

to BVI waters to be sunk as a dive site attraction.

Built as a cadet training ship for the French Navy in 1935 as *Oiseau des Isles*, the ship was based in Tahiti during World War II and later hauled freight in Mexico. The renamed ship became part of the Windjammer Barefoot Cruises charter fleet in 1968 and sailed regularly in the BVI, where she was joking called by some the "Frying Crowd". She was retired from the charter fleet in 2002 because she was too expensive to maintain. *Flying Cloud* was donated to a museum in Trinidad but that institution reportedly declined to accept the ship.

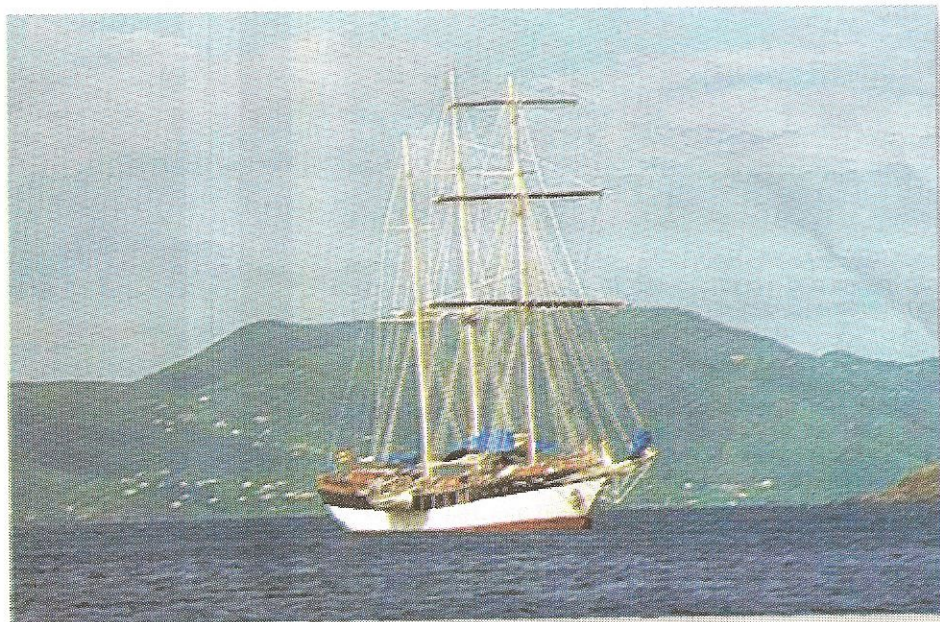
Plans are now underway to have *Flying Cloud* towed from Port of Spain, Trinidad, to the BVI. Her final "resting place" has not yet been announced.

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'Sink the Flying Cloud' Project

The British Virgin Islands Scuba organization and the BVI Tourist Board are in the process of bringing the three-masted, 200-foot, 400-ton tall ship *Flying Cloud*



The once proud Flying Cloud is to be sunk as a BVI dive site