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### **ANCHORED VESSELS IN ALL NON-DESIGNATED ANCHORAGES MUST RELOCATE**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources calls for all long-term anchoring vessels in temporary anchorages opened during the State-of-Emergency "Stay at Home" Order to relocate their vessels to a designated area for mooring and anchoring area by Friday July 24, 2020.

Brewers Bay, Magens Bay, and Lindberg Bay, St. Thomas and Lind Point, St. John were approved as temporary anchoring sites due to the high volume of vessels that relocated to the Territory because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the volume of vessels has significantly reduced, the Department needs to return to planned use of regularly designated bays where space is available. Vessel operators are now required to relocate to one of those areas. Please be sure to inform the Division of Environmental Enforcement of the change in location of anchorage so that the changes may be reflected in your anchoring permit on file. The following is a listing by island of the available locations:

#### **St. Thomas**

Charlotte Amalie Harbor  
Pacquereau Bay  
Bologno Bay  
Secret Harbor

Long Bay  
Water Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Red Hook Bay

#### **St. John**

Coral Harbor  
Great Cruz Bay  
Chocolate Hole

#### **St. Croix**

Chenay Bay  
Christiansted Harbor  
Cotton Garden Bay  
Frederiksted Harbor  
Salt River  
Teague Bay

Please be reminded that all vessels anchored in the Territory are required to have a valid anchoring permit, renewal every 30 days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Director of Environmental Enforcement Howard A. Forbes Sr. at 340-773-5774 or Assistant Director Jessica Parris at 340-227-8253.