



GENEROUS FURNITURE DONATION TO HORIZON BVI STAFF

Tortola, British Virgin Islands, December, 2017 - A container packed full of household items for the staff of Horizon Yacht Charters was sent to the island of Tortola thanks to Patrick Festing-Smith and his friends. Mr. Festing-Smith is a 30-year resident of Oakville, Ontario in Canada, a frequent visitor to the BVI and owner of NANUK in the Horizon BVI fleet. Shocked by the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, Festing-Smith decided to take action and assist the staff of Horizon BVI, some of whom he calls friends. He stated that he wanted to “stop looking at the damage and try and help these poor people. Some of whom I have known for decades and have now lost everything.”

After a few phone calls and texts to “some of the best Oakville friends a person could possibly have,” Patrick had a committee in place, entertainment lined up and a venue secured for a benefit concert. Magically, even during a busy tour season, Patrick was able to line up Ed Robertson of the band *Barenaked Ladies*, who has sailed on NANUK three times in the BVI. He was also able to get music producer and performer Danny Michel, who has also sailed with Patrick; Ron MacLean, longtime TV host of *Hockey Night In Canada*; and Jim Cuddy of *Blue Rodeo*, to join the team.

Forty-eight hours later the committee had completely organized and **sold out** of tickets. This fabulous evening was held on September 27 at The Moonshine Café in Oakville. “All-in-all people raved it was the best party of the year. Small, intimate and comedic with Ed and Jim busting our sides with jokes and warming our hearts with amazing tunes,” said Patrick.

The event raised a total of \$55,000 from ticket sales, silent and live auction items, t-shirt sales and donations. The money went towards much needed items such as mattresses and box sprints, furniture, generators and more. It was delivered to the staff of Horizon Yacht Charters in the BVI on December 13, 2017.



About Horizon Yacht Charters

Established in 1998 with one boat, Horizon Yacht Charters now has a fleet of yachts spanning the Caribbean. Horizon prides themselves on maintain their yachts to the highest standard, ensuring the best vacation experience to their guests. They offer monohulls and catamarans, luxury crewed and bareboat charters across a broad range of sailing grounds to match any sailing experience clients may require.

Horizon Yacht Charters has four Caribbean bases in the British Virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada and the Grenadines and St Vincent.

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