

Sailing the British Virgin Islands

2016 BVSPS Flotilla

Sail Fast, Live Slow



Cruise Goals

Sailing and Education

Shore Time

Snorkeling and Diving

Party Time

Model for future BVSPS Cruises



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Sailing and Education



Shore Time



Diving and Snorkeling





Party Time



Planning the Cruise

- Captain qualification
- Charter company selection
- Boat selection
- Cost
- Crew qualifications and selection
- Route planning
- Crew responsibility and training

Captain Qualification

- Captains volunteer and accept responsibility for....
 - Crew safety
 - Boat operations
- Charter company approves the Captain
 - USPS courses widely recognized and accepted
 - Boating resume required
 - On-the-water certification (such as ASA)
 - Verification of skills may be required

Charter Company Selection





Road Harbor

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Charter Base

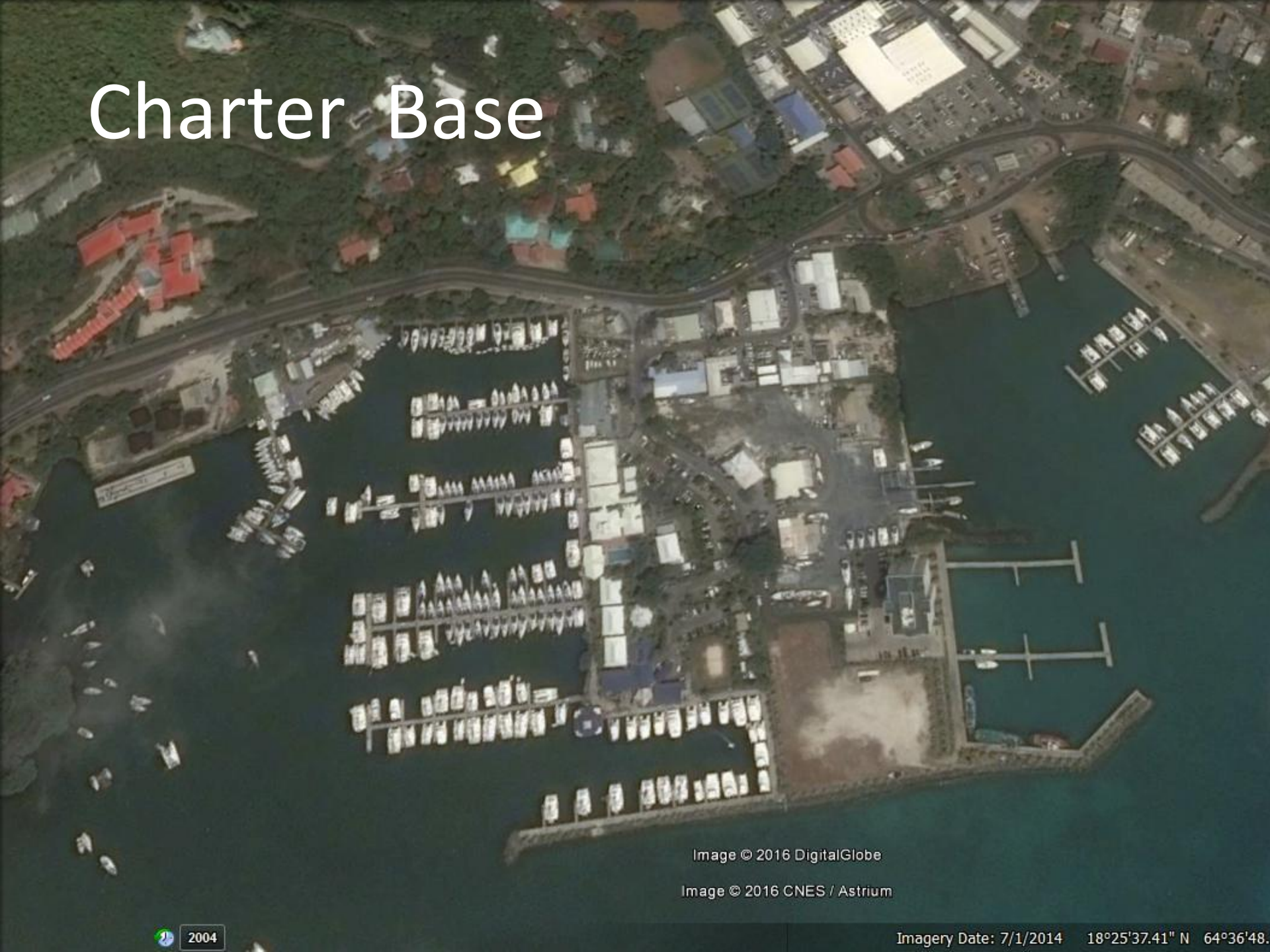


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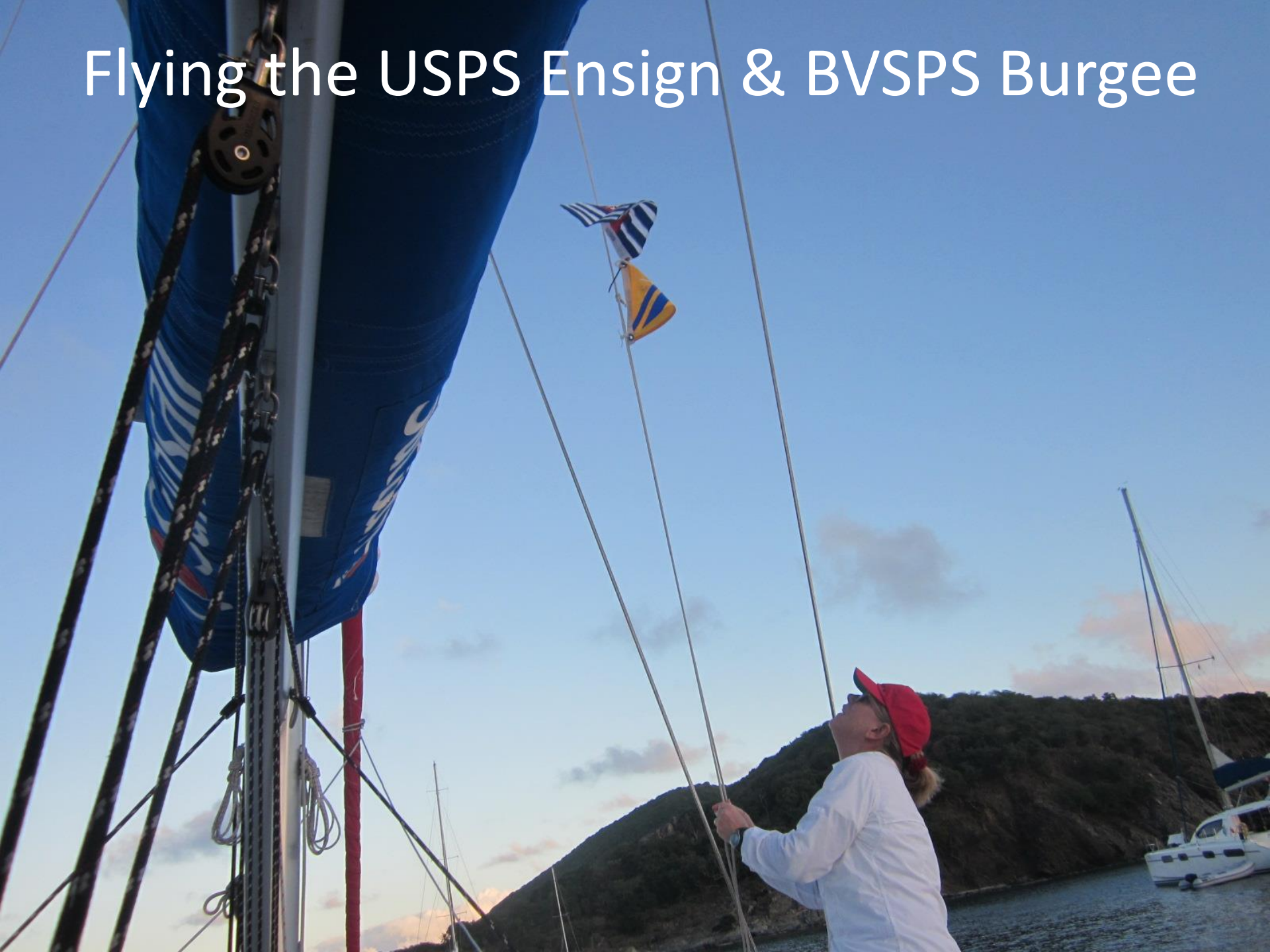
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Flying the USPS Ensign & BVSPS Burgee



