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THE 17th ANNUAL COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA



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The 17th Annual Commodore's Cup Regatta was held on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of May. This regatta was sponsored by Budget Marine and is to the benefit of the St. John Kids and the Sea (KATS). The event was hosted by the St. John, Nauti and Coral Bay Yacht clubs. Also contributing to the regatta were Premier Wines and Spirits and Skinny Legs Bar and Restaurant.

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UVI Class of 2016 Graduates



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MANY HATS -- St. Thomas-St. John Board of Elections member Ivy Moses (second from left) sits with her classmates at the University of Virgin Islands graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 12. Moses is also the founder of the HIV advocacy group, Hope, Inc. and a mother of two, above.

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ON HIS WAY -- Michael Clyne, University of Virgin Islands Class of 2016, heads for the UVI Sports and Fitness Center to receive his Bachelors degree in Accounting, left. Commencement took place Thursday, May 12.



Abandoned vehicle cleanup begins May 16th

St. John administrator targets derelict cars

St. John Tradewinds by Judi Shimel

CRUZ BAY -- Owners of non functional cars and trucks parked up alongside government roadways will be getting posted warnings soon to move it or lose it. An abandoned vehicle task force is expected to begin removal procedures starting May 16.

St. John Administrator Camille Paris Jr., said the effort will begin in Cruz Bay and eventually work its way out towards Coral Bay. Clean up crews will start the process by tagging vehicles with notices. If no action is taken and the vehicle remains, removal will proceed.

Vehicles being removed will fall into two main categories, Paris said, functional vehicles and vehicle shells. Shells -- those vehicles that have been stripped of their tires and other parts -- will be taken to the Bovoni landfill. Functional abandoned cars will be moved to a designated storage area, he said.

Paris said inspections of St. John roadways up to now have been informal. At least five abandoned cars have already been identified. The administrator said his goal is to remove four to five vehicles per month with help from the \$40,000 government set aside to get the job done.

The problem is that money will have to help get rid of derelict cars on both St. Thomas and St. John. Considering the expense of barging cars from St. John to St. Thomas, the administrator said he'll try to secure half of the available funding.

Paris would not say how long the collection effort will last. He also pointed out that abandoned vehicles on private roads can only be collected by calling in a request to the Office of the Governor in Cruz Bay.

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St. John School of the Arts Expands Programs for Adults and Children

**By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds**

After raising just under \$100,000 from its annual fundraiser “Broadway Comes to St. John,” the St. John School of the Arts (SJSA) “is in the best shape in every way,” according to board member Glenda Werbel.

The school, founded in the early 1980’s, now offers a wide variety of classes for adults as well as programs which allow youngsters to explore the arts in depth.

“People don’t know how many adults we now serve,” said Werbel. “Have you looked at our website lately?”

The website (stjohnschoolofthearts.org) lists 19 movement classes for adults each week, including yoga, Pilates, stretch, cardio hip hop, ballet, body sculpt, and jump rope. Classes are held Mondays through Saturdays, and adults may attend most of them on a drop-in basis.

But it’s the programs for kids that are at the heart of the school’s mission. This summer, the school is offering a free three-week summer camp for children ages 8-12 led by Andrea Green, an award-winning producer of children’s musicals. The camp, which begins July 11, runs from 9:00-3:00 each weekday and culminates in a performance on July 29.

The camp is funded by private sponsors and by a grant from the American Society of

Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Foundation.

Four years ago the school applied to ASCAP Foundation and won grants to teach song writing to middle school children on St. John. (Check out the videos with singer-songwriter Terre Roche on the SJSA website.) Last year ASCAP extended its support to launch a summer camp in which 29 St. John children participated. This year’s camp is expected to be even bigger.

This summer teens also can develop their singing skills. In June, the school is offering a one-week vocal camp for boys and girls ages 12 to 18 taught by Kristen Carmichael-Bowers and Rebecca Graber. Tuition is \$250 and scholarships are available.

Startling this week, the SJSA is hosting a pianist, Ricardo Abapo, as an artist in residence. Abapo will be offering free piano lessons at the school through early July.

The public is invited to a reception to welcome Abapo, who hails from the Philippines, on Monday, May 16, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

In March the school announced its partnership with the United Jazz Foundation (www.unitedjazz.org) founded by renowned St. Thomas jazz drummer Dion Parson and his wife Nicole to mentor young musicians and give them opportunities to perform.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by SJSA

Deanna Bogart and Jabioseh Bruce... Deanna was giving a master workshop and working with our youth ensemble.

On Saturday May 7, students in the SJSA’s Youth Ensemble traveled to St. Thomas for workshops led by Josh Carr and St. John steel pan virtuoso Victor Provost.

“We’re looking for young ones who are musically inclined and want to perform to join our youth ensemble,” said Kim Wild, executive director of SJSA.

The School has also formed a partnership with The Forum, a non-profit organization based on St. Thomas dedicated to bringing world-class artists and events to the islands. In the 2016-2017 season the SJSA will be presenting two concerts featuring artists featured in The Forum’s St.

Thomas series. Although the school is clearly thriving, it is still in need of funds to advance its programming and improve the building. “We’re now on a campaign to raise funds for an air-conditioning system,” said Wild. It’s not only to keep everyone cool, she explained. “It’s also to keep out the sounds of the roosters and the ballpark noise during our concerts. When a solo cello is playing, it’s hard to hear.”

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May 26th**

**Meet SJSA
Artist in Residence
Monday, May 16**



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St. John School of Arts Paint Bar

Native Virgin Islander Ian Samuel Working Hard to Change His Island Home for the Better

Part of TW Series: Meet the People of St. John, highlighting our greatest resource -- our community members.

By Andrea Milam

St. John Tradewinds

Ian Samuel's passion for the betterment of St. John is so palpable, he's been asked to share his energy with several island organizations, including St. John Rescue, St. John Rotary, St. John School of the Arts, and Sports, Parks, and Recreation. He's undoubtedly made an enormous positive impact since returning to live on St. John in 2010.

As a child, Samuel attended school on St. Thomas during the week and stayed on that island with his mother, who was a teacher at Addelita Cancryn Junior High School. On weekends, he stayed on St. John with his father, Milton Samuel, who worked as a V.I. National Park ranger for more than three decades. His parents decided to send him to St. Thomas More School in Connecticut, where he completed his high school education.

"It was a great experience for me, and it started the foundation for what I'm able to do now," said Samuel.

He then studied business management at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York, where he was active in student minority groups, working to impart racial sensitivity and an awareness of all cultures at the school. He worked for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Staten Island for seven years before he moved to Maryland and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers.

Ian Samuel at Flavors 2015 Event.

took a job with Budget Rent a Car, where he quickly rose through the ranks to the position of customer service manager for the northeast region. He was in charge of counter operations at 400 locations from New York to Virginia when the company was purchased by Avis, which cleared out upper management—including Samuel.

"My wife at the time was eight months pregnant and we were in the middle of closing on our house, and I had to tell her I was no longer employed," he said. "I promised myself that at no point would I allow somebody to have that much control over my life again."

By the time Samuel came back to the Virgin Islands to lay his mother to rest after she passed away from cancer, he'd established a successful career in network marketing.

"I realized I couldn't leave my father here by himself," Samuel said of his 2010 decision to move back home.

Samuel's involvement in local non-profits can be traced back to his partnership with Ronnie Klingsberg and the St. John Blues Blow-out. When Samuel entered a meeting with St. John Rescue to ask them to partner with the blues concert event, he left with an entirely unexpected new role—St. John Rescue board member. The same thing occurred when he approached St. John Rotary about partnering with the St. John Blues Blowout.

"I gave my spiel, and they ended up asking me to join their board," Samuel recalled.

Samuel is also a member of the St. John School of the Arts board, and he's taken a position with the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation, where he's working to improve after-school programs. His true passion is the V.I. Eagles, an organization that works with young athletes.

