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Beef Island

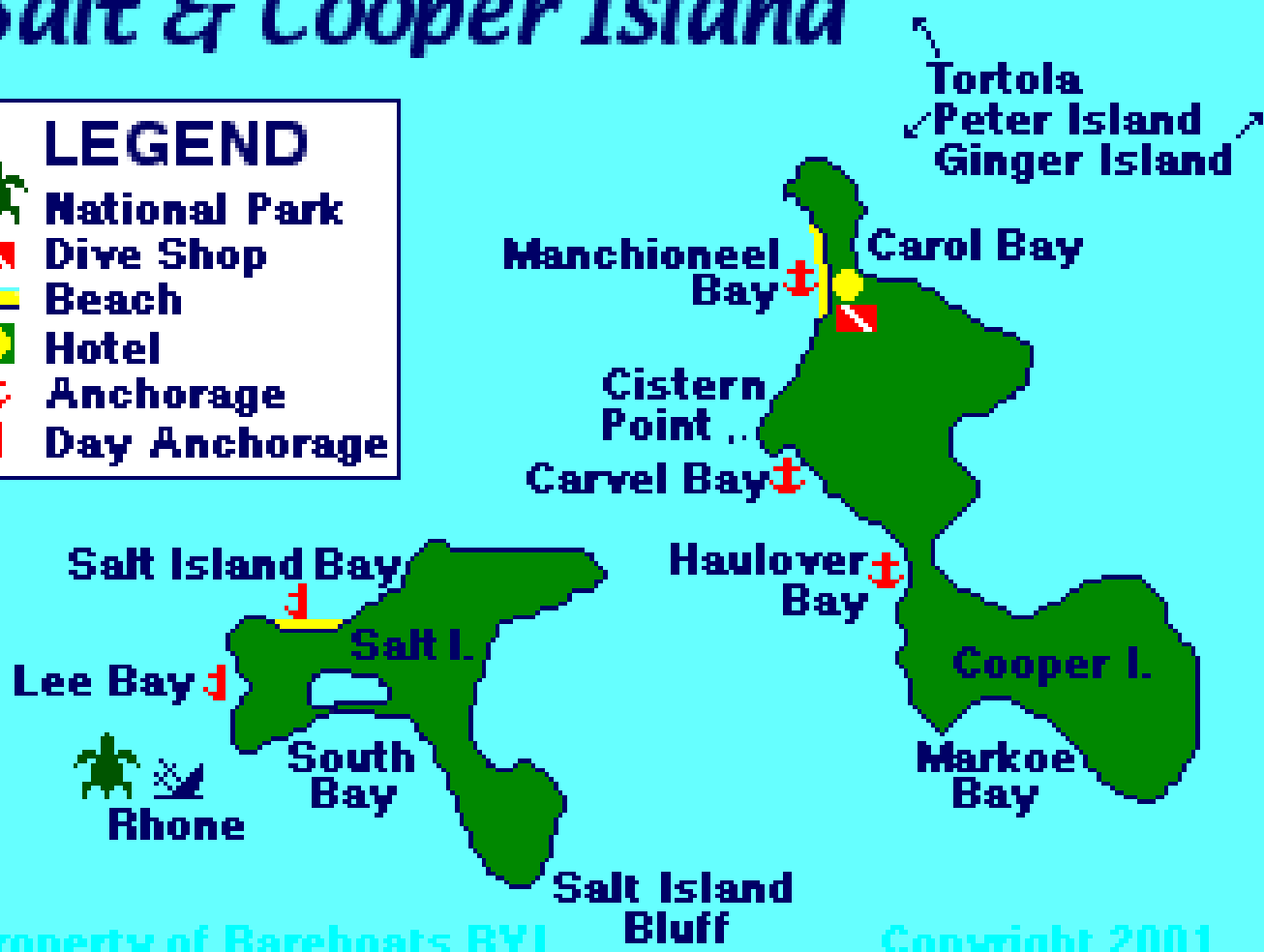




Salt & Cooper Island

LEGEND

-  National Park
-  Dive Shop
-  Beach
-  Hotel
-  Anchorage
-  Day Anchorage



