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DPNR & 'FRIENDS OF EAST END MARINE PARK' TO HOST
"ASTRONOMY BY THE SEA"

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Coastal Zone Management in collaboration with *FRIENDS OF THE ST. CROIX EAST END MARINE PARK* will host an educational session of **ASTRONOMY BY THE SEA** on Saturday, July 10th at Estate Great Pond Park (location of old Camp Arawak) from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join St. Croix East End Marine Park staff for an evening of stargazing and storytelling under the new moon. Participants will learn about the constellations and how to identify various stars and planets. Captivating stories and folklore will be told by Dr. Chenzira Davis Kahina, Director of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center (VICCC) of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). Be sure to bring a blanket or chair, a flashlight and a light, long sleeve shirt. Masks are required.

This is a free educational event, suitable for all ages and experience levels. Due to COVID-19 social distancing practices and RSVP is required. Interested parties can RSVP by calling Kelcie Troutman at (340) 718-3367 or on Eventbrite ([eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)) by searching "Astronomy by the Sea".