"While the percentages are small as far as how many make it to the NBA or the major leagues, the discipline you gain by being on a team can help you in life," said Samuel. "That's what we're focused on giving these kids."

As if Samuel's various roles don't keep him busy enough, he also works as a DJ. He credits his fiancée, Symone James, for helping him thrive.

"I wouldn't be able to do anything if it wasn't for her," he said. "She keeps our house grounded, and she keeps me grounded."

Samuel speaks passionately about programming the territory's children for success, and about getting St. John the political representation it deserves.

"Whatever is going to best serve this island, I'm willing to do," he said. "If that's a political career, then so be it. It's not about me; it's about making this community better for everyone."

Samuel's tenacity has not gone unnoticed. He will be honored with the Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award, given by the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce, at their gala event on May 21.

"He is very passionate about keeping kids occupied and in good hands," said Cid Hamling of the Chamber of Commerce. "He is passionate about our youth. I just think he's an excellent role model."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo courtesy of Ian Samuel

Zika Cases Hold Steady at 21; Many Expectant Mothers Choosing to Stay on Island

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

With the zika virus in headlines daily, many trumpeting the dangers to pregnant women, it's an issue that's sure to be at the forefront of any expectant mother's mind. Many island mothers, however, are choosing to stay in the territory despite the virus's presence here.

"What I'm hearing from the women I've encountered is that their families and friends are worried about them," said childbirth educator and doula-in-training Whitney Herrelson. "The women themselves are worried, of course, but it seems the people around them are more worried than they are."

Herrelson said she doesn't know of any pregnant women who left island due to fear over the virus, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, where a baby is born with a small head size, and other severe brain defects.

As it turns out, leaving island for the states may not afford much protection, as travel-associated cases of the virus have been confirmed in nearly every single U.S. state, according to a May 4 CDC report. Locally acquired cases have not yet been confirmed in the contiguous 48 states, though it's possible that southern states will see such cases as summer, and warmer temperatures, approach. The zika virus is spread by the aedes aegypti mosquito, whose range extends as far north as New York, Ohio, and Missouri.

"Most of us can't just pack up and leave island, especially for nine months of pregnancy," Herrelson pointed out. "I just tell the pregnant women I interact with to use normal mosquito precautions like making sure there's no standing water on your property, using bug spray, and wearing pants and long sleeves."

The V.I. Department of Health announced that there were no new zika cases reported the week of May 9, holding the tally of total reported cases in the

territory steady at 21. Fifteen cases have been confirmed on St. Croix, five on St. Thomas, and one on St. John. Three of those cases were reported in pregnant women.

Most of the concern over the zika virus seems to be coming from potential island visitors, said certified nurse midwife Veronica O'Brien-Powell.

"None of my patients who are presently pregnant are going anywhere," said O'Brien-Powell. "I've gotten a lot of calls from visitors thinking of coming down on vacation sounding like they were going to opt out. In the states, OBGYNs are telling people not to come here."

Sherri Theberge, a nurse massage therapist with Inner Waves Integrative Health, echoed O'Brien-Powell's sentiments that island residents aren't overly concerned.

"My clients are not giving into the media hype since there are only a few documented cases here, but at the same time they're maintaining awareness and making informed intuitive decisions regarding the virus," said Theberge. "I just have my moms cover up and use an essential oil spray if needed."

The latest DOH press release, issued on May 10, urges caution despite the fact that no new cases were reported.

"Although the number of confirmed Zika cases hasn't changed since last week, we need to remain diligent to protect ourselves and the health of future generations from this virus," Commissioner Nominee Michelle Davis stated in response to the report. "Use insect repellent, wear protective clothes, and mosquito-proof your home."

Free zika testing is available to anyone showing signs of the virus, which include fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes, and all pregnant women are eligible for zika testing. For more information, visit www.healthvi.org.



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Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Sympathy for a Thrasher?

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Even St. John bird lovers generally scorn the pearly-eyed thrashers or ‘thrashies’. When Laurel Brannick leads the National Park’s Friday morning bird walks at Francis Bay, she refers to them as ‘thieves’.

Visiting birders are eager to add these thrashers to their Life Lists because the pearly-eyes are found only in the Caribbean. However, people who stay around for awhile tend to quickly adopt the local prejudice against them.

Why do people hate these birds, which are smart, successful, native to the Virgin Islands, and talented vocalists, like the much-loved mockingbirds? Experience, I guess.

The first time I became aware of a problem with thrashers was at a Trunk Bay picnic table while eating burgers and fries with my two young sons and some friends. We were sitting under a tree and enjoying the shade, oblivious to the dangers lurking above us. Suddenly a large reddish blob fell right on top of the plate of fries. A more experienced island mom quickly realized what had happened and whisked away the fries, while wailing children insisted that it was just ketchup or that they didn’t care if it wasn’t. In the meantime the snack bar had closed and the kids began shouting angrily at the bird responsible for their loss. Later when they had reached the resignation stage, they began throwing the contaminated fries to a group of happy thrashers.

When we were more settled and had planted some fruit trees, my own resentment of the thrashers mounted as they circumvented all my efforts to protect the ripening papayas.

The thrashers mostly eat large insects, but also enjoy fruits and berries, as well as an occasional lizard or frog -- or another bird’s eggs and nestlings.

The distinguished and usually tolerant Cornell Lab of Ornithology shares the general dim view of pearly-eyed thrashers, referring to them as avian ‘supertramps’ -- aggressive colonizers, nest predators, and poachers that are partly to blame for the depletion of coexisting island species.

So I was surprised recently to find myself filled with compassion for a neighborhood thrasher. She was sitting on a nest high up in a Christmas palm, which I noticed when I was out hiking. Of course I took a picture of it, though it was difficult to get a good angle on what was in the nest. When I looked at the pictures at home on my computer I realized that there were at least a couple of hatched babies in the nest, plus a blue egg hanging precariously on the outside.

A few days later I walked back that way -- and was shocked to see that the nest was gone. There were just a few twigs tossed around and a broken egg shell on the ground.

A bird I took to be the mother sang plaintively in a nearby tree, and my heart went out to her -- even if she was a ‘supertramp’.

Later I had some dark doubts. What if that bird was actually a predatory thrasher that had come and eaten some other bird’s nestlings and then was singing to celebrate the feast? I had to quickly reject that thought because I didn’t want to recognize the possibility that I could have been taken in so easily. Instead I congratulated myself on my depth of compassion for other living creatures, even pearly-eyed thrashers.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Gail Karlsson

Pearly-eyed thrashers attacking a papaya, above.



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Broken egg below trashed nest, below.



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A nestling with a large orange beak, below.



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Thrasher sitting on a nest with an egg outside, above.



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ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Clear solar panels

I am sure many of you have heard about a great break through in solar energy development of clear solar panels.

Researchers at the University of Michigan, have designed a solar panel that is truly transparent. Instead of shrinking the components they are changing the way the cell absorbs light. The cell selectively harvests part of the solar spectrum we cannot see with our eyes and letting visible light pass through.

Solar cells specifically the photovoltaic type make energy by absorbing sunlight protons and converts them into electrons – electricity.

However if a material is transparent by definition then it allows all light to pass through the medium to strike the back of your eye. This is why previous transparent solar cells have only been partially transparent and they would usually cast a colorful shadow too.

According to Richard Lunt, who led the research at the time, the team is confident the transparent solar panels can be efficiently deployed in a wide range of settings, from “tall buildings with lots of windows or any kind of mobile device that demands high aesthetic quality like a phone or e-reader.”

Today, Ubiquitous Energy, an MIT start up company, is now getting closer to bringing its transparent solar panels to market. Lunt cofounded the company and remains assistant professor of chemical engineering and materials science at Michigan State University.

To get around this limitation, the Michigan State researchers use a slightly different technique for gathering sunlight. Instead of trying to create a transparent photovoltaic cell (which is high impossible), they use atransparent luminescent solar concentrator(TLSC). The TLSC consists of organic salts that absorb specific non-visible wavelengths of ultraviolet and infrared light, which they then luminesce (glow) as another wavelength of infrared light (also non-visible). This emitted infrared light is guided to the edge of plastic, where thin strips of conventional

photovoltaic solar cell convert it into electricity.

