



UPDATES, NEWS AND YACHT SHOW



IN THIS ISSUE *by Executive Director, Oriel Blake*

PUERTO RICO'S 'SPANISH VIRGIN ISLANDS' EXPAND CHARTER ITINERARIES

Visiting Puerto Rico's eastern islands of Culebra, Culebrita, Vieques and more, often nicknamed the 'Spanish Virgin Islands', is now easier. Members of VIPCA have received a ruling from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) in Washington, D.C., clarifying entrance and departure requirements specifically for VIPCA-member yachts. This development offers an alternative destination to the British Virgin Islands. For charter guests, this provides the chance to see, explore and enjoy lesser traveled cruising grounds, and is a great travel opportunity for U.S. Citizens who may not hold a U.S. passport to visit the islands of both the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) as well as Puerto Rico.



MOE'S FRESH MARKET DUE TO OPEN IN YACHT HAVEN GRANDE JAN 2020



VIPCA is pleased to announce that Moe's Fresh Market is the USVI Charter Yacht Show's official provisioner and caterer. Dining is one of the finest pleasures of a boutique crewed charter yacht vacation in the Caribbean. Willie Hamed, vice president of Moe's says: "With our Moe's Fresh Market locations in Red Hook, on the Waterfront in Charlotte Amalie and by year's end at IGY's Yacht Haven Grande, we look forward to providing the Virgin Islands charter yacht community and their guests with a wide selection of fine foods and beverages, as well as catering to charter chef's special ingredient requests." Yacht crews can find pre-cut and cut-to-order name-brand selections of meats, poultry and seafood, including fresh fish and live lobsters. Produce arrives twice weekly on flights from the U.S. mainland, plus Moe's staff has formed relationships with local farmers and those in neighboring islands such as St. Croix, Puerto Rico and Dominica, to supply just-picked fruits, vegetables and herbs.

VIPCA SUBMITS MARINE STRATEGY PROPOSAL TO THE GOVERNOR

On August 26 VIPCA held its second private audience with Governor Albert Bryan in order to review the submitted Marine Strategy Proposal titled "How the Marine Industry Will Return the U.S. Virgin Islands to its Place as the Caribbean's Premier Tourism Destination". This 19 page document brings to the Government's attention that the marine industry offers immediate expansion possibilities and has proven to be a strong contributor to the Virgin Islands' economy, as well as a resilient industry to be depended upon following a natural disaster. VIPCA argues that revitalization of the Marine Industry lies with bringing awareness of the economic contribution of the industry to the Territory. Three phases of development are discussed including "Improved Investment into International Marketing and Support of Marine Events by the Department of Tourism", "Training and Human Resource Development in the Marine Industry", and "Development of Marine Infrastructure".

OFFSHORE MARINE AUCTIONS TENDER TO BENEFIT MARINE REBUILD FUND



Offshore is offering for auction a Yamaha F70 with Caribe DL15 Inflatable, one of the most popular tender packages for charter yachts. Join the silent auction race now to be in with a chance of an incredible deal on one of the most popular go-to four-stroke outboards, which deliver quick starts, high performance and incredible efficiency.

DAY CHARTER CONFERENCE AND COCKTAILS SET FOR NOV 14 AT 5.30PM

A great opportunity for the day charter industry to meet with the accommodation sector for announcements from both sides as to who is in business for Season 2020... to be held in Yacht Haven Grande on November 14 at 5.30pm. For more info see page 3...

141 FOOT SV COLUMBIA EXHIBITS AT USVI CHARTER YACHT SHOW

Some 70 crewed yachts are already registered for the USVI Charter Yacht Show. The largest to date is Columbia, a 141.37-foot steel hull replica of the original 1923- Gloucester-built fishing schooner of the same name, constructed by the Eastern Shipbuilding Group, in Panama City, Florida, and launched in 2014. Eros, a 115.16-foot, wood and steel hulled schooner launched in 1938 by Brooks Motor Craft, in Lowestoft, UK, and refit in 2016, is another classic beauty that will be on show.



YACHT SHOW COCKTAIL COMPETITION A SERIOUS AFFAIR!

Best Stoli and Captain Morgan's Cocktails will be judged at the Blue 11 restaurant on November 13. Mixologists of exhibiting yacht show yachts are asked to bring their cocktail ingredients to Blue 11 restaurant in Yacht Haven Grande between 9am and 3.30pm for judging. Prizes are a sponsored case of Captain Morgan's Private Stock and Stoli Gold.



MARINE EXPO OF VENDORS NOV 11 OPEN TO ALL VIPCA MEMBERS

Held on the opening night of the Yacht Show the Marine Expo is not only for exhibiting yacht crew but open to all VIPCA members. At Yacht Haven Grande Marina the Marine Expo shall also include the always anticipated 'State of the Industry' address, which highlights many of the off-the-beaten-track anchorages in these world-famous cruising grounds, this year including Puerto Rico and "the Spanish Virgin islands".



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YACHT SHOW BROKERS
& YACHT SHOW EXHIBITORS



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November 14, 2019

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Behind Havanna Nines

Yacht Haven Grande

Register online - www.VIPCA.org

EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR BOOKING AGENTS, HOTELIERS, CONCIERGES, VILLA, TIMESHARE AND AIRBNB
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