

# Sailing 2016

log of May 9th 2016

My air travel to Saint Thomas, USVI went smoothly and I learned few things. I took a group van from the Fort Lauderdale airport to my hotel for Wednesday night since my continuing flight to Saint Thomas only flies once a day and had departed long ago. My hotel reservation was at a hotel which was 10 miles away (my mistake, I thought it was 2 miles) resulted in a 30 minute wait for taxi van and a 15 minute ride for \$22. (I was the first one dropped off so the ride was not extended for detours for others.) During the ride some of the other passengers were talking about the fact that Uber was again serving the Lauderdale airport. So the next morning I contacted Uber for a return ride. It was going to be 8 minutes for the car to arrive, so I quickly collected my things and I was able to watch the car approach the hotel along with an estimate of minutes to arrival, and the license plate number of the cab all on my cell phone screen. We were at the airport in 15 minute for \$12. Twice as good at half the price. The trip to Saint Thomas was on Spirit Air, the fare was moderate but a first bag was \$50, and a carry-on was \$55, no food or drink except as purchased. The Airbus was equipped with economy facilities which was fine, but the whole back half of the plane sounded like it was going to shake loose when the reverse thrusters were applied for braking in Saint Thomas. A little disconcerting, but I am going to sail back to Florida not fly.

The planned route for this sailing adventure is shown in the next page. It starts in Crown Bay Marina, Saint Thomas, USVI, and continues to Ensenada Honda, Culebra, Puerto Rico then to Isabel Sagunda, Vieques, Puerto Rico, then to Marina Rico Chico, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, then to San Juan, Rico. A total distance of about 90 nautical miles.

Today's log is being sent via the internet connection at the café in Marina Rico Chico where we had dinner last night. A first class simple diner with an A1 waiter who was fluent in both English and Spanish.

**When I arrived Sue and Paul Roberts had arrived the day before and we meet in Crown Bay Marina in Saint Thomas. (shown below)**



**Lots of boats means lots of dinghy's**





# Eastern End Of Sailing Trip



We took a 2 hour taxi tour of Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas, USVI with several stops at high points (up to 1,500 feet where we could look down on the hillside residences as well as the steep roads and the beautiful water all around the island.



**Some hillside houses were spectacular:**



**Others, not so much:**