The prototype TLSC currently has an efficiency of around 1%, but they think 10& should be possible once production commences.

On their own these aren't huge figures, but on a larger scale — every window in a house or office block — the numbers quickly add up. And while we're probably not talking about a technology that can keep your smartphone or tablet running indefinitely, replacing your device's display with a TLSC could net you a few more minutes or hours of usage on a single battery charge

It opens a lot of area to deploy solar energy in a non-intrusive way. It can be used on tall buildings with lots of windows or any kind of mobile device that demands high aesthetic quality like a phone or e-reader. Ultimately we want to make solar harvesting surfaces that you do not even know are there.

The researchers at the University of Michigan — and Ubiquitous Energy — are confident that the technology can be scaled all the way from large industrial and commercial applications, down to consumer devices, while remaining affordable. So far, one of the larger barriers to large-scale adoption of solar power is the intrusive and ugly nature of solar panels — obviously, if we can produce large amounts of solar power from sheets of glass and plastic that look like normal sheets of glass and plastic, then that would be incredible.

Its another great idea that will help lessen our dependency on fossil fuels !

Credit to this article is to Extreme Tech writer Jamie Lendino

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Inspiring Interiors

by Tiffany Cassidy

Kitchen Remodel: What's Trending

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Are you ready for a kitchen remodel? What does your dream kitchen look like? Get behind the hottest trends in 2016 for a kitchen that has all the modern conveniences of updated appliances beautiful designs and on trend stylings. Kitchen remodels are a big investment and good planning will help you to get the most for your money. Keep reading for designs trends that will define and impact remodels.

Keep Colors Muted

It may be tempting to use bright, flashy paint as the primary color or even backsplash in your kitchen, but soft, muted colors are what's trending. Go with grays, charcoals and neutral pastels such as pale blue, green gray and tinted whites instead of the standard white.

Softer walls aren't the only thing getting a color makeover, cabinets are also being toned down. Gray cabinets are quickly becoming the number one shade or white ones and pair nicely with stained wood fixtures.

Muted colors even apply to fixtures and countertops. If you want to switch up your color schemes, having a dark cabinet and muted backsplash is also on trend. A dark finish on cabinets in a small space may worry homeowners because they think it'll make the kitchen appear smaller, but that is not the case.

The dark cabinets against a light or white backslash balance light and dark and create a sense of drama. High contrast color schemes in neutral color tones and natural materials like classic cherry wood and a light creamy marble have interest and will always stand the test of time!

Think Outside the Lighting Box

No longer will you need to find snacks in the pantry in the dark again! Cabinet lighting is a hot trend right now. Go beyond overhead lights and start lighting underneath, above and inside cabinets as well as other countertop fixtures; low-voltage LED light tape strips are easy to adhere to where you want the lights to go. The LED products that are quickly becoming more affordable and better looking are a great way to conserve electricity. They have the added benefit of being very cool lights as well, a great added feature in a warm climate! Who needs more heat in their kitchen?

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Wine Talk with Paul

by Paul Tsakeres

Movie Review of Somm into the Bottle

For any wine lover this movie will enthrall you visually as you enjoy sweeping vistas and close up shots of the beauty found in these spectacular sites. You are invited into the grand cellars and can feel the humility and respect they have as they handle and even open some very rare wine.

Somm Into The Bottle reveals the stories behind wines that are considered 'authentic'. We learn about their history and as you are brought into our present time, you become even more aware of the trials and tribulations associated with winemaking. You will meet the families and personalities that are the stewards of the land and who produce the wine, in fact some of their ancestors go back thirteen even sixteen generations.

This type of history is one of the major contrast points the film makes with wines from this country, since of course, we had Prohibition. This put the kibosh on all the good work done prior to that which had established some very fine vineyards of Chardonnay, Cabernet and Merlot. They do a very good job of drawing the contrast with France since, as the movie explains, we are a land of innovators while they do not mess with tradition very much. There are an incredible range of grapes grown in California, Oregon and Washington due to the climate being so amenable. Terroir is still a factor here too, especially among the finer, artisan wines produced there. They make important points about the level of mechanization in California industrial wines, the use of oak and peripherally lay down a warning sign about wines that cost so much less. The more expensive wines involve many more people than machines and that kind of quality level costs more. Steve Mattiasson of Mattiassin Winery makes the interesting comment that 'California wine making is still defining itself'.

Speaking of tradition, it was a very educating part of the movie when Silvia Altare spoke about the courage her father Ellio had when, after touring Burgundy and Bordeaux, he came home to Barolo and wanted to use oak barrels for his wine rather than the big botti in use for generations. At that time, it caused a huge rift in his own family and in fact with all Italian wine makers. The fact is, use of new oak will soften a wine quicker. This is an important point since historically, a Barolo takes many years to develop. It took courage and now everyone uses it and everyone makes money...it was not always the case for Italian wines.

Just don't use too much oak since if it is a prevalent taste it is more likely there to mask a mistake than a quality check point. This is the issue with inexpensive wine from the States. Yet, a California Cabernet Sauvignon without any oak fermentation or aging would be far too gripping. Oak is important and powerful so the best to pay close attention to its use. New oak, old oak small cask or big cask, I think I found the topic for the next article!

There were a couple of favorite comments for me in this terrific tour. One wine educator expressed sadness that some people are under the impression they should know a lot about wine before they can enjoy it...not so!

Then when Aubert de Villane of the iconic Domaine Romanee-Conti made an aside, that people would perhaps enjoy wine more if they looked at it as a food, which it is! He states if you are thirsty you can drink some wine to quench your thirst. I'll drink to that thank you.

Finally, some of the Somms were asked about what they are most fond of drinking and all spoke about spectacular Beaujolais. Wines that are vibrant and complex yet unfussy, fun and delicious. Interestingly I wrote about this area recently in the Tradewinds!

Rent it...it is a terrific wine tale.



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This recent release is the sequel to the film Somm that followed the intensity among several friends who were studying for the final portions of their Master Sommelier Exam. Many of the same 'charismatic wine communicators' narrate this tale. The cinematography is excellent and there are many light and heart-warming moments to enjoy.

As an interesting follow-up, Somm Into The Bottle tells the rich and varied tale of how wine is made today. It delves deeply into the history of wine and into the differences between wines from Europe and the United States. In the process you are transported to breathtaking vineyards and meet some of the top winemakers found in the world today.



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The 13th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim May 29, 2016

Friends of VI National Park's largest-ever Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is coming up soon on May 29th. Registration is still open, but is limited to 350 swimmers and filling fast. If you are interested in swimming please register now to avoid disappointment. Registration fees are \$65 for adults and \$30 for those under 18. Register at www.friendsvinp.org/swim or by phone at 340-779-4940. You can also register in person on St. John at the Friends of the Park Stores at Mongoose or at Connections in either Cruz Bay or Coral Bay, on St. Thomas at Caribbean Surf Co. in Red Hook or Havensight, and on St. Croix at SCUBA in Christiansted. Late registration (@ \$85 for adults and \$50 for those under 18) will also be available at the Pre-race Meeting on Saturday evening at Cinnamon Bay Campground – if space is still available. However, there will be absolutely no registration on race day (Sunday).

To prepare for the race please visit our website at www.friendsvinp.org and review the sections on: race information, competition rules and course description.

A few other updates for your information:

Pre-race Meeting (Saturday, May 28th -- the day before the Power Swim)

A Pre-race Meeting will be held at Cinnamon Bay Campground starting at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 28th (the day before the race) in the restaurant pavilion. While attendance at the pre-race meeting is not mandatory, all swimmers are strongly encouraged to attend – especially those who are first-time competitors. At the pre-race meeting swimmers will do their preliminary check in and receive their t-shirt and goodie bag; this will be followed, at about 3:45 pm, by a detailed briefing on the competition rules and description of the course. While there will be a short briefing on the beach in the morning, it will not be as detailed as the briefing at the pre-race meeting.

