd years, Bitter End has evolved from a rustic retreat for one family into a casual, friendly paradise for people of all ages from every corner of the globe. Our guests, like my family, are passionate about Bitter End's exceptional location and natural beauty, its welcoming character and crew, its serenity combined with its seemingly endless variety of activities on sea and land and, above all, its atmosphere of shared fun and adventure.

As a visitor to Bitter End, you become part of a community that extends the world over and is defined by a deep love for this singular place. On behalf of the Hokin Family and the crew at Bitter End, we hope to welcome you ashore.

Fair Winds,
Richard Hokin

18°30'17"N | 64°21'19"W



“The sea runs deep within our veins.”

— LAUREN HOKIN, OWNER



LIFE AT SEA LEVEL

64 acres of lush natural beauty—and it's all yours.

As the final island outpost before the Caribbean Sea meets the open Atlantic, Bitter End covers 64 acres on the east end of Virgin Gorda, overlooks the jewel-toned North Sound and the vibrant hues of Eustatia Sound and is accessible only by water.

Those who do venture here are rewarded with a protected harbor, panoramic vistas, lush natural beauty and a wealth of experiences, both on sea and on shore, that delight the traveler's spirit.



"A vast waterfront playground."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



Virgin Gorda is Bitter End's island home. Named by Christopher Columbus for its unique shape, it is the third-largest island in the British Virgin Islands and boasts many pristine beaches, coves and caves worth exploring. In 2016, *Travel + Leisure* readers named it “the most beautiful place on Earth,” and singled out Bitter End as “the place to stay.”

Off the northeast arm of Virgin Gorda is the North Sound, which washes ashore on Bitter End's mile of waterfront. It is known for its beautiful coral reefs, sponges and brilliant fish. Constant tradewinds off the Sound provide for beautiful breezes across the island.

Bitter End is proud to be a part of the British Virgin Islands. The collection of 60 pristine islands invites

boaters, adventurers and travelers to explore life on and off its shores. Hiking, kiteboarding, sailing, snorkeling, diving—the list of activities runs as long as the list of islands there are to visit. Of course, for those that would prefer to simply lounge seaside, there are miles of beautiful beaches to discover.

Bitter End is 12 miles from Tortola, 30 miles from St. Thomas and 75 miles from Puerto Rico.





"Perhaps the coolest part of BEYC are the rooms, which are...private treehouses!"

— THRILLIST



STAY STEPS FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Our famous bungalows, inspired by those first built at Bitter End in the 1960s, offer guests an authentic island experience complete with luxury amenities. The timber, teak and stone bungalows blend seamlessly with their surroundings and enjoy cooling sea breezes thanks to nearby trade winds—making each a blissful, eco-friendly escape.



The only thing left to decide: beach bungalow, or treetop slumber? The choice may be hard, but the living's easy. Guests can pick from three types of stays:

REEF BUNGALOW

A wrap-around porch offers personal views of Eustatia Sound's jewel-toned waters, plus Bitter End's beaches, attractions and activities are just a short walk from your door.



HORIZON BUNGALOW

Consider your treehouse fantasies fulfilled. Sleep among the palm canopy and enjoy panoramic views of Eustatia Sound's barrier reef from a private, wrap-around porch.

GARDEN BUNGALOW

Settle in along the shore surrounded by blooming bougainvillea and frangipani. Garden guests enjoy the closest views of the Sound, framed by a remarkable mangrove forest.

EVERY BITTER END BUNGALOW COMES COMPLETE WITH:

- » Choice of king-sized bed or two twin beds
- » World-renowned Duxiana mattresses
- » Custom-made linens from Portugal
- » Large dressing area with double vanity
- » Spacious shower with expansive sea views
- » Wrap-around porch with steamer chairs
- » Relaxing hammock with room for two
- » In-room provisioning
- » H2O Amenities
- » Refrigerator & Coffeemaker
- » Air conditioning
- » Guest Room WiFi



LIVE AS THE LOCALS DO THE OWNER'S COMPOUND

For more than 40 years and four generations, the Hokin family has called Bitter End their second home. Discover what makes their island visits so special by staying where they stay, in the Owner's Compound, and make your own incredible memories with family and friends.



