



Virgin Islands Shipping & Maritime Authority

NAVIGATION WARNING **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 05-2025 (T)**

OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SKIPPERS, AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN THE VICINITY OF GUANA ISLAND TO SCRUB ISLAND, SOUTH OF GREAT CAMANOE ISLAND.

REFERENCE:

REPORTED INCIDENT OF NAVIGATIONAL BUOY BREAKAWAY

LOCATION:

LONG BAY, BEEF ISLAND, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS VG 18-27.194N 064-32.365W



Mariners are advised that the **Long Bay North Cardinal Marker**, which marks a **submerged rock**, has broken free from its station and is currently **missing from its charted position**.

The buoy marks the rock located at the coordinates:

Latitude 18°27.194'N, Longitude 64°32.'W

This cardinal mark is a critical aid to navigation, marking the presence of a submerged hazard in the long bay area. The absence of this buoy poses a **significant risk to safe navigation**, particularly in low visibility or for vessels unfamiliar with local waters.

All mariners are urged to:

- **Exercise extreme caution** when navigating in this area, and
- **Keeping safely North** of the charted coordinates of the north cardinal marker.

Efforts are currently underway to recover and re-establish the buoy. A follow-up notice will be issued once this navigation aid is restored.

This notice has been issued in accordance with section 163 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2001

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