Again, the Power Swim has several navigational challenges and swimmers are strongly advised to review the competition rules and course description on our website prior to the race. This is especially important for those swimmers who will not attend the pre-race meeting.

Event/distance changes:

You can change the event/distance you signed up for up until 4:00 pm (EDT) Thursday the 26th by phone (340-779-4940) only. No changes are permitted after this deadline so if you want to change the event you signed up for, please let us know as soon as possible.

Race Start

The race will start at about 8:00 am on Sunday morning. Check-in on the beach will begin at 6:30 am and swimmers are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to help ensure a timely start. A briefing will begin at 7:30 am so all swimmers should be checked in, numbered and ready to start by then.

Transportation to/from Maho Bay and between race venues

Swimmers and spectators coming from St. Thomas must take the Red Hook ferry that departs Red Hook at 6:30 am. Later ferries will arrive too late. This is the only ferry that will be met by event shuttles.

Swimmers and spectators on St. John are advised to park either in Cruz Bay (some parking is available at the NPS Maintenance Division parking lot) or at Hawksnest Bay and take advantage of the free shuttle service to get to Maho and between race venues. Please do not

park at Mongoose Junction.

Complimentary shuttles will run from Cruz Bay to Maho Bay. The first one will depart at 6:15 am and the last one will depart at about 6:50 am (or after the arrival of the Red Hook ferry, whichever is later). They will all start at the public ferry dock in Cruz Bay, stop at the NPS Maintenance yard (parking available) near Mongoose Junction, Hawksnest beach (parking available), Cinnamon Bay (please be on the road) and on to Maho Bay. They can be flagged down anywhere along the route – but please be on the main road, the shuttles will not enter Caneel, Hawksnest, Trunk, or Cinnamon parking areas.

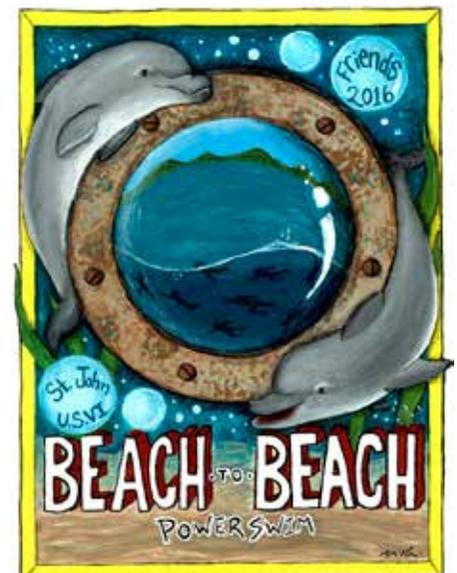
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST SHUTTLE WILL LEAVE CRUZ BAY AT ABOUT 6:50 AM.

Shuttles will also run between all race venues and are for use by all swimmers and spectators. They will also run between Hawksnest and Oppenheimer for the beach party and award ceremony. Shuttles will periodically run back to both Maho Bay beach and Cruz Bay and after the beach party.

For those of you who will be parking a car at one of the race venues please note that parking regulations are strictly enforced in the park. Please park responsibly to avoid getting a ticket.

Beach Party and Awards Ceremony

A Beach BBQ and Awards Ceremony will be held at Oppenheimer Beach following the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim. The beach BBQ will start at about 11:00 am and the Awards Ceremony will start at about noon. Competitors, volunteers and the general public are welcome at the Beach BBQ and Awards Ceremony. Food and drink will be available for purchase and shuttles will provide transport between Hawksnest and Oppenheimer.



The 13th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim

Viewing the Race:

Unlike most open water events, the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is very viewer-friendly. To see the

action and to cheer on friends and family members go to Maho Bay to see the start, Cinnamon Bay to see

short course swimmers finish and the rest of the swimmers as they pass by close to the beach, Trunk Bay

to see intermediate course swimmers finish and the rest of the swimmers as they pass by close to the

beach, and Hawksnest Beach for the always exciting long course finish.

Recovery Party/Boat Trip – Proceeds support the park!

Returning this year is the Recovery Party Boat Trip to Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands on Monday,

May 30th the day after the Power Swim! Hosted by our friends at Cruz Bay Watersports, join us for a day

of island adventures aboard their beautiful catamaran for snorkeling, libations and a day at White Bay on

Jost Van Dyke. The trip is deeply discounted and is a donation to Friends: \$125 per person including customs, drinks and snacks on board.

To register visit: or call:

Cruz Bay Watersports (340-776-6234) to make your reservations. Space is limited.

Get Involved

Not the competitive type but still want to support programs and activities like the “Learn to Swim” summer

program that preserve, protect & educate in our park? Visit our Race for a Reason fundraising

headquarters on-line and make a donation – any amount counts!

<http://www.active.com/donate/friendsvinp2016>

Race day volunteer opportunities may also still be available, get a free cap & t-shirt plus lunch for helping

out! Call or email Karen Jarvis at 340.779.4940/kjarvis@friendsvinp.org.

If you have questions or need further information please call 340.779.4940 up to 5:00 pm Friday, May 27th.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Email editor@tradewinds.vi for more information.

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21

— Giff Hill School’s Drama Club, under the direction of theater resident Marcel Freda, will be performing two shows at the Upper Campus. Please join us for live youth theater -- it’s going to be a fun show! Both shows start at 7:00 pm and entry is based on donation.

Saturday, May 21

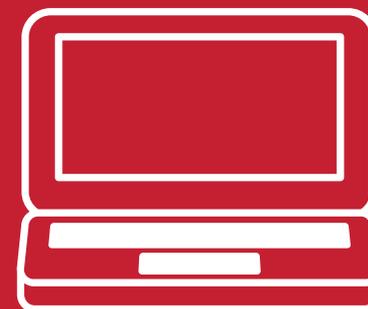
— The Animal Care Center of St. John will host the annual island dog show Wagapalooza. This is one of the ACC’s main fundraisers of the year and is also a great time for the community. Register your dog to show off his or her special talent. Or just come out and watch the fun. More details will be available soon.

Saturday, May 28

— The Almost Famous Almost Annual Coral Bay Open will be at Skinny Legs on Saturday, May 28. Sign up as an individual or as a team of four. All funds raised this year will go to St. John Cancer Fund. Register at Skinny Legs.

Friday, June 10

— Giff Hill School is pleased to announce the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2016. Commencement will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm on Trayser Field at Giff Hill School’s Upper Campus. The public is welcome to attend. Please call 340-776-1730 for more information.



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Governor Mapp gets down to business at the Battery

AN INTERVIEW WITH TRADEWINDS
REPORTER JUDI SHIMEL

CRUZ BAY -- Fourteen months after first taking office, VI Governor Kenneth Mapp reported for duty at the Battery in Cruz Bay. In between official island tours and meetings, the governor welcomed visiting residents, business owners and a reporter from Tradewinds Newspaper.

Gov. Mapp called himself a longtime visitor to St. John from his days as a VI lawmaker, more than 20 years ago. Over the four day working visit he said he enjoyed peaceful nights' sleep at the end of each day. And up until the week after Carnival, all of his official trips to St. John have been for special occasions.

Slim government finances and personal obligations make commuting between St. Croix and St. Thomas a routine for the chief executive. So the four day working trip to St. John is a first for this administration, he said, but not his last.

While working at the Battery, Mapp met with some of the agency heads and commissioners making up his cabinet. Much of the discussion, he said, centered on the island's and the territory's needs. Schools and roads, recreation and public safety issues topped the list.

Most of the talks took place in the ground floor office usually occupied by St. John Administrator Camile Paris Jr.

As he worked, toured and inspected the island, Mapp said he grew in appreciation of his new work space. The Battery, he said, is rich in history and should be appreciated by all. Among the things he mentioned in an interview with Tradewinds, the governor said he'd like to see the compound open to the public the way Government House is on St. Thomas.