THE OWNER'S SUITE

Also available on its own, the Owner's Suite features a large Master bedroom, two full baths, air conditioning and a full wrap-around porch with magnificent views of the island.

THE SUMMER HOUSE

This covered, open-air great room connects the Owner's Suite to the Reef Bungalows and is perfect for group or family meetings and al fresco entertaining.

REEF BUNGALOWS

A private, two-bedroom cottage with its own wrap-around porch, two full baths, hammocks, refrigerators, air conditioning, WiFi and more. Combined with the Owner's Suite and the Summer House, this is the ideal location for larger groups or families.



ENJOY THE CLASSIC BITTER END ESCAPE

A spectacular, surefire way to experience the best of Bitter End.

Few places in the world offer as much to do in one place as Bitter End. With our special seven-night stay, you can enjoy it all—snorkeling trips, seaside dinners, sailing excursions and champagne cruises—because it's all included in your stay. Plus, you'll retreat each night to the bungalow of your choice and feel rejuvenated in no time.

THIS UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- » Accommodations for two in our Reef, Horizon or Garden Bungalows (your choice!)
- » Three meals daily at any Bitter End restaurant
- » Unlimited use of our Club Fleet
- » Guest Cocktail Party
- » Snorkeling trips in and around North Sound
- » Sunday regatta and party
- » Introduction to Sailing Course
- » Day-long water excursions to nearby islands (Anegada, Norman Island, The Baths)
- » Sunset sails and a champagne cruise
- » Freshwater pool
- » Access to our walking and hiking trails

Stays may start or end any day of the week. Visits of less or more than seven nights are also available.

Visit [beyc.com](https://www.beyc.com) to explore our full range of stays—including adventure, romance, family and multi-generation escapes.

“As an experienced sailor, I can report that the watersports program at the BEYC may be one of the best I’ve ever seen.”

— **BILL SPRINGER, FORBES**





PLAY AT SEA

Bitter End is renowned as a water enthusiast's paradise. Founded by experienced sailors as a boating haven, today the resort is home to world-famous regattas, a first-class marina and an on-site fleet that boasts over 100 vessels. The resort has also become a playground for watersports enthusiasts of all types and abilities.



ON THE WATER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- » Windsurfing
- » Kiteboarding
- » Scuba Diving
- » Snorkeling
- » Deep sea and Bone fishing
- » Bluewater excursions to BVI's greatest attractions, including Anegada, The Baths, Dog Islands, Norman Island and more
- » Sunset Sails
- » Sunset Racing
- » Sunday Regattas



INTRODUCING THE PRIDE OF BITTER END: CLUB FLEET

Our Club Fleet is composed of over 100 vessels that range from IC-24s to stand-up paddleboards. The fleet ensures everyone from experts to beginners can enjoy an exciting water experience. Our experienced staff is always on hand to advise on vessels and provide instruction for a safe outing.

Vessels include Lasers, Hobie Waves, Picos, Optimists, Kayaks, Boston Whalers, Rhodes 19, Windsurfers, SUPs, Water Bikes and more!

LEARN TO MASTER THE WATERS AT BITTER END'S SAILING SCHOOL

The Bitter End Sailing School is the BVI's premier school accredited by US Sailing, and our world-class instructors hail from around the globe. We teach sailors of all abilities to fine-tune their craft and maximize their enjoyment on the North and Eustatia Sounds.

We offer full US Sailing accreditation in Basic Keelboat, as well as introductory to advanced courses in Hobie Sailing, Laser Sailing, Windsurfing and more. Private and group lessons available.





A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Thanks to its exceptional location, conditions and amenities, Bitter End Yacht Club is ideally suited to host premier competitions year-round.

