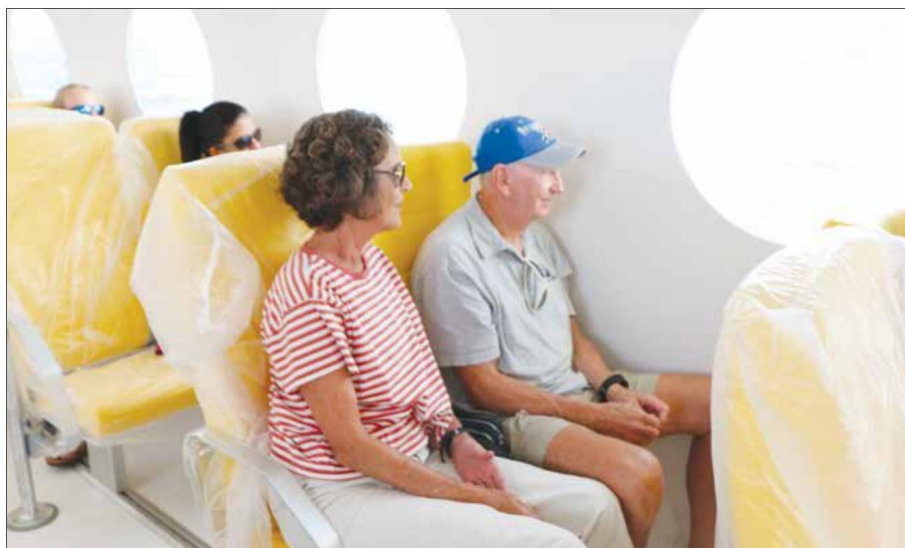
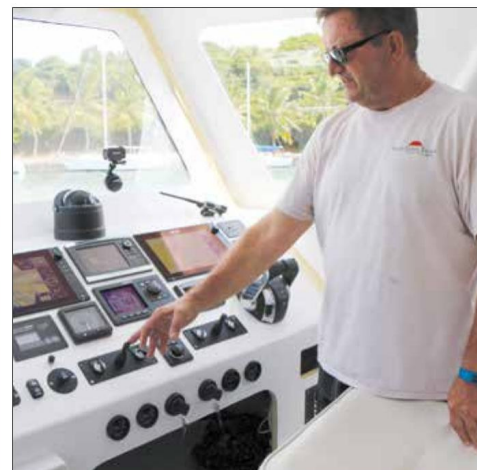


# Trial run



Comfortable seats, lots of leg room and a great view made the QE IV trial run a great experience for Colin and Phyllis Robertson.



Jeff Bisson of Gold Coast Yachts checks the controls prior to the start of the trial run.



Capt. Roger Charles at the helm.



Gold Coast Yachts staff cast off for the trial run of the QE IV tandem catamaran ferry on Friday afternoon at Salt River, St. Croix. The 103-foot, 50-passenger ferry is the brainchild of St. Croix resident Warren Mosler, who built the ferry without any government support. Once it is cleared to carry passengers commercially, the ferry will operate between the Charlotte Amalie waterfront on St. Thomas and Gallows Bay on St. Croix, according to Jeff Bisson, vice president of Gold Coast Yachts, the company that built the ferry. The boat is tentatively expected to go into service on Aug. 1.

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