Governor Mapp: I made a commitment to the folks on St. John that I would be coming on a periodic basis. What we've been doing here is we've had the commissioner of Education here. We're committed to building the school on St. John. We're not in the morass of the 30 years of quibbling back and forth with the National Park Service over land. We think we've found two or three locations where it actually works.

So the commissioner of Education has been charged to get some of her technical and engineering folks to take a look and see if that's something we can do. We're talking about a k - to - 8 th grade facility. We want the high school students to still go to St. Thomas; it's about developing their socialization and getting them out and among folks, to prepare them to go to college and to go out on their own as adults.

We had Commissioner Cruz here, from the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation. We're going to spend some money on the Winston Wells facility. We're going to redevelop that. We're going to clean up the ball park.

The Guy Benjamin School -- we were out there with Project Restore Hope, the Virgin Islands Police Department, Commissioner Bennett (Property and Procurement). We're going to develop that into a community center, in partnership with Project Restore Hope and My Brother's Workshop, for access to vocational skill training. We're going to use portions of it for a boot camp.

The Virgin Islands Police Department believes that in this old school building, you can set up a satellite sub station. So we were all there (sic), going through all those particular issues. The subcommittee of my financial team -- that would consist of Finance Commissioner Val Collens, director of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Mr. Marvin Pickering, Mr. Del Hewitt, chief of staff for the Lieutenant Governor, attorney John Buzzuto, my executive director, my director of Finance and Administration for the Public Finance Authority -- they came and they met.

We're working on restructuring the government debt -- and director Nellon Bowry joined us as well. We believe we can get about a \$50 million savings in service payments, and unfold that into the General Fund, in terms of operation. We're structuring the debt to get away from having to borrow every year to meet our costs, as we grow the economy to really make up for the gap.

Three hundred million dollars in capital projects we want to do, territory wide, including here on St. John. So we want to finalize that list, and then I'm going to get with the leadership of the Legislature. We have some timing issues. We'll work on that, going through the summer.

Today we have Public Works Commissioner Gustav James. We've got about three million dollars. He's going to take me on a whirlwind tour of the roads so we can make some decisions about what are the priority roads that need repair and construction, and he has the money, so he can get that going.

The attorney general will be here this afternoon. We're working on a number of investigations and projects. He and attorney Buzzuto will be back this afternoon to brief me on a number of issues.

And then I've been having a host of private meetings with residents, with businesses in general, with folks on St. John to find out how the administration can form a partnership with the folks on St. John to really take care of the needs of the community and make sure we have our infrastructure in place, to make sure our business folks are happy.

We learned we have signs up, that certain government officials, government workers are coming down to do certain services on certain days, but they're not showing up on those days. We want to sort out how we're going to readdress that.

One of the angles we want to use in some of those areas is, rather than just hire people on St. Thomas and send them to St. John two days a week, we're going to have the Director of Personnel look at candidates on St. John who may want jobs with the government. And if we



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Governor Mapp during Interview with Tradewinds writer Judi Shimel

can identify them and if we can get them on the job we can send them down to St. Thomas and work there three days a week but be on St. John.

This is their home, so we know the offices will be open on those days that they say they're open because they don't have to go anywhere. They show up to work here on their own island and the good folks on St. John should have access and opportunities to work for the government.

So it's been going well. It's been an exciting three or four days, even though I'm not sure of how many days -- maybe I should count them by the dinner -- we're really very happy and relaxed. I'm sleeping very good on this island.

TW: Yes, it's very quiet here.

Governor Mapp: I'm going to have to ask the Legislature to make the governor's official residence on St. John. They'll have to get me a helicopter, though.

TW: I'd like to ask you a couple of questions, based on what you've said ... There was a story (sic) in the paper saying that one of the first two pregnant women in the Virgin Islands to be infected with the Zika virus lives on St. John.

Governor Mapp: Yes.

TW: People have been concerned about this ever since they heard this disease was spreading.

Governor Mapp: Yes.

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Tradewinds Interview with Governor Mapp

(Interview Continued)

TW: Will you have an opportunity to speak to your Department of Health officials about what contingencies they'll take now?

Governor Mapp: The Department of Health has been at the forefront on dealing with the issues on the Zika Virus. We're actually distributing something called a Zika bag. Zika is a disease that's dangerous to sustaining population growth. I want to put it in this context, so as not to get overly complicated. Of the mosquito-borne viruses, with malaria being the most significant -- killing more people globally. You then look at dengue, next in line, chikungunya, and then you look at zika. The scientists, or the medical professionals say that 80 percent of the people who have contracted zika aren't even aware they have zika. The Zika Virus is pretty much asymptomatic.

TW: Right.

Governor Mapp: However it appears to affect -- and science has not really confirmed it -- I'm just giving you the information I received in the briefings, that zika is responsible for the birth defects, the brain and the smaller head. We did have, about a month ago, a lady on St. Croix who in her first trimester of pregnancy was confirmed with the Zika Virus. She delivered about a month ago and we were happy to hear -- we don't know yet, it's still too early -- her baby was born normally.

TW: Good.

Governor Mapp: did not have the small head, did not have any apparent effects in the size of the brain. We don't know if there are any developmental issues because we have to wait some time until the child develops. The Congress has agreed to authorize one half of what the president has asked for. The president asked for a \$1.8 billion amount to respond to zika for the nation, in which the beginning

aspects will occur in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and then the Southern states.

TW: Right.

We've been working closely with the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), Health and Human Services. There have been significant resources put into the territory on zika. The protection of zika is really one of education, because you cannot kill every mosquito.

TW: No.

Governor Mapp: and you cannot spray to eradicate mosquitos because you're running the poison in the middle of the street. It has nothing to do with the mosquitos all up in the hills, etc. We're working with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the commissioners here, we're going to talk about that. The EPA is prepared to fund for us over two hundred thousand tires here in the territory which clearly can collect and contain water

within our range. The EPA is going to fund for us two tire shredding machines to shred down these tires. We're going to take a look at water storing containers. We have to really educate the public. They have to use insect repellent. They have to spray under their beds and in their closets and close their doors. There's going to be more than one million dollars released to the Virgin Islands for screening schools, institutions, churches and made available again for women of childbearing age, women who are pregnant. They will fund the screening of the windows in their home. It's about protection and removing the risk of a mosquito bite. The government has not yet -- federal government, local government -- made any determination that widespread spraying or fumigation will assist the problem. It's really about protecting yourself and not going to be bitten by a mosquito.

TW: Thanks a lot. Two more and then I'm out.

Governor Mapp: It could be three more.

TW: No, no. I'm not going to do that. You're busy and you've working today.

Governor Mapp: You're part of the work.

TW: I appreciate that and I'm looking forward to the opportunity of sharing this with our readers. It came to my attention, (sic) when I was writing a story about problems with the 911 emergency call system, that an ambulance that was donated to the island of St. John from a benefactor using private funds had been transferred to St. Thomas a year ago and was never returned.

Governor Mapp: I am not aware of that.

TW: I wasn't aware of it either. I was wondering if -- because St. John is so small, because if we have a real emergency where somebody has to go to St. Thomas on the ambulance boat, and because our land mass is only four square miles smaller than St. Thomas.

Governor Mapp: You're four square miles smaller than St. Thomas?

TW: St. Thomas is 32 square miles, St. John is 28, I believe.

Governor Mapp: I thought it was smaller. That's a learning for me.

TW: They call it little St. John but it's not that much smaller ... given all those considerations, that may have gone into the thoughts of this person who provided the extra ambulance, so that St. John would always have. Um, is there any thought that the government might have about returning that ambulance to the people of St. John?