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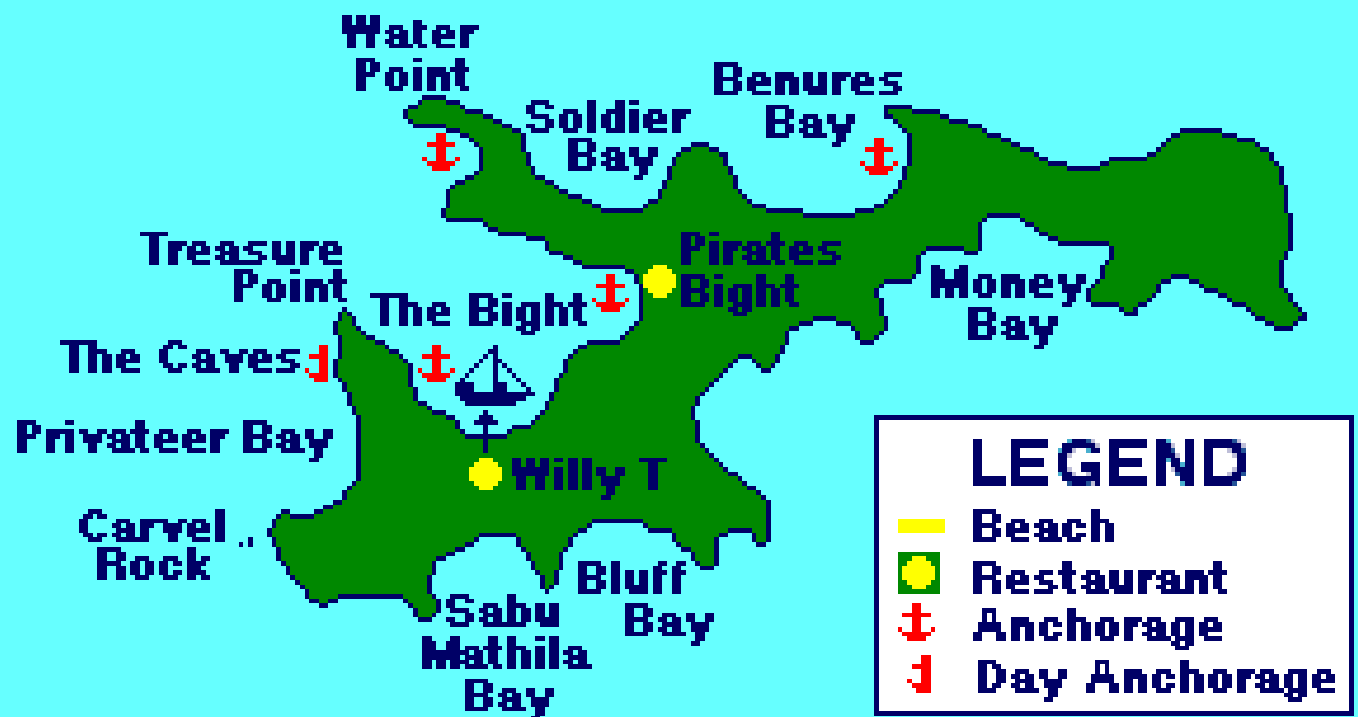


Norman Island

The Indians  Pelican Island

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↑ Tortola
Peter Island ↗
← St. John (USVI)



