



# Virgin Islands Shipping & Maritime Authority

## **NAVIGATION WARNING** **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 02-2025 (P)**

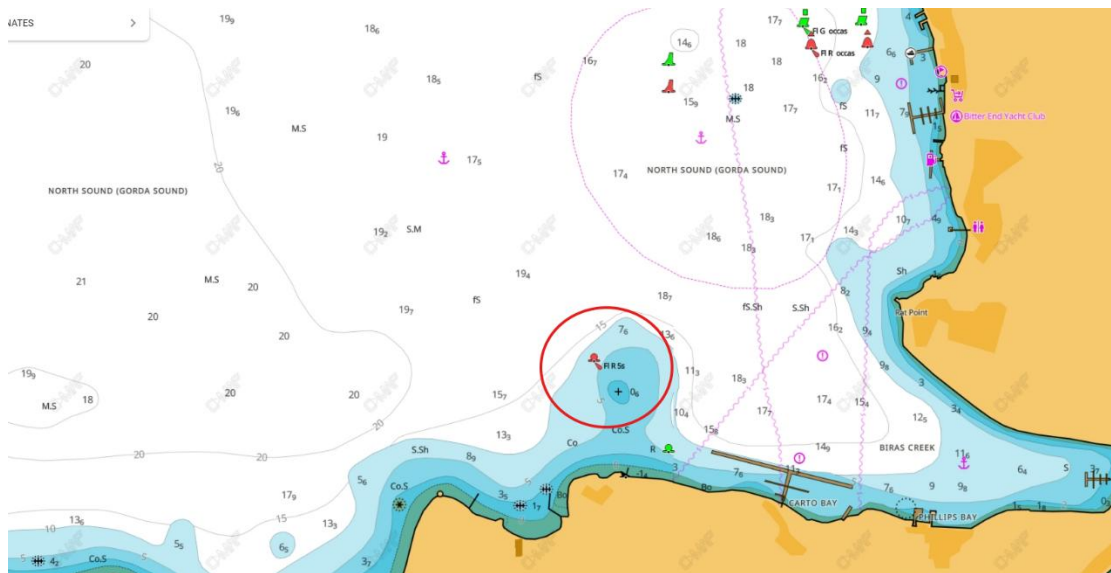
**OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SKIPPERs, AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN NORTH SOUND VIRGIN GORDA**

**REFERENCE:**

**REPORTED INCIDENT OF NAVIGATIONAL BUOY BREAKAWAY**

**LOCATION:**

***OYSTER ROCK BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS VG 18-29.667N 064-21.829W***



Mariners are advised that the **Oyster Rock Red Buoy**, 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°29.667'N, Longitude 64°21.829'W**

This red buoy is a critical aid to navigation, marking the presence of a submerged hazard in the north sound 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
- **Avoid direct passage** over the charted coordinates.

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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