Happy Our

Captain Rick Gulick
crew of 8

Veracruz II

Captain Norm Brown
crew of 8



Moorings 4600 catamaran

- 46' loa x 25' beam x 4'5" draft
- 4 double cabins, each with head
- 2 crew cabins
- sleeps 10

Moorings 4600 catamaran



Solignac

Captain Pat Pardekooper
Crew of 6



Sunsail Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 47

- 47' loa x 14'8" beam x 7'4" draft
- Vee berth cabin, 2 aft cabins; 3 heads
- Sleeps 8

Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 47



Voilactus

Captain John Chatting
Crew of 5



Jeanneau 44

- 44' loa x 14' beam x 7' draft
- V- berth cabin, 2 aft cabins

Jeanneau 44



Macabuca

Lisa and Blake
Kennedy

Pearson 35



Cost

- Charter Cost – 8 nights, 7 days
 - Boat, cruising tax, parks pass, fuel = \$1,000 per person
- Other Expenses
 - Food, alcohol, moorings, meals and drinks ashore, water toys, ice, trash = \$250 to \$300 per person
- Travel
 - Air fare, ferry, lodging, meals = \$850 - \$900 per person

Crew Qualifications/Selection

- Do you qualify?
 - USPS courses and seminars
 - Experience on Colorado lakes
 - Physically capable
 - Willing to help with boat duties
- Crew mix
 - Some more experienced, some less?
 - Are non-sailing guests welcome?
- The Captains select their crews



