



Virgin Islands Shipping Registry

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SAFETY ALERT

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Applicability: All vessels in Virgin Islands waters

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Fatal accident off Mountain Point, North West Coast, Virgin Gorda

On 24th January 2015 around 03:00 hrs, a boat carrying 6 persons crashed into the Cow Mouth rocks off Mountain Point, in the North West Coast of Virgin Gorda. The boat was returning from an evening at Spanish Town and was on the way to North Sound and beyond. The accident tragically resulted in two fatalities and the others persons were taken to the hospital.

The Virgin Islands Shipping Registry would like to advise Mariners to exercise extreme caution while rounding this head of land particularly during night time and poor visibility. Mariners are reminded of their responsibility to keep a look out by all available means and to proceed at a safe speed so that proper and effective action can be taken to avoid collision and be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances. Further Mariners are reminded about the is holding its annual Boating Safety Week on Tortola beginning Sunday 7 November, 2010.

Mariners are advised that during the above event "distress signals" (parachute flares, hand flares and buoyant smoke signals) will be discharged for demonstration purposes in Road Harbour area on Wednesday, 10 November 2010 between 1330 hrs and 1600 hrs. Prior to discharging the distress signals Virgin Islands Shipping Registry will broadcast an announcement on VHF channel 16 giving further details.

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