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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DPNR URGES REGISTRATION OF ALL VESSELS**  
**INCLUDING KAYAKS AND JET SKIS**

Commissioner Designee Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Division of Environmental Enforcement (DEE) continues vessel and mooring registrations for the 2019-2020 year.

DPNR reminds all vessel owners that **25 V.I.C. § 291** states, that a "**VESSEL**" means *every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.*

**Also, pursuant to 25 V.I.C. § 292**, *no person shall use or operate any vessel including sailboats, hobbie-cats, dinghies, tenders, jet skis, or other similar contrivances on any of the waters of the Virgin Islands unless:*

*(1) such vessel is registered with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources; and*

*(2) an identifying number and decal are visibly displayed on the vessel and the operator can present a valid registration certificate.*

Effective **IMMEDIATELY**, all owners of kayaks, dinghies, tenders, jet skis, or any means of transportation on U.S. Virgin Islands water must be registered by

the Department of Planning of Natural Resources, DEE Division by **June 30, 2019.**

Boaters are asked to walk with the most current registration cards to expedite the process. If this is your first time registering a vessel, you must provide the Division with a notarized bill of sale or affidavit of vessel ownership.

Boaters are also reminded that registration after **June 30th** will be considered late and may be subject to a late fee.

Mail in registration will also be accepted for both districts.

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