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SAFETY ALERT **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 3 - 2019**

<p>OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SKIPPERS AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING IN VIRGIN ISLANDS TERRITORIAL WATERS</p>

Buju Banton “Long Walk to Freedom Show”

The Virgin Islands Shipping Registry (VISR) welcomes attendees to this great show and wishes them a very safe and enjoyable time in the Virgin Islands. For the sake of maritime safety, we would like to bring to the attention of the mariners the following Virgin Islands laws and mandatory safety information.

1. There is a speed limit of 5 knots in all harbours and anchorages and within 100 yards of the shoreline.
2. Mariners are reminded that there could be other leisure users in water and to ensure that there is no wake in anchorages and its approaches.
3. It is illegal to operate a vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. It is prohibited to anchor in most of the Road Harbour area and especially in any buoyed channel or port/dock approaches.
5. Please ensure that the Customs and Immigration Clearance Areas are kept clear of boats to ensure smooth operations.
6. All commercial vessels must carry certificates of inspection, clearly stating the number of passengers that they can carry.
7. It is illegal to carry more passengers than the stated capacity of the vessel.
8. All boat owners are required to carry appropriate safety gear such as life jackets, life buoys, distress flares, VHF radio, flotation gear etc for the number of persons on board.
9. The boat operators are reminded of their responsibility in regard to the Collision regulations and are strictly required to maintain sharp lookout by all available means, to proceed at a safe speed as well as take early action to avoid collision.
10. Mariners are reminded that there are swimming areas close to the beach in places such as Cane Garden Bay, White Bay Jost Van Dyke and Norman Island, where it is prohibited to approach or anchor by a vessel.

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