Governor Mapp: Let me just say I don't know anything about that. I don't know anything about the donated ambulance. I certainly will ask the Department of Health about that. But let me give you the bigger picture. The Legislature passed by credit facility -- \$10 million -- for first responder motor vehicles. We're not going

to have issues anymore about any of the islands having emergency response vehicles. On May 11 the PFA (Public Finance Authority)'s going to have a meeting. We're going to ratify a resolution authorizing the Public Finance Authority to open a credit facility -- with the Department of Health being one of the first -- to talk about not just buying a box ambulance but buying a true modern emergency response vehicle which appears to be an ambulance but has all the medical supplies and equipment, and everything in it. So I'll look into your query. I must confess my ignorance, I don't know anything about the donated ambulance or any transfer of ambulance or being expected to know that.

TW: No.

Governor Mapp: But I'll inquire and if someone donated an ambulance to St. John it probably should be on St. John and we'll have the commissioner of Health do whatever she needs to do. On the bigger scale, before the end of this year, St. John will have its two ambulance that are fully modern and retrofitted and on this islands.

TW: Very interesting. Last question. How are the working conditions at the Battery? Do you feel at home here? Do you feel like you can do everything you can do in the course of your business as if you were home on St. Croix or on St. Thomas?

Governor Mapp: (laughs) You could ask the same question about Government House. The working conditions at Government House leave much to be desired and I'm going to do something about it. The Battery here is a wonderful, historic property. I have not been in the main building, there are even cells in the lower end and I understand they've got a lot of junk. So in our historic Government House repairs we're going to put some money in, to shore up the Battery to really make it, not just an office and a place where people can come to do work, but make it an historic site, clean it up; let a lot of its elements that are covered in paint and plaster, peel that off and let tourists have an opportunity to walk through and enjoy the historic aspects of the building. So it's like a tourist site. You can work in it but it's a place where people can visit. In Government House on St. Croix tourists can go through public areas of the building, take an inordinate amount of pictures and they enjoy. And the Battery should not be any different. You walk into Government House on St. Thomas and it's dark and dreary. It looks like a funeral home. The only thing you need is flowers and *Abide With Me*, playing in the background, and somebody in a dark suit coming out and saying, *I'm sorry for your loss*. (laughs). But we'll clean it up and get the places modern and functional like they should be.

TW: Thank you.

"Gravel Lot" in Cruz Bay Approved for Paving (Get ready to pay for parking)

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

Members of the St. John Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Board voted to approve Virgin Islands Port Authority's proposal to pave the so-called "gravel lot" near the barge entrance in Cruz Bay, according to Michele Baker, legal counselor for CZM.

The May 4 meeting was called to give CZM board members an opportunity to question Virgin Island Port Authority (VIPA) officials, including Executive Director Carlton Dowe and Director of Engineering Dale A. Gregory. Because the issue of paving is considered to be a modification of an existing permit, the public was not invited to testify.

Baker said that CZM board members did add conditions to the existing permit, including notification to the CZM board before beginning work, and conditions related to charging for parking once the work is completed.

The public is currently allowed to park in the gravel lot adjacent to the Theovald E. Moorehead barge facility without charge for up to 72 hours, according to a posted sign. The lot is used primarily by residents who need parking for errands during the day and by local businesses who need a place to stash their vehicles overnight and on weekends. The Police Department has reserved an area for their vehicles as well.

While the nearby barge staging area is under construction, the lot is also used to store shipping containers. This past winter season, the lot has often been full.

The Port Authority has stated its intention to charge for parking once the upgrade

is completed. According to board meeting notes posted on VIPA's website for September 2015, VIPA awarded a contract to the deJongh Group "in the amount of \$70,260 for engineering services to design a paved parking lot at the T. Moorehead Facility at Enighed Pond." The project was funded by VIPA bonds and is expected to generate revenues of \$525,000 per year once the parking lot is completed.

The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) board must approve any fees prior to implementation, according to Monifa M. Brathwaite, VIPA's public information officer. Two members of the Port Authority Board reside on St. John -- Jose A. Penn, who serves because of his position as chairman of the board of the Economic Development Authority, and Laurel Hewitt-Sewer, who serves as a representative from St. John.

At the May 4 meeting the CZM Board voted to require the Port Authority to file the proposed rates for parking fees with them and to consider waiving fees for the first 30 minutes, according to Baker.

The current members of the St. John Board for CZM are Brion Morrisette, Edmund Roberts, and Andrew Penn. There have been two vacancies on the board for several years.

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Aerial shot of lot, top right. View from handicap spaces, center right. Cars, trucks and shipping containers in gravel lot, bottom right. Another aerial view of gravel lot, bottom left.



Changes coming to Concordia

By Mary Bourassa
St. John Tradewinds

Is Stanley finally ready to sell Concordia? That question has been floating around St. John for years, heightened especially after the sale of Maho Bay Camps in late 2012. It seems now the answer to that question may be yes. In late April Concordia sent out a statement addressing his involvement and the future of the eco-resort he built on St. John's southeastern side. It reads in part "Stanley is ready to pass Concordia on to someone who has the energy and vision needed for the future of the eco-tourism he created here on St. John."

While the statement makes clear that change is afoot at Concordia, the core of the message was actually not focused on the future of Concordia but rather a heartfelt look back at its past. In it Concordia requests that former guests and employees reminisce about their time and experiences at Concordia and then submit their stories for posterity stating:

This upcoming change provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the years under Stanley's guide... We know that you consider St. John to be a second home and we appreciate that you are a part of the Concordia family. Any great family has numerous funny, sweet and poignant stories that are told and passed from generation to generation. We want to hear yours! Tell us about your adventures, your discoveries, your personal journey, or a story that has been given to you... I know Stanley would love to hear of the impact that he has had on all of us over the years by way of these beautiful places that he has created.

Indeed the places Stanley built on St. John were not only trendsetters in the eco-tourism industry, they also set the scene for so many people's fondest memories. From newlyweds on a Caribbean honeymoon to school groups learning about the wonders of nature to Monday night rockers at the weekly and always packed open mic night, Concordia has touched many lives. If you are one of them and have a story that you would like to share you can email it along with any pictures you have to ecmarketing.vi@gmail.com. Once the stories have been collected they will be shared with the public at a future date either through an online outlet or published as a short book (the exact means of distribution has not yet been decided).

The question that remains of course is who will be taking over the iconic eco-resort on St. John? Though potential buyers have been seen touring Concordia the answer to that question will have to wait until summer as a confidentially clause binds all parties involved in the sale from speaking officially about it.



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Overview showing an eco-tent with Drunk Bay in the background

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Solo Snorkeler to Circle St. John

By Mary Bourassa
St. John Tradewinds

52 year old Leah Powell of St. Thomas is set to become the first woman to snorkel solo around St. John. In 2009 Tory Lane and Sara Stevens became the first pair to successfully circle St. John making a 44 mile loop around Love City. Powell started her adventure in late November 2015, making weekend trips to St. John to tackle her goal in stages. To date Powell has completed legs covering Cruz Bay, the north shore, East End and Coral Bay. The reason Powell has taken on this unique and challenging goal is simple, in her own words, "Snorkeling is my bliss and St. John is my true love."

Over the last six months of snorkeling Powell has seen amazing underwater scenery in sections of St. John's coastline that most visitors and even residents have never been privileged to see. "I'm very often the only person in sight. There are no boats, there's no beach, there's nothing but rocks and glorious pristine nature." Out there on those secluded coasts she's seen a great deal of sea life, but the most impressive creatures to date include 14 nurse sharks, queen triggerfish, spotted eagle rays, queen angel fish and Spanish hogfish.

Adding to her challenge, Powell has chosen to snorkel without fins. Her intentions about going fin-free are as much about personal comfort as aquatic conservation. "I just love nature and being as much a part of nature as possible and I just feel more natural without fins...plus I like to encourage people not to wear fins whenever possible because so many people wear fins who really don't know what they're doing and they end up breaking coral. So I want people to know that fins are usually not really necessary and they can do great damage." Protecting the ocean is an important issue on St. John where the beaches and surrounding seas are an integral part of life, and a personal passion for Powell whose company Trade to Travel also donates regularly to the Ocean Preservation Society.

