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IN THIS ISSUE *by Executive Director, Oriel Blake*

USVI CHARTER YACHT SHOW: CREW TO SIGN-UP FOR COMPETITIONS ONLINE

Chefs competing in the Culinary Competition will create dishes using locally sourced ingredients, chefs are urged to register early owing to limited places. Vessels prepare costumes and cocktails for 2018's Yacht-Hop competition themed "Under The Sea", sponsored by Stoli and Captain Morgans. Crew are challenged by Project Green Flag to demonstrate sustainable practices. CYBA Designer Water Contest challenges crew to do away with plastic and make tasty water onboard.

VIPCA MOVES FORWARD TERRITORY WIDE TRANSIENT MOORINGS PROPOSAL

VIPCA has partnered with DPNR's department of Coastal Zone Management to repair the 70 existing, damaged day-use moorings, and to newly install up to 100 new transient moorings over the next two years. VIPCA members will be sought for their input once funding has been received.

NEW MARINE VENDOR AND DAY CHARTER BUSINESS EVENTS AT YACHT SHOW

On the opening night of the USVI Charter Yacht Show, 10th November 5.30pm at Yacht Haven Grande, Virgin Island Marine Vendors are invited to exhibit to all participating charter businesses (60+ vessels).

13th November 6pm Day Charter businesses, hotels, villas, timeshares, AirBnBs and concierges are invited to share their updates and to meet in the "Day Charter Conference and Cocktail", partnered with VI Hotel and Tourism Association, catered and sponsored by Bellows, West Indies and Moes.

VI YOUTH GRADUATE FROM 6 WEEK VIPCA MARINE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

MRF funded VIPCA's inaugural intensive Marine Apprenticeship this June-July which provided training to seven young adults from St. Thomas and St. John in the marine charter industry in partnership with Cruise Ship Excursions (SSX). Students learned to swim, SCUBA dive, navigate, maintain vessels and diesel engines, and how to captain and crew sail and power boats with and without passengers. VIPCA sponsored the students through the five-day STCW Basic Training and will continue to mentor them to careers as captains and crew. Several apprentices now work for CSE and one applied to join the USCG.

MY BROTHERS WORKSHOP - MARINE, FOUNDED BY MARINE REBUILD FUND

Newly launched this September, MBW-Marine offers year round vocational training to at-risk youth in marine maintenance services. The territory's need for a marine trade school drove VIPCA to grant-write for this cause through its charity Marine Rebuild Fund. MRF received initial funding of \$200,000 from Fund For The Virgin Islands (FFVI) at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) for MBW-Marine's inaugural year. VIPCA is proud of its partnership with MBW and via MRF seeks funding for its' continued success in many years to come. Donations can be made to MRF at CFVI.net.