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Happy Our Crew

Veracruz II Crew



Solignac Crew



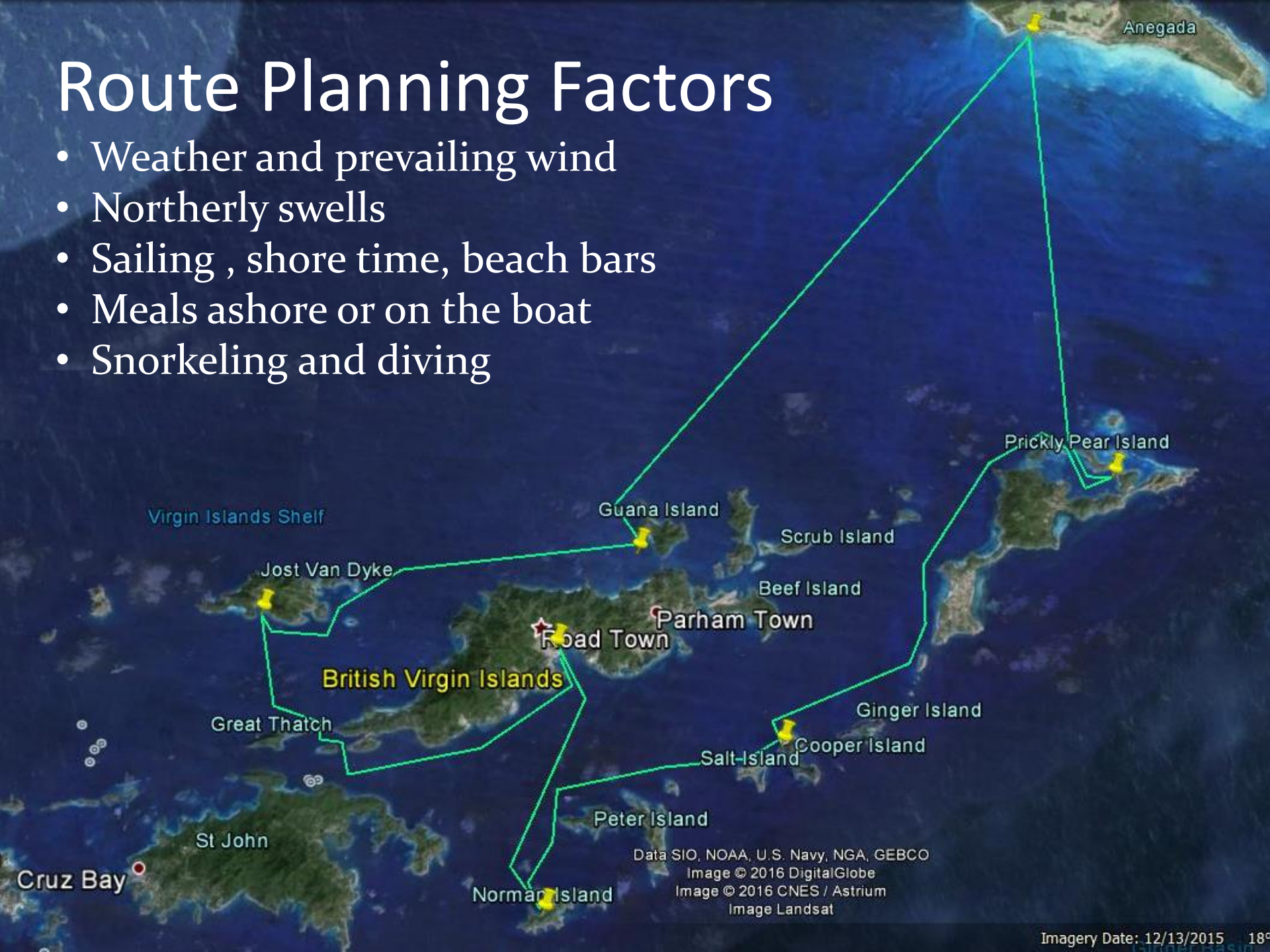


Crew Responsibility/Training

- Crew duties include...
 - Navigator/Log/Weather
 - Sail Master
 - Cockpit Master
 - Cabin Master
 - Electronics
 - Mechanical
 - Dinghy master
- All crew members spent time on the helm