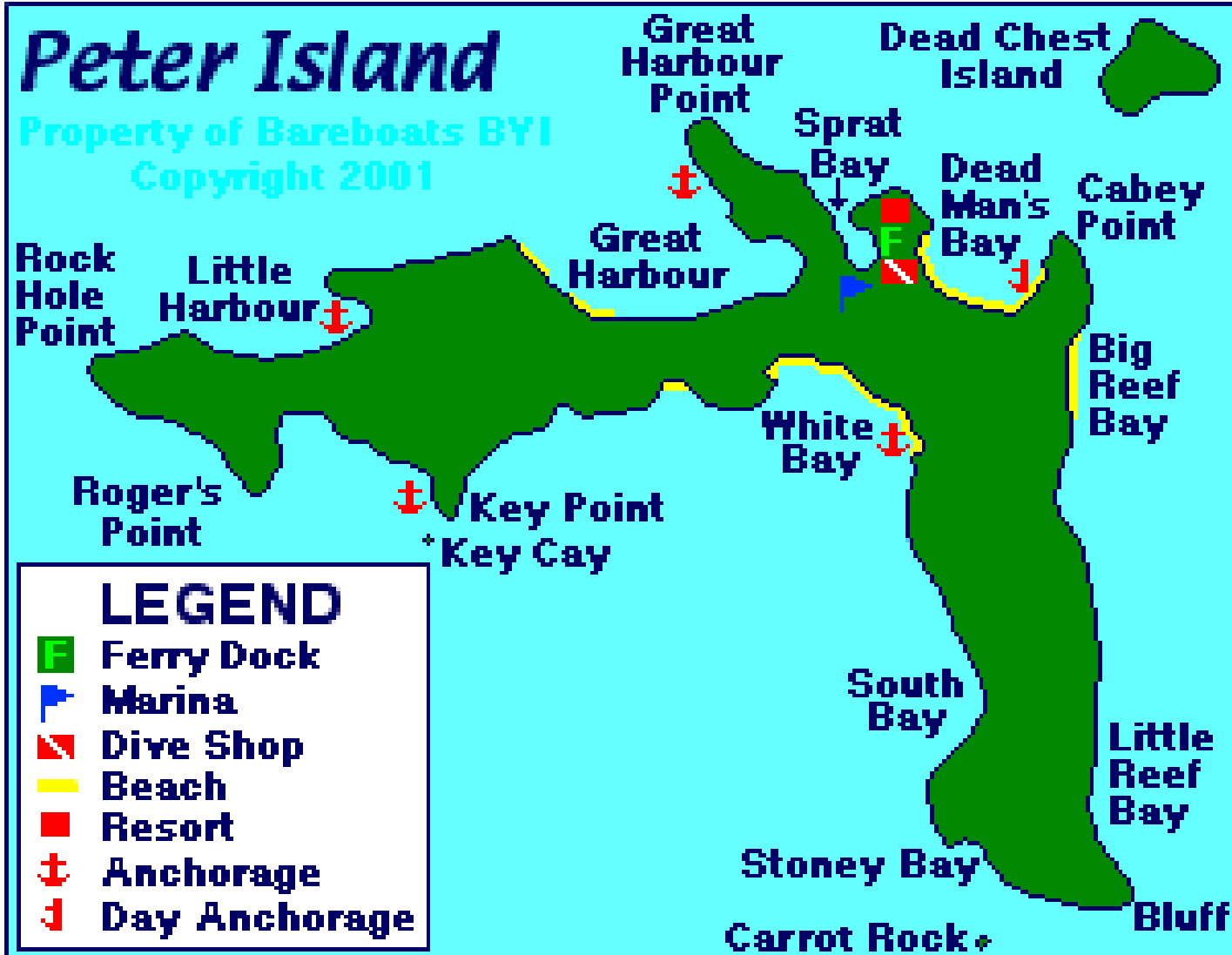
North Sound - Virgin Gorda

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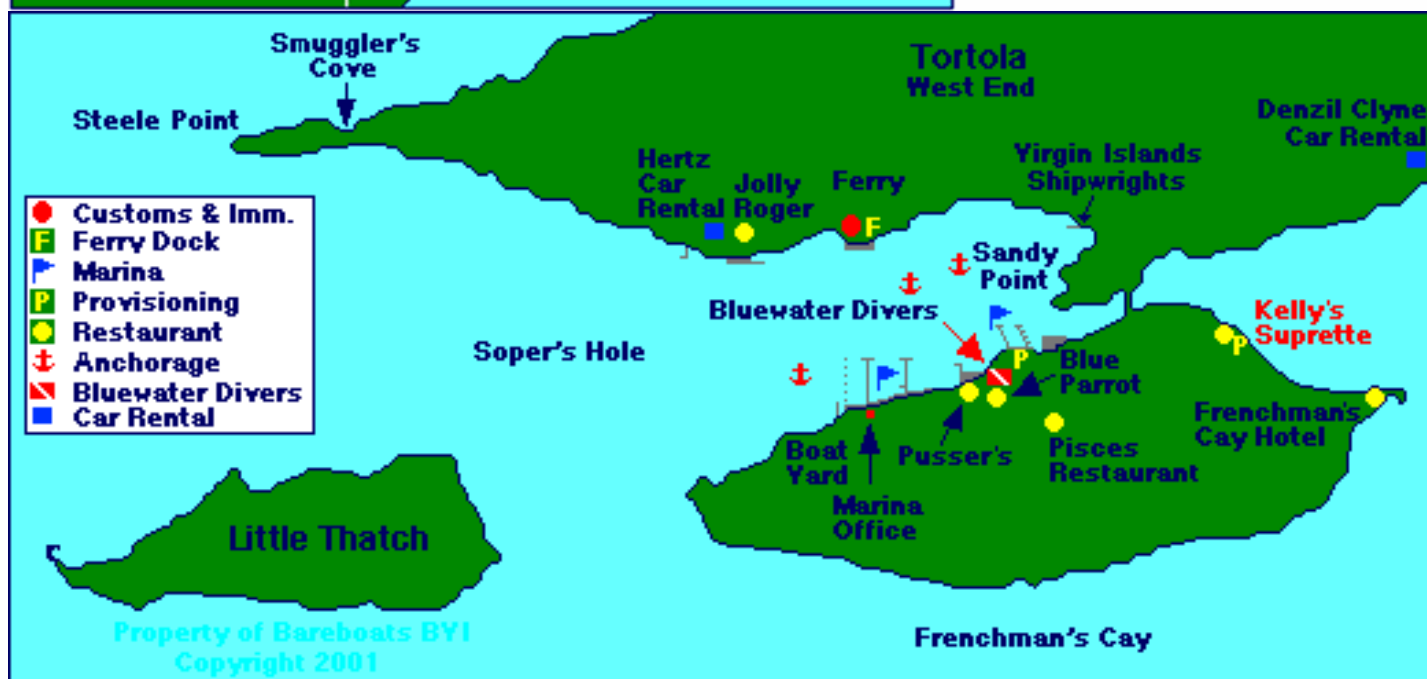






Restaurants

- A. Prospect Reef (closed)
- B. Royal BVI Yacht Club
- C. Fort Burt
- D. The Pub
- E. Fat Cat Restaurant
- F. Capriccio Di Mare (Italian)
- G. Pusser's
- H. Le Cabanon (French)
- I. Mid Town Restaurant
- J. The Dove
