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## **RCCL and Celebrity Cancel Calls to St. Thomas Due to Approaching Inclement Weather**

Virgin Islands Port Authority Acting Executive Director Damian Cartwright announced today that Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Allure of the Seas and the Celebrity Equinox have both canceled their scheduled calls to the Austin "Babe" Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Both visits were canceled as a safety precaution due to approaching inclement weather anticipated from Hurricane Irma, which is expected to affect the US Virgin Islands this week, said Cartwright. Although the visit was cancelled for safety reasons, Cartwright wishes to extend his apologies to the merchants and businesses that will be affected because of the cancellations.

VIPA will continue to update the public regarding the status of its ports as information is received. The Authority encourages the community to monitor the Port Authority's Facebook page for updates: [www.facebook.com/usviports](http://www.facebook.com/usviports).

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