Powell's swim is now more than two-thirds complete, but her journey has not been without setbacks. Though Powell

does not use a chase boat, she has twice been saved by a boat. Both times occurred near dark when Powell was unable to find a safe place to get to shore after a long leg of snorkeling. One incident occurred in Hurricane Hole when she sought the help of a sailboat moored in the bay. The other time was when she tried to swim around Mary Point. Powell had made it all the way from Francis Bay to Anna Point before currents became too much for the snorkeler and she was forced to retrace the entire swim back to Francis Bay. However once she came through Fungi Passage, between Whistling Cay and Mary Point, she was confronted with another hurdle.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Leah Powell
Leah Powell, solo snorkeler, above.

"When I turned that corner around Francis Bay to swim in it was the lowest point of low tide so all the water was rushing out of the bay and I couldn't get in. I was fighting as hard as I could and I couldn't get in. The sun was all the way down and there was a little bit of glow left in the sky and I was like ok it's time to swallow my pride, I need to be

saved. So I yelled 'Help' as loud as I could and a sailor got in his dingy and came over and got me."

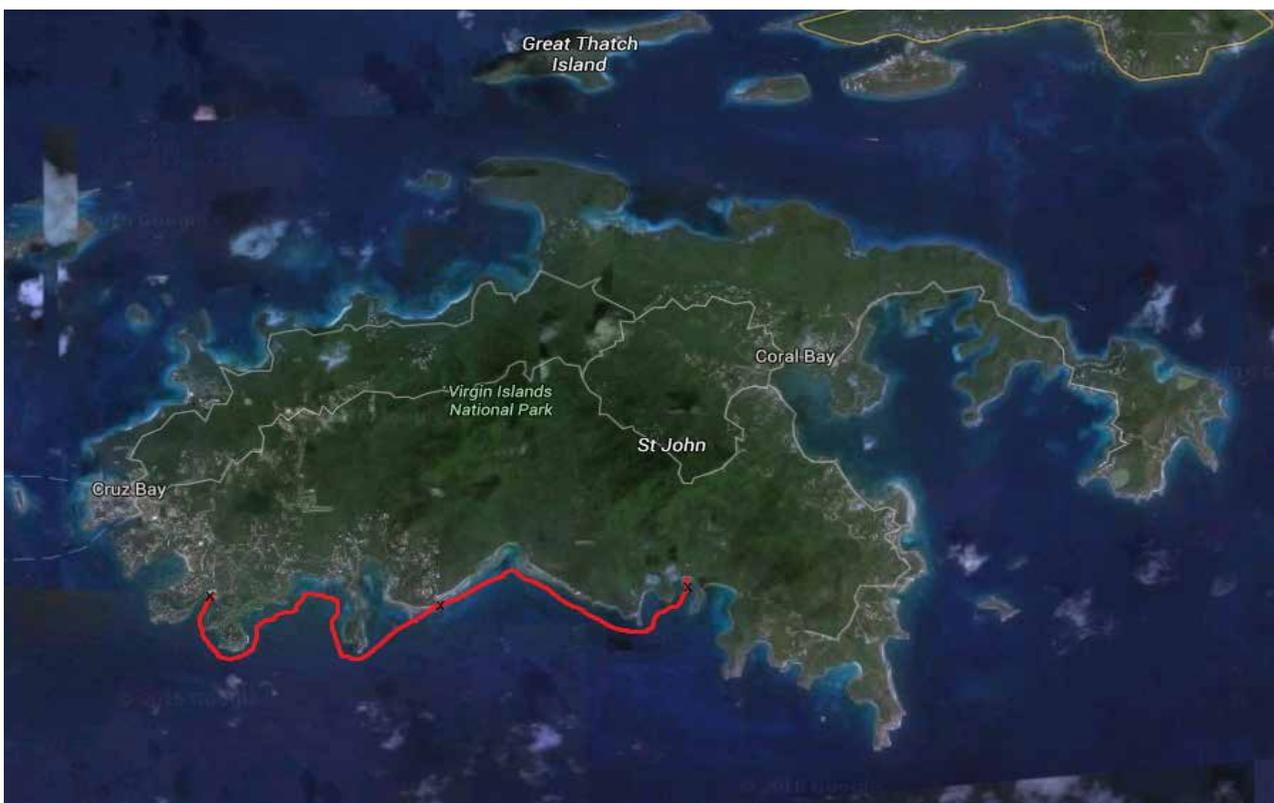
Powell did not relent after her rescue, being a firm believer in the motto if at first you don't succeed try, try again; she went on to conquer that leg on a later date only she tackled it in the opposite direction using the currents to her advantage. Learning about the currents around St. John, many of which can be life threatening, has actually been a big eye opener for Powell. It is also the one piece of wisdom she hopes others will take from her story. "I would like to let people know about the scary currents...because that can save lives...I would love to let people know that the current can get really bad" and even life threatening in places that are popular tourist destinations. The two currents Powell found to be the most dangerous were in Fungi Passage where she had to be rescued by boat, and between Caneel Bay and Henley Cay. In fact, both Powell and the pair that snorkeled the island in 2009 encountered fierce currents near Caneel that made getting to shore nearly impossible.

Now Powell has just two legs left to complete her circumnavigation of St. John. One from Little Lameshur to Reef Bay and the second from Reef Bay to Chocolate Hole. She hopes to complete both in May if weather and wave conditions permit.

After completing her goal of becoming the first woman to snorkel solo around St. John Powell has big plans for simple pleasures. "[I will] take a few months off to be lazy...I can't wait to just lie in the sunshine." Then after a little well deserved rest Powell plans to take a diary that she's been keeping about her snorkeling adventure and turn it into a book.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Leah Powell
Leah Powell accompanied with friend in the ocean, above. Map of St. John with a red line highlighting the remaining legs the solo snorkeler needs to complete, left.



Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Thank you from the Plastic Pollution Coalition & Drifters Project

St. John Tradewinds

In your May 2-15 edition, the story written by Amy Roberts, "Plastic Free Island Initiative Taking Root on St. John," provided terrific insight and information about a new effort to further protect St. John and its surrounding waters. It was a privilege to have been able to launch this innovation project, which is based on an international concept developed by Dianna Cohen of the Plastic Pollution Coalition and Pam Longobardi of Drifters Project. One of the primary reasons our kickoff workshop was such a success was the tremendous outpouring of community support. Everyone involved was very welcoming, collaborative and open to the concept of reducing and eventually eliminating forms of single-use, disposable plastic that plague our oceans worldwide. There are many individuals and organizations to thank but, in particular, we could not have succeeded without leadership from Doug White and Harith Wickrema of the Island Green Living Association, the kind donation of lodging from Donald & Deborah Schnell and Lucas Schnell for the use of their lovely villa Ocean Garden for our expert guests, and Christie O'Neil of Holiday Homes, who lent much-needed transportation for the visit. We greatly look forward to the many possibilities ahead — and demonstrating once again how St. John is a truly aspirational place.

Ken Haldin & Anne Ostrenko, St. John

Crossword & Cryptoquote Answers

(Puzzles located on Page 20)

Answer to May 1 Cryptoquip:

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THE 17th ANNUAL COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTA

The 17th Annual Commodore's Cup Regatta was held on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of May. This regatta was sponsored by Budget Marine and is to the benefit of the St. John Kids and the Sea (KATS). The event was hosted by the St. John, Nauti and Coral Bay Yacht clubs. Also contributing to the regatta were Premier Wines and Spirits and Skinny Legs Bar and Restaurant.

Saturday's racing was fast with winds of 15 to 20 Kts. and a mild 2 to 3 foot sea. Sunday's racing was with very light winds of 4 to 8 knts and relatively no seas. 19 boats were entered for the two day event with some boats only able to race for one day.

This annual event is held in conjunction with the ever famous Kentucky Derby and the party on Saturday was well attended.

