

Environmental Service, Sailing & Scuba FOXTROT

LIVE ABOARD
catamaran
SAILBOATS

Details

Age: Completing grades 8-12
Location: British Virgin Islands
Arrive/Depart: St. Thomas (STT) or
alternatively Beef Island Airport, Tortola (EIS)

Program	Start	End	# days	Tuition
Foxtrot 1	Jun 20	Jul 10	21	\$5,195
Foxtrot 2	Jul 13	Aug 2	21	\$5,195
Foxtrot 3	Aug 5	Aug 18	14	\$3,795

You take one big breath and free dive down 15 feet... you've been practicing for a few days. You spot a 20-pound Hawksbill turtle slowly cruising the sea grass bottom. He's only an arm's length away, well within your grasp. Using the approved techniques you learned yesterday, you carefully take hold of the shell with both hands and return to the surface with your new buddy. You both take a big breath. Your Captain does the tagging, you do the measuring, and it's over in a few moments. As you release your turtle, you and your crewmates realize that you've contributed to the health of future sea turtle populations.

After more than 30 years working in the BVI, we're proud of our strong links with the local community. Through our Foxtrot Program, we're delighted to be giving something back. During your 14 or 21-day voyage, you'll see just how stunning and varied the local marine environment is. By taking direct action to protect and preserve it, you'll be performing a service to the BVI community that will have a lasting impact. Your home and floating laboratory is a 42-47' catamaran, a style of boat that can get up close to the most spectacular sites in the BVI. You and your crew will sail from location to stunning location, leaving each site in better condition than when you arrived. You'll meet some remarkable new people and form lifelong bonds with your crew plus you'll leave the BVI knowing you've played a positive role in preserving this natural wonder.

Since we're focusing on marine-based community service, your destinations will have built-in opportunities to meet those goals and earn 20-30 service hours. You'll attempt to catch and tag sea turtles, as well as begin studies of seagrass beds in the BVI. You'll visit endangered reefs to do fish counts and perform "check-ups" on coral reef health. The Foxtrot Program is your opportunity to have hands-on interaction with the "rainforest of the sea" and make a difference by helping to preserve the life of the ocean. You will learn proper skin diving (snorkeling) techniques and use your new skills during community service projects. You'll learn to identify the amazing variety of fish, sea turtles, sponges and coral. You'll also make new friends and become a sailor too, sharing responsibilities aboard your boat and rotating positions to take charge as Skipper of the Day, Mate and Navigator. And no matter where you go, you're sure to do a clean sweep and Leave No Trace behind.

Optional scuba courses include PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water Certifications, Specialties, recreational diving, and Discover Scuba (a non-certification course for first time divers). Students who get certified with us, or come to us already certified, will be using scuba diving skills as part of the Foxtrot community service projects, specifically in connection with Reef Check. Everyone will participate in our series of Marine Biology seminars.



"It was nice to do community service with island kids! I also loved the reef checks because we got to see beautiful things and we were helping monitor changes in the climate—a win on both sides."

*Caitlin Jacobs, age 16
Salt Lake City, UT*



Scuba Diving Options

Optional Courses

	Discover Scuba	Recreational Diving	Open Water (OW)	Advanced Open Water	Dive Specialties	EFR	Rescue Diver	DM/OAWSI	ASA Basic Keelboat	Academic Credit
Foxtrot 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Foxtrot 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Foxtrot 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

Optional Courses

Many students are happy with Foxtrot's regular curriculum and activities. (Note our Foxtrot programs have busy service curriculums and thus limited time for regular watersports activities.) For those students seeking that extra challenge, Foxtrot programs offer several diving options. Certain optional courses have limited enrollment, additional fees and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.