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VIPA INSTALLING NEW CLEATS AT ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN SEAPORTS

The Virgin Islands Port Authority will spend \$190,000 to replace corroded marine cleats at three seaports in the St. Thomas/St. John District. VIPA has hired Lighthouse Marine Virgin Islands to install new cleats at the Charlotte Amalie Waterfront Harbor's bulkhead and the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal's dock in Red Hook in St. Thomas, and at the Loredon L. Boynes Sr. Dock in Cruz Bay, St. John. The installation of the cleats will begin Friday, September 6, 2019 and should be completed in two weeks.

The new cleats will help provide a secure means to safeguard vessels berthed at VIPA's ports. They are also a much-requested amenity for mooring mega yachts and other private vessels that wish to berth in the picturesque Charlotte Amalie harbor during the U.S. Virgin Islands' tourist season. By providing the new cleats, VIPA hopes to attract high-end seafarers to the territory to help provide patrons for tourist-related businesses and boost the territory's economy.

VIPA apologizes in advance for any inconveniences caused during the cleat replacement project and appreciates the public's patience as the agency works to improve its port facilities.

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