



MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

# Nanny Cay Marina

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Berthing Guide

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Nanny Cay Marina, Tortola: the BVI charter captain's guide

Destination: Tortola

Ecosystem: British Virgin Islands

Gateway: EIS

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## Overview

Set on Tortola's south coast between Road Town and West End, Nanny Cay Marina is one of the British Virgin Islands' most practical charter bases, facing the protected waters of the Sir Francis Drake Channel. Yachts come here for the combination that matters at the start or end of a BVI itinerary: a sheltered marina basin, a substantial boatyard, straightforward provisioning, fuel, restaurants, hotel rooms and a central position for slipping quickly to Norman Island, Peter Island, Cooper Island and beyond. It is not an old harbour town with pastel customs houses; it is a purpose-built marina village with a working Caribbean pulse, where bareboats, crewed catamarans, racing yachts and larger charter yachts share the same morning choreography. The atmosphere is relaxed but operationally competent. You hear halyards at first light, smell warm bread and diesel at the dock, and see crews loading cases of water and reef-safe sunscreen before the trade winds fill in across the channel.

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QUAY FACTS

## Specifications

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| INDICATIVE MAX LOA<br>approx. 30 m                       | INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT<br>approx. 3.5 m                       |
| BERTHS<br>200                                            | FUEL<br>Available                                           |
| POWER<br>Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA | WATER<br>Available                                          |
| WASTE<br>Pump-out on request / by arrangement            | WI-FI<br>Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred |

PILOTAGE NOTES

## Approach

Approach Nanny Cay Marina with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Confirm fuel, shore power amp rating and waste before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

## Berthing

Peak berths around Nanny Cay Marina typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

## Door to deck





Primary gateway EIS. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

#### AIRPORT

EIS

#### EMBARK UTILITY

## Embark at Nanny Cay Marina

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Door-to-deck for Tortola: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

#### MEETING POINT

Meeting point: Nanny Cay Marina - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.

#### ARRIVAL BUFFER

Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.

#### PEAK LEAD TIME

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#### Captain notes

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#### Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

#### Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

#### EIS

Primary gateway EIS.

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#### SHORE TABLES

## Nearby dining

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#### Peg Legs

A Nanny Cay staple for dockside lunches, informal dinners and post-passage drinks. It suits crews and guests who want relaxed food without leaving the marina.

#### Nanny Cay Beach Bar

Good for an easy first or last meal with sandy feet, sunset light and a resort-style setting. Expect casual plates, cold drinks and a family-friendly mood.

#### Omar's Fusion

A useful marina option when guests want more flavour and polish than a standard dock bar. It is particularly convenient for arrival-night dining.

#### Captain Mulligan's

Casual, sociable and practical for groups, children and crew meals. It is a no-fuss choice when timings are uncertain.







### **Brandywine Estate Restaurant**

One of Tortola's more refined dinner addresses, set away from the marina bustle. Reserve ahead in peak season and allow taxi time.

### **BananaKeet Café**

Known for its elevated sunset views above the north shore. It works well for a scenic final dinner ashore.

#### FALLBACKS

## **Nearby anchorages**

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### **The Bight, Norman Island**

A protected, sociable anchorage with easy access to the Caves, the Indians and a classic first-night BVI atmosphere.

### **Great Harbour, Peter Island**

Close to Nanny Cay and well placed for a gentle shakedown, swim stop or quiet overnight in suitable conditions.

### **Manchioneel Bay, Cooper Island**

Yachts go for clear water, moorings, snorkelling and the relaxed Cooper Island Beach Club setting.

### **Salt Island**

A rewarding stop for experienced crews, especially when paired with diving or snorkelling the RMS Rhone Marine Park.

### **Cane Garden Bay**

A broad north-shore bay with beach bars and sunset energy, best chosen with north swell conditions firmly in mind.

### **White Bay, Jost Van Dyke**

Famous for bright sand, beach bars and turquoise water, it is popular but memorable when approached early and respectfully.

#### TIMING

## **Seasonal note**

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The prime BVI charter season runs from December to April, when the easterly trade winds are most reliable, humidity is lower and European and North American guests arrive in force. Christmas, New Year, February school holidays, Easter and major regatta periods need the longest lead times for berths, crewed yachts, restaurant tables and specialist provisioning. Typical trades often sit in the moderate range, but stronger pulses, Christmas winds and squally fronts can make reefing and anchorage choice important. North swells can affect exposed north-shore bays such as Cane Garden Bay and parts of Jost Van Dyke, while Nanny Cay's south-coast position is generally more protected inside the Sir Francis Drake Channel. The official Atlantic hurricane season runs from June to November, with the highest-risk months late summer into early autumn. May, early June and November can be rewarding shoulder periods, offering warmer water, fewer boats and better availability, provided crews watch tropical weather closely.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

## Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

## Berthing FAQ

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### How do I embark at Nanny Cay Marina?

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your EIS arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

### Can I berth a yacht at Nanny Cay Marina?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Tortola.

### What does berthing cost at Nanny Cay Marina?

What berthing costs at Nanny Cay Marina depends on length overall, peak weeks and power amp rating. Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

### Is yacht charter available from Nanny Cay Marina?

Private yacht charter from Nanny Cay Marina is common for Tortola weeks. Captains confirm approach and tender logistics; we hold the quay or an anchorage fallback.

### How far ahead should we book a berth at Nanny Cay Marina?

For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. We start the berth conversation when the yacht shortlist is open.

### What is the practical embarkation airport for Nanny Cay Marina?

Primary gateway EIS. We choreograph chauffeur or helicopter into the gangway window.

### Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

The Bight, Norman Island is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

### What services should we expect at Nanny Cay Marina?

We confirm fuel, shore power, water and waste against your LOA with the marina agent before contract.







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*Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

ENQUIRE

## Begin a conversation.

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