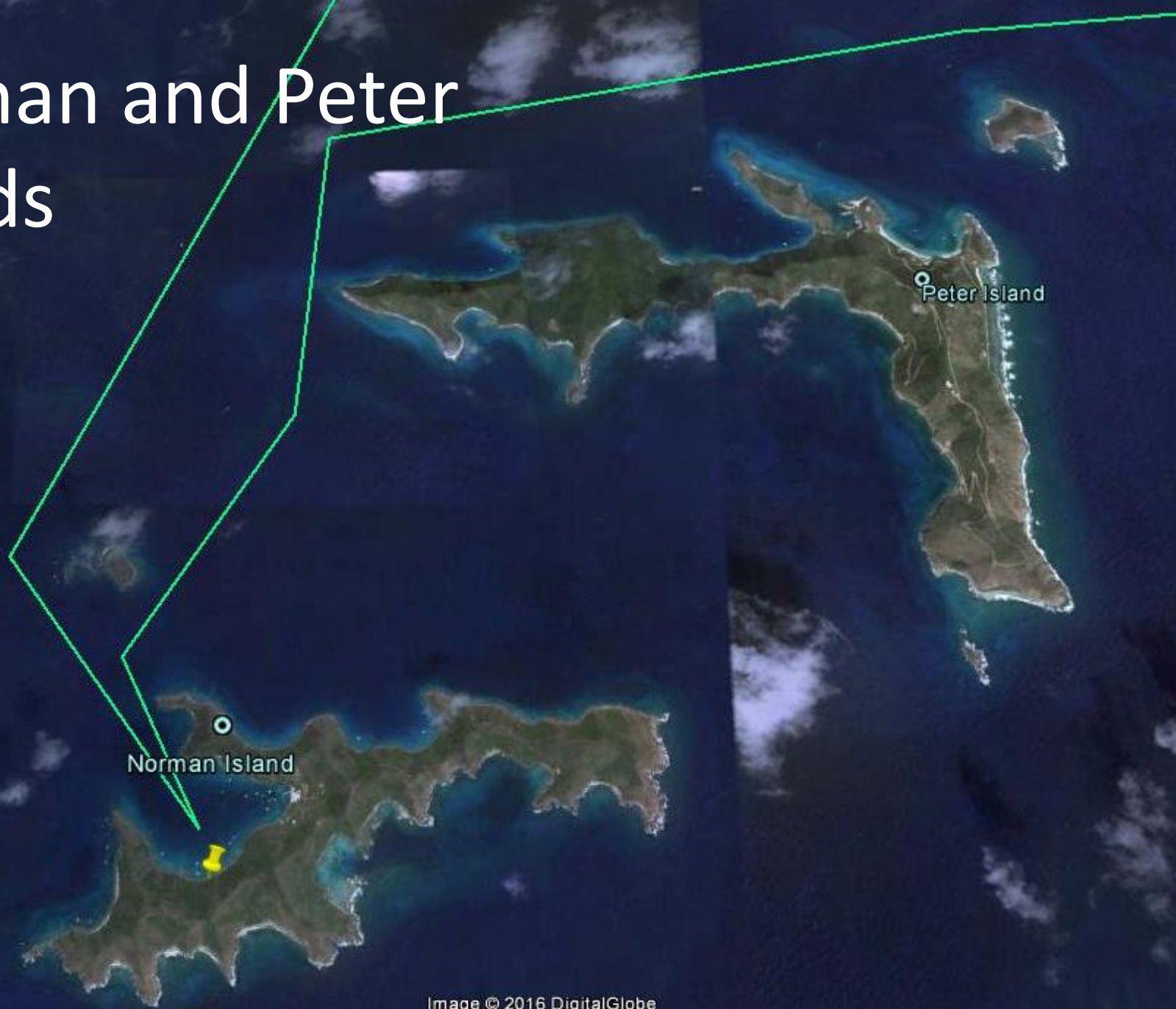
Route Planning Factors

- Weather and prevailing wind
- Northerly swells
- Sailing , shore time, beach bars
- Meals ashore or on the boat
- Snorkeling and diving



