

## **Captain Peter Branning**

Peter Branning began sailing on Miami's Biscayne Bay at the age of 11. As a youngster, he spent as much time on the water as he could. He was even known to ride his bicycle off the end of the dock to see how far he could go. Before he had left high school, Peter had won several sailing championships and had sailed through the Florida Keys and to the Bahamas - without adult supervision.

As an adult, Peter became a world-class sailor with a long string of racing championships. He's sailed with some of the elites in the racing world, including an Olympic effort with two of today's best-known racers.

Wanting to share his love of the sea and the alchemy of wind, water and sail, Peter has become a highly respected sailing instructor, coaching sailors from beginners to top racers. He runs sailing clinics, coaches sailing teams and individuals, teaches sailing classes, and even helps folks find the right boat and sail the boat right. He has been honored as an Outstanding Instructor by the American Sailing Association. Peter is licensed by the US Coast Guard as a captain and master.

Peter is a very popular charter captain, hosting guests on day sails around St. Croix, and island-hopping charters throughout the Virgin Islands. Drawing on their experience as sailors and fulltime cruisers, he and his wife Martha Boston have built a reputation as knowledgeable, capable and gracious charter hosts.

Peter is a natural on the sea, and to most people it appears to be an almost mystical connection. When he's not sailing, he's often found freediving to almost 100 feet to bring up a lobster or fish. He calls upon a host of life experiences that make him the well-rounded captain you'd want on your sailing trip. He's been a firefighter, schoolteacher, commercial pilot, sailmaker, lawyer, mediator, counselor, and life coach. Peter and Martha run life-enhancing adventures both on land and sea through their company Captains Courageous. He is father and friend to two remarkable men who are quick to tell the world how lucky they are to have him as their dad. He and Martha live on a hillside in St. Croix with their standard poodle Calypso.