- K. Maria's By The Sea
- L. The Captain's Table
- M. Spaghetti Junction
- N. Table Talk - Oriental
- O. Nexus
- P. Village Cay
- Q. The Virgin Queen
- S. Lime N' Mango
- T. The Moorings
- V. C & F Restaurant
- W. Marina Restaurant



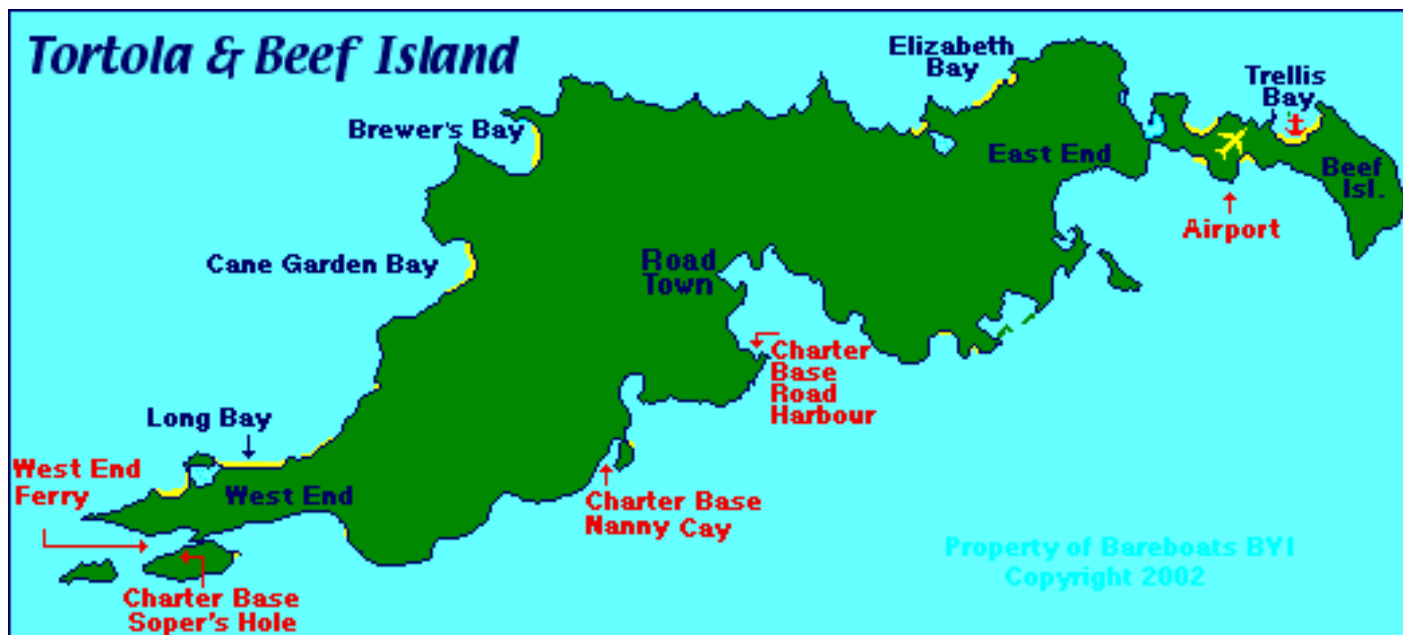
- Customs & Imm.
- F Ferry Dock
- ▲ Marina
- P Provisioning
- Restaurant
- ⚓ Anchorage
- ▲ Bluewater Divers
- Car Rental