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Norman and Peter Islands



Salt and Cooper Islands

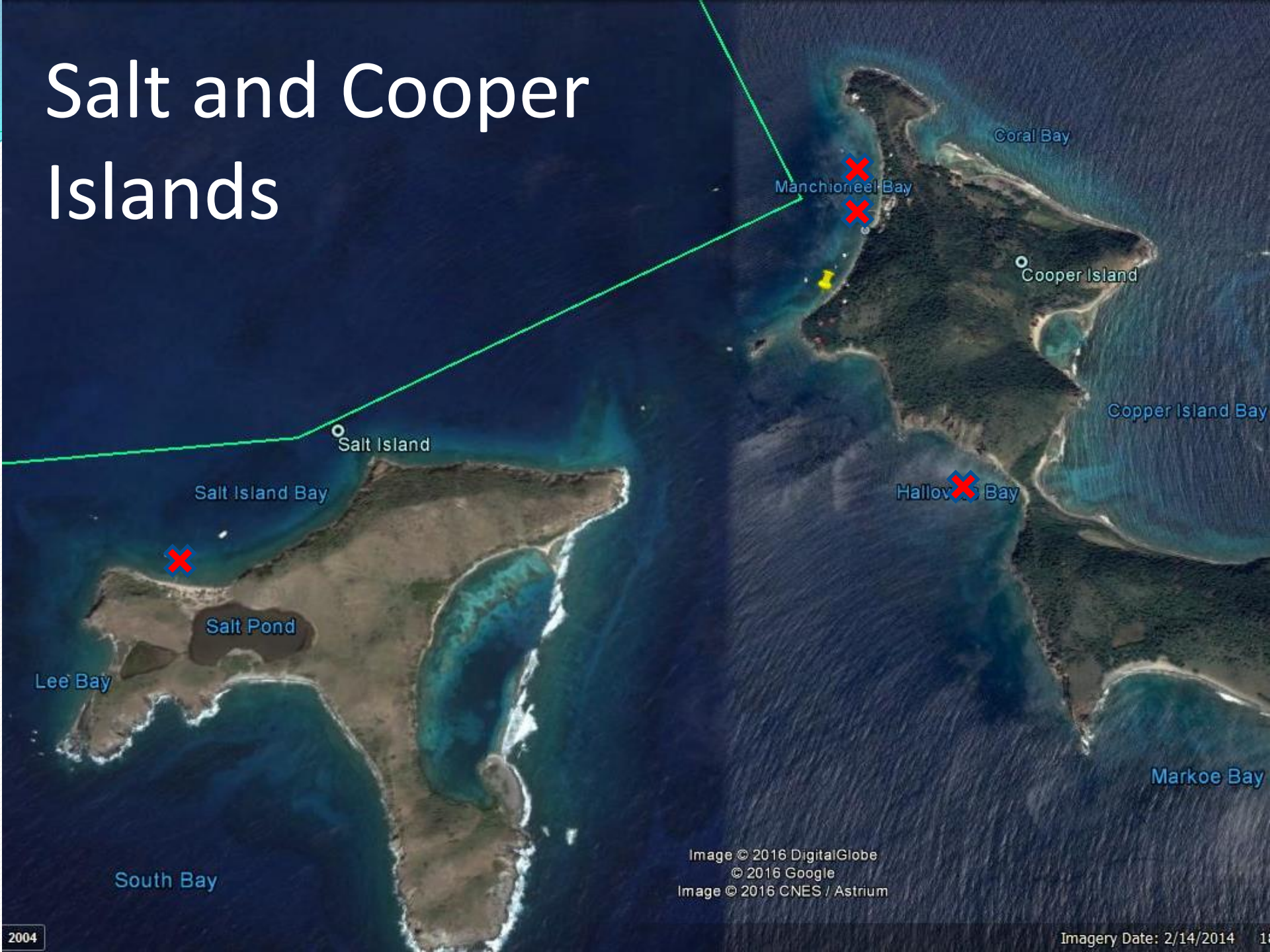


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Prickly Pear Island

Virgin Gorda

Virgin Gorda

Spanish Town

Virgin Gorda

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Anegada

Guana Island and Marina Cay



Guana Island



White Bay

Little Bay

Lee Bay

Cam Bay

Other Islands

Tom Bagard Bay

West End Bay

Low Bay



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Guana Island



Jost Van Dyke and Little Jost Van Dyke



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Things we Learned

- Fly a day early or fly direct to Tortola
- Avoid weekend charter start
- Group itinerary good (with individual boat flexibility)
- Do a careful boat checkout
- Provisioning
- Do your part; be flexible; maintain a shipshape boat
- Classes prepare you to be a better seaman
- On-the-water learning is great
- Group dinner at the end – YES!



Start thinking
about next
year....

