



Virgin Islands Shipping & Maritime Authority

NAVIGATION WARNING **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 05-2026 (T)**

OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SKIPPERS, AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING IN AND AROUND TRELLIS BAY, BEEF ISLAND

REFERENCE:

EAST END/LONG LOOK FESTIVAL BOAT RACE – SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST 2026

LOCATION:

LONG BAY BEACH, BEEF ISLAND – (1) 18° 27.32' N, 064° 33.20' W, (2) 18° 27.33' N 064° 32.26' W, (3) 18° 27.08' N, 064° 32.25' W, (4) 18° 27.15' N, 064° 33.20' W, (5) 18° 27.19' N, 064° 32.73' W



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Mariners are advised that the **East End/Long Look Festival Boat Race** is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, 2 August 2026**, in the channel between **Great Camanoe** and **Long Bay Beach, Beef Island**. The racecourse is reported to extend in an east-west

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direction between Hawks Nest Point on the North of Tortola towards Sprat Point on the north of Beef Island. The approximate coordinates for Long Bay Beach, Beef Island are **18°26.75N, 64°32.8W**.

Four (4) races are scheduled, with the first race expected to commence at **1:00 p.m.** Subsequent races are expected to begin at approximately thirty-minute intervals, with the final race expected to conclude by **4:00 p.m.**

All mariners operating in this vicinity and approaches to this area are urged to **exercise extreme caution**, maintain an exceptional lookout and proceed at a safe speed. The participating vessels can operate at extremely high speeds and perform high-speed manoeuvres resulting in quickly closing CPA's. Mariners are encouraged to keep well clear of the racecourse and participating vessels.

Mariners should remain vigilant throughout the event, monitor local marine communications for instructions or safety updates, and comply promptly with any directions issued by event officials, safety vessels, or relevant authorities.

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

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