Tortola & Beef Island



LEGEND

- National Park
- Customs & Imm.
- Ferry Dock
- Marina
- Provisioning
- Dive Shop
- Beach
- Resort
- Anchorage
- Day Anchorage



British Virgin Islands - Best Anchorages

http://www.bareboatsbvi.com/map_bvi.html

http://www.sailonline.com/cruising_logs/Best_Anchorages.html

This table represents personal opinions from frequent BVI sailors and from many, many charter weeks in the British Virgin Islands. However, it does not intend to be exhaustive, as the BVIs offer endless discovery. Unless noted otherwise, all have good holding in a sandy bottom, generally less than 25 feet.

Key to abbreviations

Beach: Beaches | ++ = outstanding | + = good | - = below average

Snorkel: Snorkeling | ++ = outstanding | + = good | - = below average

Moorings: Mooring Balls: if 'OvN' is N, then they are day only

Overnight Anchoring: Overnight anchoring | + = good

Buildings: | R = Restaurants | P = Provisioning

Seclusion, geographic or social | + = very | - = somewhat

Comments:

> Grass = some grassy bottom;

> No anchor = little or no space to anchor;

> Swell = experienced some swell at least once;

> ++ = must see

Island/Ancorages	Beach	Snorkel	Moorings	Overnight anchoring	Seclusion	Comments
Norman Island						
Privateer Bay	N	Y	N	Y—none	Y-	Small area
Treasure Point	N	Y+	Y	N—none	N	Caves, no anchor, ++
The Bight	N	Y	Y	Y—R*	N	Large area
Soldier Bay	N	N	N	Y—none	Y	Small area
Benures Bay	N	Y	N	Y—none	Y	Small area
* R = on the old boat, the "Willy T." and "Pirates" ashore.						
Indians	N	Y+	Y	N—none	N	Exposed, no anchor, +
Peter Island						
White Bay	Y+	Y-	N	Y—none	Y	Grass, small area, swell
Little Harbour	N	N	N	Y—1 house	Y	Small area
Great Harbour	N	N	N	Y—1 house	Y	Deep anchorage
Deadman's Bay	Y+	N	N	Y+—PIYC*, R	Y	Some grass, swell, ++
Sprat Bay	N	N	Y	Y—PIYC, R	N	Docks, no anchor, resort
* Very little of PIYC is in sight						
Salt Island Bay	Y	N	N	N—hut	N	
Cooper Island						
Manchioneel Bay	Y+	Y+	Y	Y—CIBC, R	N	Grass-no anchorage
The Dogs						
Great Dog, West	N	Y	Y	N—none	Y	rocks, swell, ++
George Dog	Y-	Y+	Y	N—none	Y	lunch, ++

