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DPNR TO HOST SEAGRASS PATROL

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Coastal Zone Management will host an educational session on Seagrass Patrol on Friday, October 7th at the St. Croix Yacht Club from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Seagrass Patrol is a citizen science program that will provide participants with a hands-on experience to learn about the inhabitants of seagrass meadows which are often overlooked. St. Croix East End Marine Park (STXEEMP) staff will assist participants with seine deployment, and removing, identifying, measuring, and the safe release of organisms caught in the net. This work is conducted under a scientific permit issued by the Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW19059X) for the use of the seine.

This is a free educational event, held quarterly, and suitable for all ages and experience levels. RSVP is mandatory. For program inquiries and reservations please email East End Marine Park Outreach Coordinator Kelcie Troutman at kelcie.troutman@dpr.vi.gov / 340-718-3367 or sign up at www.eventbrite.com by searching "Seagrass Patrol".