The overall winner of the regatta was determined by a race off of the three class winners in a Laser race. The ultimate winner of this race off and therefore the overall winner of the 2016 Commodore's Cup was Doug McLean in his Pearson 24 sloop.

Commodore's Cup 2016 May 7th and 8th 2016

Order of Finish

Racing Class A

- 1) White Album - Pearson 24 - Doug McLean
- 2) Reality Switch - Cal 27 - Jim Donovan
- 3) Zephyr - Pearson 30 - Bear and Lora
- 4) Sea Angel - 23' Glander bay - Nick Little
- 5) O'dege - Camper Nicholson 32 - Sara Oneill
- 6) Runaway - Tartan 33 - Doug Weaver
- 7) Southern Breeze - Southern Cross 28 - Steve Bond
- 8) Gazzel - Hunter 34 - Mike Mischler
- 9) Currently Aweigh - Benetau 40 - Eric Eyler
- 10) Vagabond - Stickler 28 - Rob Johanson
- 11) Terra Nova - S & S Alpa 42 - Tom Rowinson

Racing B

- 1) KATS IC-24

Multihull

- 1) YeeHaw - Nacra 5.8 - Leo Perez
- 2) Attention - Nacra 5.2 - Matt Gyuraki

One day entries

- Beltaine - Mark Grant
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Casa Bueno Offers the Good Life on Bordeaux

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

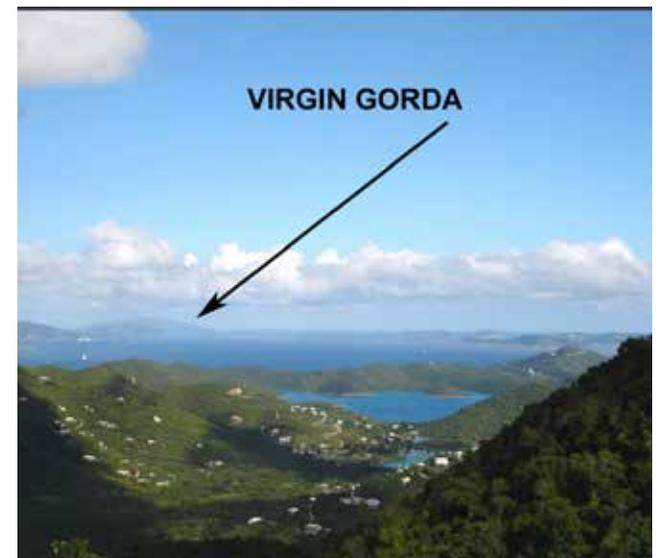
Whether you're seeking a home for your family or you'd like to offer an attractive rental villa to families with young children, Casa Bueno on Bordeaux is an ideal choice. With three bedrooms under one roof, you can keep the little ones close. Although the bedrooms share one roof, each offers privacy and its own bathroom. A fourth bedroom and bathroom are separate on the home's lower level.

Casa Bueno boasts the dramatic British Virgin Islands views down the Sir Francis Drake Channel for which Bordeaux is so well-known. The home is located just off Centerline Road, providing easy access to Cruz Bay, Coral Bay, and the island's picturesque north shore beaches. Access to the home is easy as well thanks to a fully paved road and driveway, and the neighborhood is quiet and peaceful with a good mix of residents and vacation homes.

Casa Bueno's lush landscaping thrives thanks to Bordeaux's favorable environment, and orchids blooming around the property add a touch of natural beauty.

The home features masonry construction with lots of native stonework, upscale furnishings imported from South America, and modern stainless appliances in the kitchen. A unique spiral stone staircase adds character, while pocket doors open up the living room to the expansive decks, creating a tranquil indoor/outdoor living setting. Chaise lounges on the swimming pool's sundeck beckon for an afternoon of relaxation.

Casa Bueno is currently operating as a successful short-term rental. With a recently reduced price of \$1.299 million, this is a short sale and a great bargain. For more information, contact Merry Nash of Islandia at 340-776-6666 or merryvi@aol.com.



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Enjoy expansive views of the British Virgin Islands down the Sir Francis Drake Channel, top right. The entry to Casa Bueno, far left, open kitchen and dining area, center, and chaise lounges on the pool deck, above right.

Plans for a Parking Deck in Red Hook Move Forward

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

Construction is expected to begin in July to expand parking facilities at the Urman Victor Fredericks Ferry Terminal in Red Hook, St. Thomas, according to Monifa M. Brathwaite, public information officer for the Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA).

“VIPA received six bids for the parking garage project. They have been reviewed and a recommendation to select a contractor for the project has been submitted to the VIPA Board of Governors. We expect a decision from the board later this month,” Brathwaite said.

The plan calls for construction of a second level (or “deck”) to the existing lot which now accommodates 100 vehicles. With the new deck, the facility will provide a total of 188 spaces and double the number of handicapped spaces from four to eight. The design calls for an elevator to the second level. Once it begins, construction is expected to be completed within eight months.

The VIPA board approved bond funding for the project in 2014. The cost of the expansion will be determined upon the selection of the contractor, said Brathwaite, but a professional familiar with the project said that bids submitted ranged from \$5.5 million to \$9 million.

If the reported low bid of \$5.5 million is accurate and that bid is accepted, the cost of construction for each of the additional 88 spaces comes to \$62,500.

Parking at the Red Hook facility now costs \$10 a day, and Brathwaite said, “No increase in fees is being discussed at this time.” But simple math tells us that at this rate, it will take just over 17 years to recoup the costs of construction.

The parking lot at the ferry terminal is often full, and visitors and locals often park in two private lots in Red Hook, along the roads heading in both directions (towards Sapphire Beach and Nazareth), and other locations.

“Red Hook is a thriving community; businesses are doing well but they have no possibility for growth because day and night all the parking spaces are filled,” said Greg Miller, an engineer and community activist.

Although some people are delighted with the plans to expand parking, others are worried about where the 100 cars that park there now will go while construction is underway.

The Red Hook Community Alliance has been pushing for additional parking for more than a decade, but some members questioned whether the proposed addition at the terminal makes sense

“Over ten years ago the Red Hook Community Alliance, working with various government agencies, completed a design and promoted the construction of a couple of hundred spaces [at a] community parking lot on the government property beside Ivanna Eudora Kean High School,” said Miller.

Andrea King, the president and founder of the Red Hook Alliance, said the organization worked with the Anti-Litter and Beautification Commission to fund a plan for a parking lot and re-design of the dumpster area (where many commuters now park each day).



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“It was completely eco-friendly with a pea-gravel surface and beautiful landscaping designed by Paradigm Design, a company that was active here in the late 90’s and early 2000’s. We gave the plan to Governor deJongh during his first year in office (2007), and he said, ‘This is something we can work with,’ but then the plan died,” she said. The plan is still available, and is designed to complement further recreational development in Red Hook.

“All the land between Kean High School and the National Guard Center is government property that is designated for recreational use,” Miller said.

The area is now is the site of a community swimming pool, and adjacent parcels have been reserved for tennis courts and a playground. Miller said that construction of a parking lot there would enhance the entire area, especially if shuttle service to the ferry terminal was established.

“There’s no reason VIPA couldn’t lease the space from the government,” said Miller.

VIPA could benefit by charging for parking or for shuttle service to the ferry terminal, King further suggested.

Brathwaite said that the Port Authority has no jurisdiction over the land owned by the Virgin Islands Government, and since the need for additional parking was critical, VIPA was proceeding with the plan for expansion at the terminal. “It’s our property and that’s why we’re developing it,” she said.

Although she hasn’t studied the design for the new parking deck, King said a two-story parking garage “will destroy the view, the ambiance, and the look of the ferry terminal. We can do better. We have to do better,” she said.

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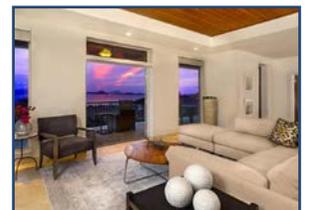
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