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SAFETY ALERT

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Applicability: All vessels in Virgin Islands waters

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Poker Run 2019

Poker Run competition is organised by Leverick Bay Hotel and Marina

Date of Poker Run completion: **26th May 2019**

Designated area of competition Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda – Foxy’s Taboo, Jost Van Dyke – Foxy’s Bar, Jost Van Dyke – Pirates Bight, Norman Island – Tortola Pier Park, Road Harbour Tortola-Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda.



The organisers of this Poker Run Nick Willis can be contacted on Phone: (284) 346-5238 and further information is available on their website: <http://www.bvipokerrun.com>

Members of the public, participants, boat owners, and mariners are advised that during the event the safety of the users of our pristine waters is of utmost importance. Apart from sailing and power boating, the BVI is host to various water sports activities such as swimming, snorkelling, paddle boarding, diving, surfing, kite surfing etc. Therefore the safety measures must be strictly observed to avoid any accident or incident.

Attention of the participants is particularly drawn to the following:

- All participants are to operate only within the designated area during the competition.
- Always maintain a sharp lookout for persons in water and other users of our waterways.
- All boats should be fit for purpose and fitted with the necessary equipment for safe navigation.
- The participants should obey the Collision Regulations as well as the rules of the Poker Run competition.
- Prepare for and practice your emergency response for accidents and incidents such as man overboard, drowning, collision and serious injury etc. prior to the Poker Run.
- Responsibility for safe operation lies with the Master of the vessel in question.

The general public and other water users are reminded to:

- Be aware of boats going at full speed within the area of the poker run during the time of the races.
- Avoid if possible water sport activities in the area of the poker run for the duration of the competition if possible.

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