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CD Review



If It's About Beer, It's About Sailing

by Michelle Hurni

Ah, everyone's dream, "Nickel Beer." If it can't be a reality (was it ever?), at least we can listen to Rick Glaze sing about it, and dream. His CD *Anegada Caribbean Breeze* went on sale throughout the British Virgin Islands in 2009 and has developed a cult following among the sailing crowd, especially when he sails up at his favorite beach bars and puts on a show.

When Rick first chartered in the BVI, Graeme MacCallum was his skipper. They ended up anchored at Peter Island in Little Harbor, and Graeme says, "at the time, I didn't know he was that good of a guitarist." The beach fire was sparking and Rick started playing. Before long, "the jam and the sound brought other people in."

A few years later, Graeme hosted Rick's first official show, at his wine bar, The Watering Hole, in Village Cay. Graeme came to the BVI from South Africa and says "people gather around watering holes when the sun sets. It's a place people can come and meet after a hot day." The perfect ambiance for Rick's Caribbean inspired music.

Rick's first four-island *Anegada Caribbean Breeze* tour included not just The Watering Hole, but Marina Cay, Anegada Reef Hotel and, of course, Foxy's Bar. His second tour was in May 2010, with more planned whenever he feels the urge to sail. Rick is a successful businessman from the San Francisco area, yet, his passion is music.

"I think Rick could be over talented," Graeme says. "The way his music is put together, especially *Cool Nights in Santa Cruz*, it rivals Buffett. Jimmy had an idea, but Rick's talent as a musician and as a writer is far more than that of just a beach bum. It's classier, more refined and finished."

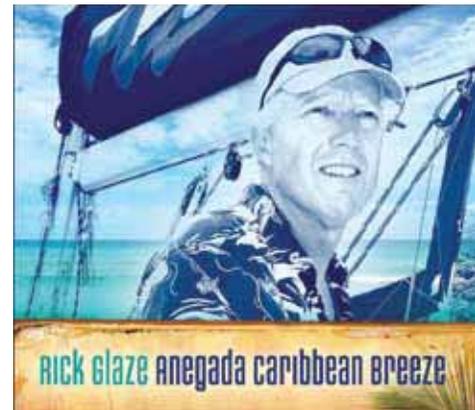
With bare feet nestled in warm sand, his intimate acoustic shows in the beach setting border on perfection. There's nothing better than Rick serenading you with "Anegada" while you've got fresh lobster clutched in your hand and butter dripping off your fingers.

Jimmy Buffett may have a massive following, but Rick Glaze is a fresh breeze, bringing sailing music to the outside world. From rock-ballad melodies like "The Purple River" to the poetic introspective look about middle age creeping up in "Over," his music resonates, even if the water isn't lapping at the side of your boat.

Pop open a coldie, prop up your feet, and sing along to "Nickel Beer." Pick up your copy of *Anegada Caribbean Breeze* at shops and bars in the BVI, or online at www.rickglaze.com. You can thank me later. With a Nickel Beer.

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I can't remember the last time
I wasn't at least kind of tired.



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