

# Southbound Passage

Charles Chapoton

John and Mary Polk

Kathy and John Reager

October 31 to November 13



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Mary Polk stands her first offshore watch



Despite the 15 ft. waves Mary still manages an apple



After four days of very heavy weather the crew welcomed clearing skies and moderating waves



Fully recovered from three days of seasickness Charles is enjoying the sail



Kathy shows her pleasure with the improving weather





Charles is ready for his night watch



Two boats with the Caribbean 1500 Rally pass us



Randy sets up the Genoa for sailing downwind with the spinnaker pole keeping the sail full while we sailed wing on wing



Adjusting the setting of the sail



After the rough weather it was wonderful to be able to enjoy a meal. The crew was fully recovered and ready for the last three days of Caribbean sailing



Charles watches an approaching rain squall



This storm was kind and the worse of it went right around us



A really large tanker is the first ship we have seen in several days





Mary is really getting into this Caribbean sailing



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Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands is our first landfall since leaving Norfolk



John is delighted to find that he has cell phone coverage as we approach Tortola



These two ladies are anticipating getting to shore and a long, hot shower



John loves the island sailing and has Roadtown in sight



The entrance to Roadtown harbor on Tortola







Windward Passage  
backed into her assigned  
slip between a large  
catamaran and a beautiful  
crewed charter boat



After a great shower everyone pitches in to clean Windward Passage



Our friends Jen and Gregg Merkel and their son Quinn left Norfolk about 2 hours ahead of us 10 days ago and they arrived at the Village Cay marina about an hour ahead of us! We joined them for dinner at the marina restaurant.



It took a full day to dry all the gear



The shade screens that Susan had made for us before we departed proved to be a valuable addition throughout our stay



We enjoyed a couple of days sailing before the crew had to fly out.  
Here we enjoy dinner at Great Harbor on Peter Island



All good things must come to an end. The crew packed and left for their flight home