Island/Ancorages	Beach	Snorkel	Moorings	Overnight anchoring	Seclusion	Comments
Virgin Gorda						
The Baths Area	Y+	Y+	Y	N—hut, R	N	boulders, swell, ++
Spanish Town	N	N	N	Y—many, R, P	N	docks, marina
Savannah / Pond / Teter Bays	Y++	Y+	N	Y—none	Y+	difficult entrance, swell ++
Long Bay / Mtn Point	Y-	Y+	N	N—none	Y	Nice reef
Drake's Anchorage	Y *	Y	Y	—some, R	N	Anchor S. of shallow
Leverick Bay	N	N	Y	Y—many, R, P	N	Nice
Cactus Point	N	Y	N	N—none	Y	Coral heads
Vixen Point	Y	N	Y	Y—hut, R	N	Beach bar
Saba Rock	N	N	Y	Y+ R	N	Windy ++
Bitter End	Y	N	Y	Y—many, R, P	N	Resort, some anchor++
* You must walk to beaches and snorkeling area						
Anegada						
Reef Hotel Area	N	N	Y	Y—few, R	Y	Difficult entrance
Loblolly Bay	Y++	Y	cab	N—hut, R	Y+	Best lobster ++
Beef Island						
Trellis Bay	N	N	Y	Y—many, R, P	N	Last Resort, no anchor

Island/Anchorages	Beach	Snorkel	Moorings	Overnight anchoring	Seclusion	Comments
Great Camanoe						
Marina Cay	Y-	Y-	Y	Y - R	N	Minor swell
Cam Bay, opp. Lee Bay	N	Y	N	Y—houses	Y+	Difficult entrance
Lee Bay	Y-	?	N	Y—houses	Y	Small area
Bail's Ground	N	?	N	N—none	Y+	Rocks, lunch, ++
Guana Island						
Monkey Point	N	Y+	Y	N—none	Y	Rocks, ++
White Bay	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Very nice ++
Muskmellon Bay	N	?	N	?—some	Y	Deep, small area
Tortola						
Long Bay, near Guana Island	Y+	N	N	Y—few	Y	Swell
Cane Garden Bay	Y	Y	Y,R,P	Y+many, R, P		Nice, can be noisy ++
Soper's Hole	N	N	Y	Y—many, R, P	N	Busy - Nice shops
Jost Van Dyke						
White Bay	Y++	Y	N	Y—hut, R	N	Entr. w/ markers++
Great Harbour	Y	N	N	Y—many, R, P	N	Foxy's, ++
Little Harbour	N	N	Y	Y—few, R	Y	No anchor
Green Cay/Sandy Spit	Y+	Y+	N	N—none	N	Small islands+++
Sandy Cay	Y+	Y	N	N—none	N	Small island, ++
Little Thatch	Y	Y	N	N—few	Y	Small area

Additional Notes:

Drake's Anchorage (This is actually Mosquito Island, but who cares...)

Most nights there are a line of boats anchored inside the reef on the north side of the area off Drakes, anchoring in great sand in 12-15', and with an outstanding breeze all night and a gorgeous sunrise in the morning. I never use the mooring balls there any more since the anchored boats get more privacy and better air.

Trellis Bay

We have anchored a couple of times in a grassy bottom. Not my favorite area, but I wouldn't avoid it just because all the mooring balls are taken. The area near Conch Point seems to be a little more secluded than the rest of the Bay.

Cane Garden Bay

In the winter, there is definitely a northern swell problem here, and a mooring or anchoring location protected from the swell (north part of the anchorage) will make for a better night rest. Watch out when cruise ships are in the area.

White Bay, Jost Van Dyke

This is no longer a difficult entrance, since the cut through the reef is clearly marked with red and green marker buoys. In addition to the Soggy Dollar Bar--a great place, Sandcastles Resort here now offers candlelight dinners in the open air dining room that are excellent, albeit pricey. A couple of other shack places have opened up further down the beach.

Little Harbor, Jost Van Dyke

It is a "no anchor", and a mooring ball would be your best choice, but we have anchored there twice when forced to by New Years' crowds, and with two anchors set, we had no problems.

Key Cay on Peter Island

It can be a little roly unless you tuck up close to the beach behind the cay. It will only hold about 3 boats. The bottom is mostly grassy. There is OK snorkeling, but its main charm is that it is very private and seldom used. It's also a convenient first or last night stop.