



# Happy landings

Warm winds, blue seas and sheltered bays – all things of which a keen sailor dreams. Jill Keene seeks out the most magnificent moorings in the Caribbean

On returning from a long day spent on your yacht, what could be more convenient than having a private berth virtually on your doorstep? The Caribbean not only offers some of the most exhilarating and picturesque sailing imaginable, it also has a wealth of sheltered marinas with first-class facilities.

St. Lucia is generally accepted as the most beautiful of all the Caribbean islands and was voted the fourth most beautiful island in the world by readers of *Conde Nast Traveller* magazine. Yet to date there have been few opportunities to purchase a quality resort property on the island. All that has now changed with the launch of two new residential resort developments. The first is The Landings which, as it's being built on reclaimed land, offers a rare opportunity to buy a freehold Caribbean

beachfront property. This is due to the fact that the Queens Chain regulation, that states all land within 20 metres from the shoreline is owned by the government and can only be leased, does not apply.

The Landings is being marketed in the UK and Ireland by Premier Resorts who state that its property prices offer excellent value for money when compared to beachfront and marina developments on neighbouring Barbados. Graeme Grant, chairman of Premier Resorts says, "The prices at Port St Charles in Barbados, a similar marina development that has virtually sold out, are currently over 40% higher than The Landings. And nowadays you will find it hard to find a beachfront property in the Caribbean for under \$1,000,000 (£575,927). Returns of 40 - 50% over short periods of time on property in St