We welcome guests to participate in two regattas every week on Sundays and Tuesdays. Sailing experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is! Pair up with a watersports team member and put into practice what you've learned during your stay here.



Or, come specifically for the internationally renowned (and beloved) Pro Am Regatta. For over 30 years, the Pro Am has matched amateur sailors with America's Cup skippers, Olympic medalists, Round the World race winners and World Champions to race the unmatched waters off Bitter End's shores. For serious sailors, it's akin to being called up to play doubles with Serena Williams or Roger Federer at the U.S. Open. For new sailors, it's a chance to learn a sport from the very best—like learning to play basketball from LeBron James.

For more information on our regattas and how to participate, visit beyc.com.



"A rollicking nautical village."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



PLAY ON LAND

Bitter End embraces the Caribbean spirit. A deep appreciation for life in all its forms fosters a sense of wonder and celebration, which spills over into the region's food, art and music. We share it all—plus our own unique flair for adventure—ashore at our beaches, restaurants, trails and more.



ON-SHORE ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- » Four private beaches
- » Hiking
- » Live music & entertainment
- » In-room spa services
- » Freshwater pool
- » Yoga
- » Shopping at Reeftique, Captain B's and the Emporium



SEASIDE DINING EXPERIENCES

Bitter End's diverse collection of restaurants and our sea-to-table culinary philosophy attract visitors from all over the Caribbean. Among our many open-air dining options is The Clubhouse. Established in 1969, Bitter End's Clubhouse was the first bar located on North Sound. And no Bitter End visit is complete without a stop at Chef Winston's Bakery, whose Key Lime Pie is so good, some guests have had it shipped all over the world to enjoy it at home.

BITTER END'S EATERIES INCLUDE:

- » The Clubhouse
- » The Crawl Pub
- » The Poolhouse
- » Chef Winston's Bakery
- » Windward Mark Bar



"Like Disneyland for Sailors!"

— REPEATER GUEST





YACHTSMEN & MARINA

Bitter End's pristine conditions and protected harbor have always drawn boaters to our shores, but it is our unique community that has made us world-renowned. Members of our Quarterdeck Club are part of a storied tradition that spans generations of families and centuries of visiting sailors from around the world. Inquire with us if you'd like to join.



Our anchorage is also popular thanks to the many amenities Bitter End provides. We have a state-of-the-art marina and mooring field cared for by an expert staff. Plus, we have all of the on-shore luxuries you might be seeking--provisions, fine restaurants, rollicking pubs and white sand beaches.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- » Quarterdeck Club membership
- » State-of-the-art marina
- » 75-ball mooring/anchorage
- » Yacht management program
- » Provisioning
- » Launch service

*“It could not have been a nicer place for my
daughter’s wedding, serviced by some of the best,
with everyone having the time of the lives.”*

— FATHER OF THE BRIDE





CELEBRATE & GATHER

Bitter End is an ideal place to host a celebration, no matter the occasion.

In addition to our jewel-toned waters, gentle breezes and lush greenery, our resort offers exceptional activities and luxury amenities that will make the stay unforgettable for both you and your guests.



The Hokin family originally envisioned Bitter End as a personal family retreat. Since then, it has organically evolved into a magical space used by many families to celebrate life's milestone moments. If you'd like to celebrate at Bitter End, our private event planner can help customize every detail to your liking.



**CONSIDER A CARIBBEAN-STYLE
EVENT FOR YOUR:**

- » Wedding
- » Honeymoon
- » Family Milestone
- » Boatmaker's Rendezvous
- » Flotilla
- » Birthday
- » Family Reunion
- » Graduation

**AND DON'T MISS OUR BITTER END
SIGNATURE ANNUAL EVENTS:**

- » Hobie Wave Family Week
- » SUP & Yoga Retreat
- » Sea & Salsa Week
- » Yacht Club Flotillas
- » Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
- » Old Year's Night

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beautiful place on earth.”*

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