

Antilles Air Boats & the Grumman Goose

A BYGONE ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



About the Plane

First flown in 1937, the G-21 Goose was Grumman's first single-wing aircraft, its first twin-engine aircraft, and its first aircraft used as a commercial airliner. Capable of alighting on water or land, this remarkable aircraft has served for many decades in a variety of roles that have confirmed the strength and durability of its original design. The G-21 was designed as an "air yacht" for wealthy New York businessmen, so they could commute from their homes on Long Island to their Manhattan offices. It soon found a market as an airliner, military transport, and utility aircraft. With the coming of WWII, the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard operated 169 "Gooses" designated as JRFs in utility, transport, and antisubmarine duty. In total, the air forces and navies of eleven nations flew the Goose. After World War II, small airlines in Alaska, the Caribbean, and California adopted G-21s due to its unique attributes that make it fit for travel in virtually any environment.

The Goose still flies today, in its original form and also modified with turboprop engines for increased performance. For over fifty years the rugged and versatile G-21 performed its daily tasks providing much needed service carrying passengers and freight throughout the world.



ANTILLES AIR BOATS

ST. THOMAS 4-1776 • ST. CROIX 3-1776

SCHEDULED SEAPLANE SERVICE LINKING MIDTOWN ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, ST. JOHN, TORTOLA AND FAJARDO

EFFECTIVE FEB. 1968

Flights marked with asterisks
do not operate Sundays

ST. CROIX to ST. THOMAS

Dep't	Arrive
8:01	8:25
8:31	8:45
8:38	8:50
8:51	9:15
9:20 Super Goose*	10:00
10:15	10:40
10:30	10:55
11:00	11:25
11:30	11:55
12:20	12:45
1:05	1:30
2:05	2:25
2:45	3:10
4:00 Super Goose*	4:30
4:30	4:55
4:45	5:10
5:00	5:25
5:15	5:40
5:31	5:55

ST. THOMAS to ST. CROIX

Dep't	Arrive
7:45	8:10
8:00	8:25
8:15	8:40
8:45 Super Goose*	9:15
9:30	9:55
10:00	10:25
10:30	10:55
10:45	11:10
11:15	11:40
11:45	12:10
12:30	12:55
1:25	1:50
2:35	2:50
2:45	3:00
3:35 Super Goose*	4:15
4:10	4:35
4:25	4:50
4:45	5:10
5:00	5:25
5:31	5:55

ST. THOMAS to TORTOLA

Dep't	Arrive
7:15*	7:30
10:55*	11:10
3:30*	3:45

TORTOLA to ST. THOMAS

Dep't	Arrive
7:45*	7:55
11:20*	11:35
4:00*	4:15

ST. CROIX to TORTOLA

Dep't	Arrive
12:00*	12:25
1:00*	1:15

TORTOLA to ST. CROIX

Dep't	Arrive
12:45*	1:10
2:00*	2:25

PLEASE

present your ticket
15 minutes prior to
departure time
at Antilles Offices

ST. THOMAS to FAJARDO

Dep't	Arrive
9:00*	9:05
9:00*	9:25
2:30*	2:55
2:50*	3:15

FAJARDO to ST. THOMAS

Dep't	Arrive
9:20*	9:45
9:40*	10:05
3:00*	3:25
3:30*	3:55

ST. CROIX to ST. JOHN

Dep't	Arrive
9:40	10:05
3:00	3:25

ST. JOHN to ST. CROIX

Dep't	Arrive
10:30	10:55
3:30	3:55

FARES

ST. THOMAS to FAJARDO \$10.00 rd. trip \$20.00

ST. THOMAS to ST. CROIX \$8.00 rd. trip \$16.00

ST. THOMAS to TORTOLA \$7.00 rd. trip \$14.00

ST. CROIX to ST. JOHN \$10.00 rd. trip \$20.00

ST. CROIX to TORTOLA \$12.00 rd. trip \$24.00

ST. CROIX to FAJARDO \$15.00 rd. trip \$30.00

EQUIPMENT
Super Goose Pilots
67 Passenger Seaplane - 5-64
15 1/2 Gallon
All Other Flights
10 Passenger Cormorant Goose
6-215 (Seaplane)

WORLD'S MOST EXPERIENCED SEAPLANE PILOTS

About Antilles Air Boats

In 1963, Captain Charles F. Blair, a famed aviator, put down \$10,000 on a Grumman Goose, hired five employees and started an airline. With that modest investment and a dream about convenient, economical, downtown-to-downtown air service, Capt. Blair and his wife, movie actress Maureen O'Hara built Antilles Air Boats into the largest seaplane service in the world and the mainstay of inter-island air transportation for Virgin Islanders, with service to St Thomas, St Croix, and St Johns in the USVI, Fajardo and San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Tortola, BVI.

- On Display At Yacht Haven Grande -

is a 1/3 scale model of a Grumman G-21A which was operated as a commercial travel aircraft out of Charlotte Amalie Harbor and throughout the US Virgin Islands from the 1960s to the 1980s.

