

# Isn't It Romantic?

by Kerri Glynn

The pirate loomed over her, his gold earring catching the light, his eyes gleaming just as bright as he looked at her with lust. He reached out to touch the neck of Elizabeth's dress. Her bosom heaved as the boat rocked...

Oops. Change the channel.

The sun shone down on the newlyweds. Dexter sat in the cockpit of the boat, handsome in his blue blazer and white captain's hat. He nudged the tiller with his foot as Tracy snuggled against him. "Isn't she yare?" the new bride asked with a smile. "So are you kid; that's why I named her the TRUE LOVE."

You have to be kidding. But it's so romantic. I guess, but it isn't really like that. Well, maybe it is. But not like that.

When we first started sailing, I had stipulated only one thing. We go alone. On a 44-foot sailboat. Alone. Even though I can't sail. "It's so romantic," people said. I'd just smile. Truthfully, I like to be alone. We like to be alone. I was an only child. My husband was the last of six, eight years between him and his next older brother. Even at college, I managed to turn a double room into a single. And Captain Tim? He found roommates whose families lived in the neighborhood.

He's always felt a little guilty about keeping this beautiful 44-foot sailboat to ourselves, but truth is, he is just as relieved when any company we've had leaves after a few days. He learned to sail our boat alone.

We sail the Caribbean, the islands of the BVI.



There are lots of beach bars and full moon parties, but we don't spend our evenings there. We stay on our boat. "It's so romantic," the women I meet tell me. And it is. Sometimes in the way they picture it, but sometimes not.

The most consistently "romantic" thing we do is hold evening cocktail parties. For just the two of

us. No bathing suits (of either kind), no t-shirts either. We dress for cocktails - collared shirts for him and sun dresses for me. (No shoes for either of us; we're not insane.) Capt. Tim has his martini, shaken, not stirred, and I have rum and coke. Real glasses. Coasters. Cocktail napkins. A platter of cheese and grapes. We turn up the stereo. We don't talk about business.

Of course we do this at home too, but when your living room is surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea, when the sun goes down behind Leverick Bay, when the only sounds you hear are the splash of a pelican diving into the water and the bleating of goats calling to their mothers to come and get them - that's romantic.

And we have dined in some magical places. Anegada - the Drowned Island - 11 miles long. Only 2.8 feet above sea level. Home to a flock of pink flamingoes. One hotel on the island that offers a lobster dinner each night on the beach. After sailing 12 miles across open ocean, we sit at a table for two at the edge of the sea, under a full moon. Your waiter brings you two steaming Caribbean lobsters on a platter, drawn butter and a bottle of chilled white wine. Now that's romantic. Sometimes you even go home with the actual telephone number of Buckingham Palace. Really! It happened to me.

White Bay, Jost Van Dyke. In the beginning, it reminded me of that early Brook Shield's movie *The Blue Lagoon*. A table on the beach stood bare

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