



As Hurricane Dorian sweeps up the East Coast of the United States towards Canada, we send our love and prayers to all in his path and his wake, especially the people of Grand Bahama and Abaco islands who endured a horrifying Category 5 nightmare for 36 hours. At least 30 were killed and hundreds are still missing. 70,000 are in immediate need of life-saving assistance. We greatly thank "Royal Caribbean" for sending a cruise ship to help with 10,000 meals, 10,000 bottles of water and more than 180 generators, as well as diapers and flashlights. We also thank American Airlines for sending a Boeing 737 with 14,000 pounds of relief supplies and for giving frequent-flyer points to customers who donate at least \$25 to the Red Cross.

Last Wednesday, Dorian hit St. Thomas where I live like a bullseye, which was a big surprise for us because it was predicted to be a tropical storm that would pass too far south to cause any trouble here. We all went to bed Tuesday night thinking it would be no big deal, then woke up Wednesday to find it had taken a sharp turn north and was headed straight for us. It became a hurricane right before hitting St. Thomas.

My home and I are fine. Our scuba boat, Lady Grace, is afloat but a little beaten up. The swim platform was torn off and the strong pole used for lifting heavy items is hanging off the stern because it was attached by a line to the swim ladder on the platform. No worries, she'll soon be fixed and ready to take our members out on new adventures. Many boats weren't as lucky, they're capsized or on rocks or blown all over the place and a beautiful sailboat I've loved for years broke free and hasn't been found.

The day after Dorian passed St. Thomas, there was the most amazing lightning storm. It sounded exactly like the grand finale of a huge fireworks display, a very long volley of fast loud explosions, and that night the lightning streaking across the skies all around the islands was crazier I've ever seen. It was Dorian kicking into high gear as it headed towards the Bahamas.

Today is the 2 year anniversary of Hurricane Irma which crushed the Virgin Islands in 2017. It was the most powerful hurricane ever recorded anywhere in the world with sustained 185 mph winds for 37 hours, the longest any cyclone has maintained that intensity. Two weeks later, we were hit by another Category 5, Hurricane Maria, leaving my home without power for 80 days and many had no power for a year or longer, it was the longest blackout in U.S. history. Still, as catastrophic as those storms were, the damages wrought by Dorian on Grand Bahama and Abaco islands are worse. Please help if you can.

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Thank you so much, we wish you a wonderful weekend!

All the best,  
Leah

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