Plain

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Kingstown

Grenada

St Georges

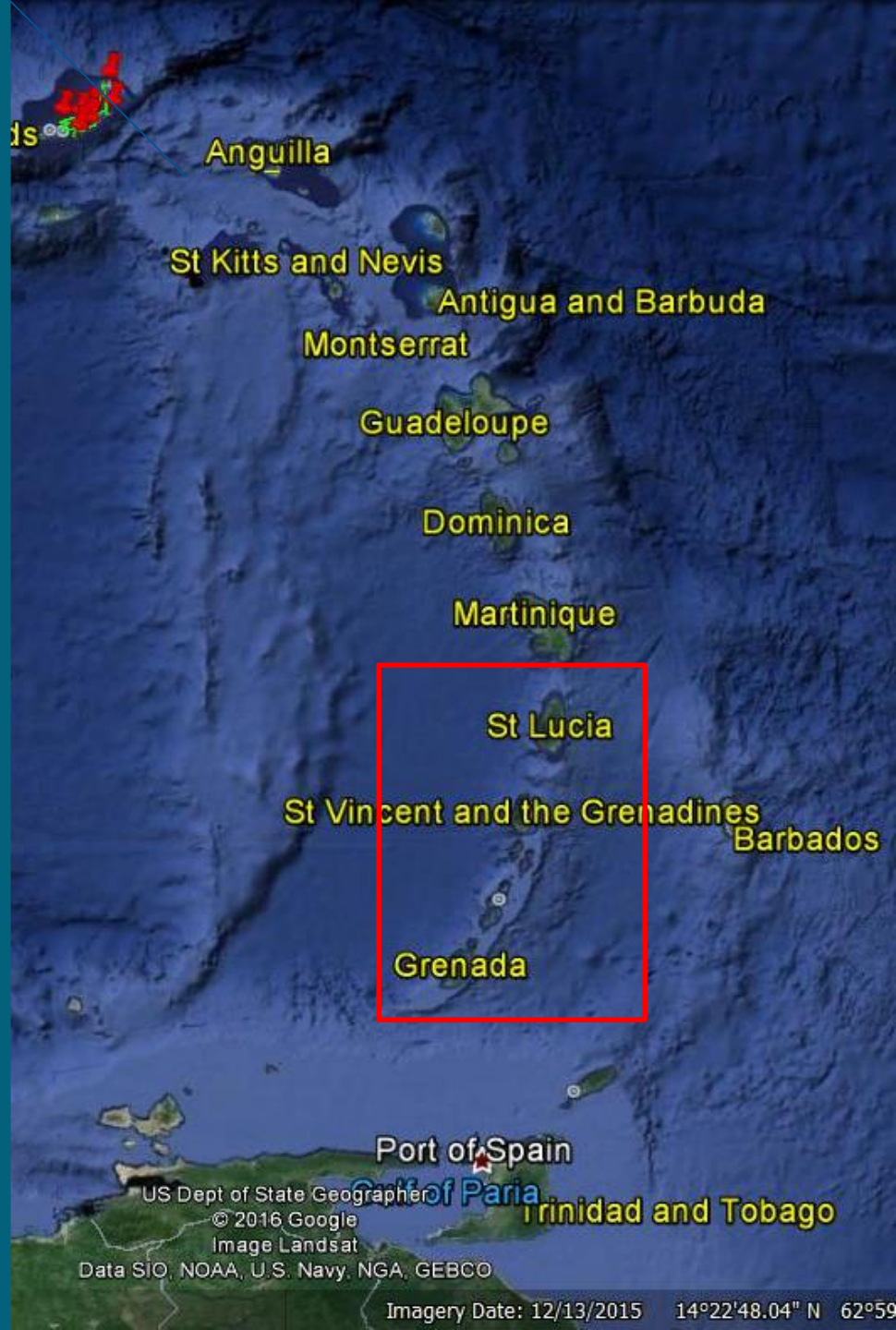
Castries City

St Lucia

....perhaps the
Windward Islands?

