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PICK OF PLACES TO KICK BACK AND BE A MAN

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Men, it's your month. Celebrate being king of everything. Life is good, but sometimes it takes getting away with the boys to appreciate it. Go crazy. Get manly. And toss the cologne. When you cavort with cronies, nobody cares. Here are three macho mançations, where you can chill and be a man.

**LITTLE
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FILLED WITH
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GEAR AND
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West Whale Bay

CAST AWAY in Bermuda

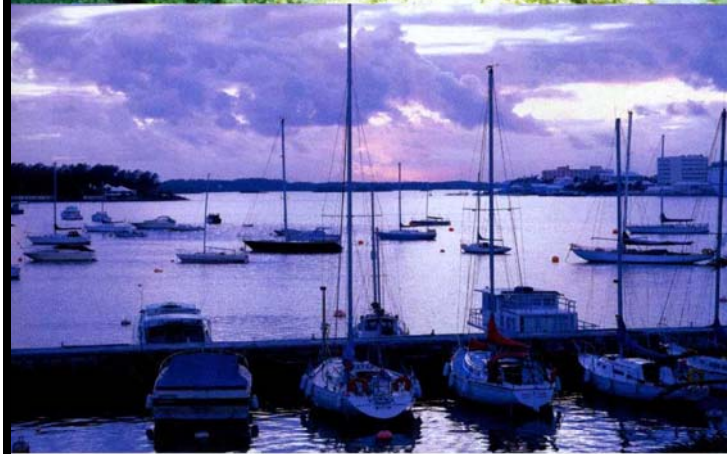


The Fairmount Hamilton Princess

JUST BECAUSE BERMUDA HAS BEACHES THE COLOR OF PINK BALLETTIGHTS does not mean it's not a manly enough place for the guys to gather for a fishing getaway. OK, they wear Bermuda shorts and knee socks, too, you say. Granted, but Bermudians also drive on the wrong side of the road (that's the left side if you're wondering), which is a pretty macho thing to do, not to mention the male factor manifested by their serious love affair with motor scooters and really big boats.

Take Skipper Peter Rans, one of Bermuda's most storied fishermen. Men like him have known for centuries that the warm waters surrounding Bermuda harbor a hoard of hearty sea creatures from wahoo to shark. While hook and line aficionados can shore fish or reef fish along 21 miles of coastline, the most fun is a day or two on the high seas in pursuit of the blue marlin and other giants of the sea. Dauntingly big, these immense fish are best caught under the watchful eye of a seafaring professional. Book a captain like Rans and a boat, like his 41-foot Overproof, and you'll find snagging a marlin as easy as catching a goldfish in an aquarium (with a scoop!). Costing around \$900 for a half day and \$1,300 for a full day, these boats are big enough for all the boys.

WHILE SOME MEN FISH TO RELAX, OTHERS TUNE IN TO THEIR PRIMAL INNER MAN AND SEE THE SPORT AS A COMPETITION. So, if leisure isn't what comes to mind when you put some worms on a hook or bait your fancy lure, if the stress of waiting for the big one drives you and your posse of pals completely, well, fishy, consider entering a fishing contest. Prestigious and geared to the more experienced



deep-sea fisherman, Bermuda's annual Big Game Classic, a three-day big fish team challenge, will channel the Captain Ahab in every guy. The country's largest billfish event and the centerpiece of Bermuda's sports fishing triple crown, the Classic takes place July 8-12. Bring your buddies and compete for prizes and prestige.

WHEN NOT FISHING, SPORTY MEN CAN PLAY A BIT OF TENNIS, DIVE OR SNORKEL. Bermuda's reef is more than 200 square miles, the northernmost in the world, and boasts an abundance of easily accessed shipwrecks. Leisurely types can gad about in spas, lounge by the pools, read that sports biography they've been carrying around since the holidays. Outstanding food reflects the diverse culture of Bermuda and ranges from continental style to Caribbean-influenced dishes. And don't forget the island's signature drink: the Dark and Stormy. This spicy blend of Black Seal rum and ginger beer makes the perfect toast to honor the catch of the day.

Because fishing draws so many visitors, most hotels offer stellar fishing packages. The Fairmont brand has two hotels on the island. Its grand dame, The Fairmont Hamilton Princess, sits on spectacular Hamilton harbor, smack in the middle of the village-sized capital city. It offers a Reel in Relaxation Package (perfect for men who have hung up the "Gone Fishing" sign), which includes three nights' accommodations, a full day's private fishing charter, and a \$100 golf credit for about \$1,950. 🍷

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