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Watersports Fact Sheet

Snapshot

- Year-round adventures in Bermuda's famous turquoise waters
- Activities for all ages and experience levels
- Fun and exciting ways to see the island's hidden gems

Popular Watersports

- **Jet Skiing** A Jet Ski tour of the island is an adrenaline rush like no other. Guests can zoom over the crystal clear waters that surround the island and check out otherwise tough-to-get-to gems including secluded beaches, hidden coves and sunken ships.
 - o Tour/Rental Info:
 - *H20 Sports* Offers 75-minute trips
 - *K.S. Watersports* Offers 75-minute trips
 - SeaVenture Watersports Offers one-hour, two-hour or half-day tours
 - <u>Snorkel Park Beach</u> Offers one-hour or two-hour tours
 - Somerset Bridge Watersports Offers 75-minute tours
- **Fly Boarding** The most fun a person can have with boots on. The Flyboard attaches at the feet and uses jet thrust as propulsion, allowing the board to let participants fly through the air and water.
 - o Tour/Rental Info:
 - <u>Coconut Rockets</u> Offers 30-minute sessions and includes preflight instruction for rookie pilots
- Boating Water enthusiasts can explore Bermuda's open seas and pristine islands on a
 motorboat or pontoon boat. Several companies offer hourly or daily rentals of boats, either
 self-driven or guided.
 - Tour/Rental Info:
 - Blue Hole Water Sports 2-8 hour motorboat rentals available
 - Fantasea Diving & Watersports Pontoon boat rentals available
 - <u>H20 Sports</u> Motorboat rentals available
 - *K.S. Watersports* Pontoon and Boston Whaler rental boats available
 - Somerset Bridge Watersports Pontoon and Boston Whaler rental boats available
- **Sailing** The 35th America's Cup, the world's premier boat race, took place in the summer of 2017, solidifying Bermuda's status as a must-visit destination for sailor of all experience levels. Visitors can set sail across Bermuda's famed turquoise waters in a Sunfish (1-2 people), catamaran (1-3 people) or cruiser sailboat (1-4 people).
 - o Tour/Rental Info
 - Blue Hole Water Sports Sunfish rental available
 - <u>H20 Sports</u> Sunfish, catamaran and sailboats rentals available

- **Scuba Diving** Underwater adventures await in Bermuda. There are an estimated 300 shipwreck sites to be explored, reefs teeming with aquatic life and crystal clear waters.
 - o Tour/Rental Info
 - <u>Blue Water Divers & Watersports</u> Offers certification courses and guided or unguided diving excursions
 - <u>Dive Bermuda</u> Offers certification courses and guided diving excursions
 - Fantasea Diving & Watersports Offers certification courses and 4-hour guided diving excursions
- Deep-Sea Fishing Home to many species including marlin, tuna, wahoo and more, Bermuda has been hooking deep-sea anglers for years. A trip to the island will earn participants bragging rights to last a lifetime.
 - o Tour/Rental Info:
 - <u>Albatross Fisheries & Charters</u> Offers 5-hour, 7-hour, 9-hour, 11-hour or tournament trips
 - Big Fish Bermuda Challenger Charter Offers 4-hour. 6-hour and 8-hour charters. Shark fishing trips available in June, July and September.
 - <u>Mako Charters</u> Offers 9-hour charters. Rates for shorter or longer trip available upon request.
- **Paddle Boarding** SUP is one of the worlds fastest growing watersports, and the calm, clear water surrounding Bermuda is a great place to experience it. It is a workout and a great way to get a birds-eye view of the water.
 - o Tour/Rental Info:
 - <u>Blue Hole Water Sports</u> –Offers rentals for \$30 per hour and \$15 each additional hour
 - *K.S. Watersports* Offers rentals for \$25 per hour
 - Snorkel Park Beach Offers rentals for \$30 per hour
- **Helmet Diving** Walk on the ocean floor no scuba lessons or experience required using a unique helmet-diving system with large glass windows.
 - o Tour/Rental Info
 - Hartley's Undersea Walk Offers 30-40 minute tours seven days a week, departing at 9am and 1:30pm.
- **Wildcat Tours** Skim over Bermuda's crystal-clear waters, the wind blowing through your hair, music playing in the background, while you take in all the amazing scenery aboard a 50-foot high-speed custom hydrofoil catamaran (AKA a Wildcat).
 - o Tour/Rental Info
 - K.S. Watersports Offers 90-minute tours from late April through mid-November.
 - <u>Island Tour Centre</u> Offers two-hour trips around Bermuda.
- **Cliff Diving** Thrill seekers cannot resist taking a jump off of Bermuda's rocky limestone cliffs into the sparkling sea below. Rock climbers will love it, too to reach many cliff-diving spots, they have to scale the cliff first. Note: this is an "at-your-own-risk" activity.
 - Popular Spots:
 - Admiralty House Park Once the site of a grand home for admirals in the British Royal Navy, Admiralty House Park is now a prime spot for cliff diving, with deep water and thrilling heights
 - Diving Board Island Features jumps of varying heights and is ideal for beginners
 - Abbot's Cliff Spectacular views and great jumps

Events & Competitions

• **Newport Bermuda Race (June 15-23)** – Every other year, sailing crews compete in a rousing open-ocean race between U.S. and Bermuda waters. This is the race of legends – the classic that turned the sea into a playground and made ocean-racing a sport. Learn more at bermudarace.com.

- Atlantic Anniversary Regatta: Bermuda to Hamburg (July 8) A first for any regatta, Atlantic Anniversary combines two Atlantic Ocean races: Westbound from Lanzarote to the YCCS in Virgin Gorda and Eastbound from Hamilton, Bermuda to Hamburg, Germany. Learn more at anniversary-regatta.com.
- Round the Sound Swim (October 7) An annual open-water swim in Bermuda, this event takes place in the gorgeous Harrington Sound. Bermuda's water temperature in October averages 78 degrees. Since inception the Round the Sound Swim has raised over \$350,000 for local Bermuda charities. Learn more at aquamoonadventures.com.
- Bacardi Keelboat Regatta (November 15-17) The Bacardi Keelboat Regatta is once
 again being held November 2018 in Bermuda and is open to J105s, Etchells, Viper 640s and
 International One Designs. Learn more at regattanetwork.com.
- Christmas Boat Parade (December 8) The holidays get a whole lot brighter when dozens of boats decorated with brilliant lights cruise into Hamilton Harbour during the biennial Christmas Boat Parade. Boats begin their parade at 6:30 pm and the night ends with a spectacular fireworks display at 8 pm from White's Island. Learn more at cityofhamilton.bm