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NEWS AND
UPDATES



IN THIS ISSUE *by Executive Director, Oriel Blake*

CHARTER BROKERS: PREFERRED YACHT SHOW HOTELS GIVE DISCOUNTS

Emerald Beach & Lindberg Bay announced that as the charter yacht show preferred hotels they will give discounted rates to early yacht show registrations with advanced reservations www.VIPCA.org

VESSELS: EARLY BIRD CHARTER YACHT SHOW REGISTRATION ENDS SOON

\$100 off vessel registration and discounted berthing only \$1/foot per day between Nov 3-18 with entries made by July 1st. Renew your VIPCA membership with early-bird yacht show registration without losing any months membership to be allocated a prominent berth in Yacht Haven Grande.

DAY CHARTER CONFERENCE WITH HOTELS, VILLAS, TOUR AGENTS 13 NOV 6PM

ATTENTION DAY CHARTER VESSELS OWNERS AND CREW! VI Hotel and Tourism Association partner with VIPCA to invite hoteliers, villas, timeshare owners and booking agents to meet with day charter crew and owners for a conference and cocktail networking evening. All businesses will have the chance to declare themselves open for business post hurricane season. Register now!

6 WEEK VIPCA YOUTH MARINE APPRENTICESHIPS START JUNE 25

Six graduates of Eudora Kean High School are to be part of an intensive marine training program where the students will experience all aspects of charter operation including courses in swimming, CPR / first aid, boating safety, handling of a boat under power and sail and vessel maintenance with thanks to Charter Caribe and Cruise Ship Excursions. If you might be able to contribute a half or full day to assist with training, onboard your vessel either at sea or for maintenance, please call VIPCA.

MARINE DIRECTORY OF LOCAL VENDORS TO BE LAUNCHED THIS SUMMER

ATTENTION MARINE VENDORS! VIPCA is soon to launch a new webpage marine directory listing all VI marine vendors and marine services. Stay tuned and if you know of vendors who should be listed please email your suggestion to VIPCA.org. This is an excellent advertising opportunity!

PERMANENT CUSTOMS FACILITIES FOR RED HOOK AND CRUZ BAY

VIPCA brought CBP to Red Hook and is happy that American Yacht Harbor have agreed to keep this temporary arrangement until a permanent facility is built. VIPCA has requested that new facilities are built both in Red Hook and Cruz Bay in a letter sent to the Commissioner of Tourism, Congress, Customs and Border Protection, VI Port Authority, VI Coastguard, FEMA and the Hurricane Task Force. We have been assured that progress is being made and that Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett's staff are working on a meeting with CBP officials in Washington. Stay tuned!