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Anguilla

St Kitts and Nevis

Antigua and Barbuda

Montserrat

Guadeloupe

Dominica

Martinique

St Lucia

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Barbados

Grenada

Port of Spain

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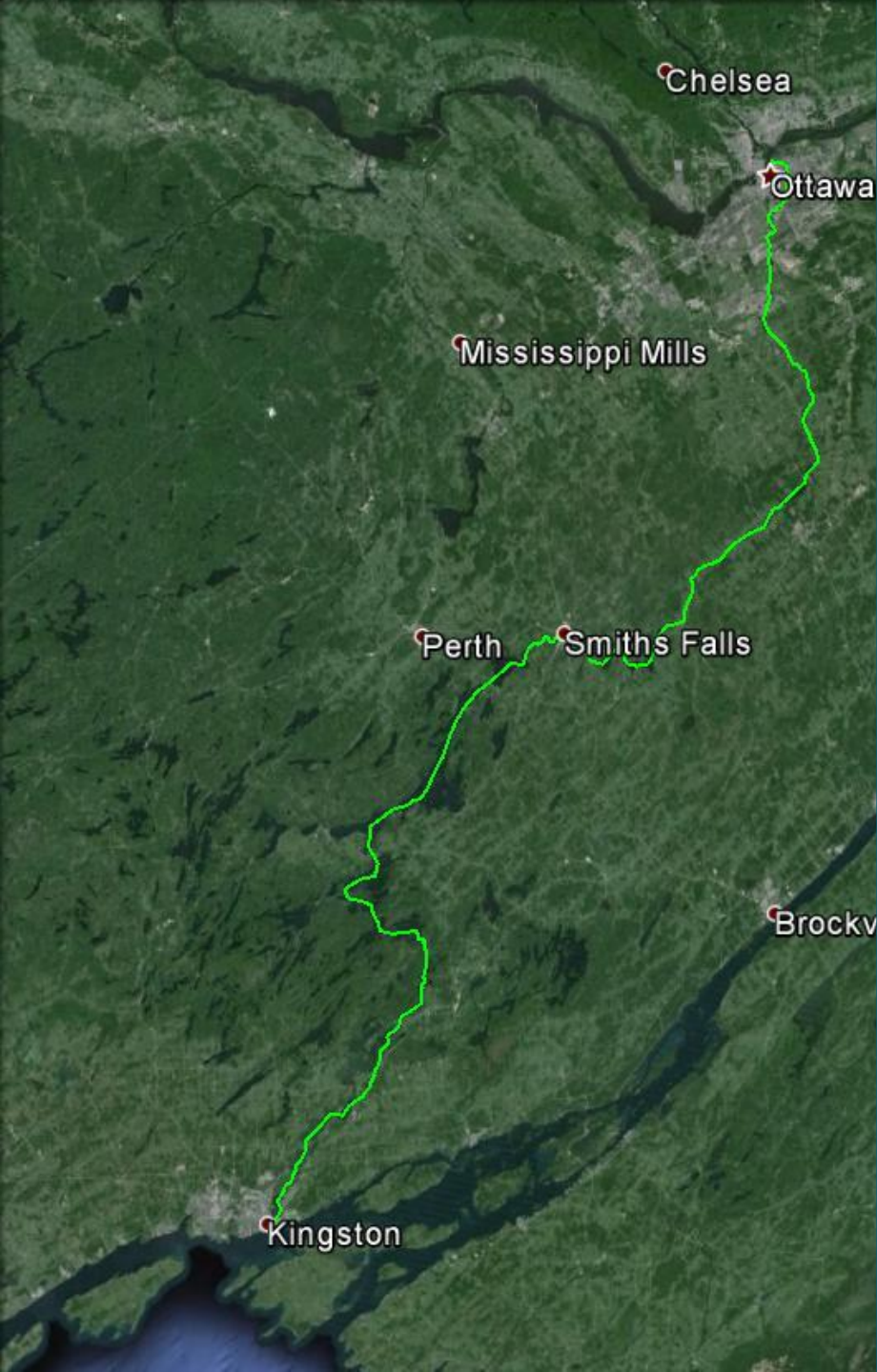
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Trinidad and Tobago

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...throw your hat in the ring!