



VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY MARINE TARIFF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendments Effective January 1, 2026

St. John, USVI

October 6, 2025

St. Thomas, USVI

October 7, 2025

St. Croix, USVI

October 8, 2025

Presented by Mr. Carlton Dowe, VIPA Executive Director



Proposed VIPA Marine Tariff Amendments

MEETING AGENDA

A. Introduction & Overview of VIPA's Mandate and our Marine Projects & Operations

B. Proposed Adjustments to Existing VIPA Marine Fees – Effective January 1, 2026:

1. BVI International Per Passenger Ship Dues & Wharfage
2. Docking Fees
3. Pilotage
4. Red Hook Barge Ramp Fees
5. Parking Rates at the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal, Red Hook

C. Proposed New Fees – Effective January 1, 2026:

1. Cargo Overflow Staging Fee
2. Red Hook Barge Ramp Additional Passenger Fee for Non-Drivers
3. A paid parking system at VIPA's parking lot at the Victor Sewer Marine Facility in Cruz Bay

D. Legislation and Other Activity that Affects Marine Operations

E. Question & Answer and How to Contact Us



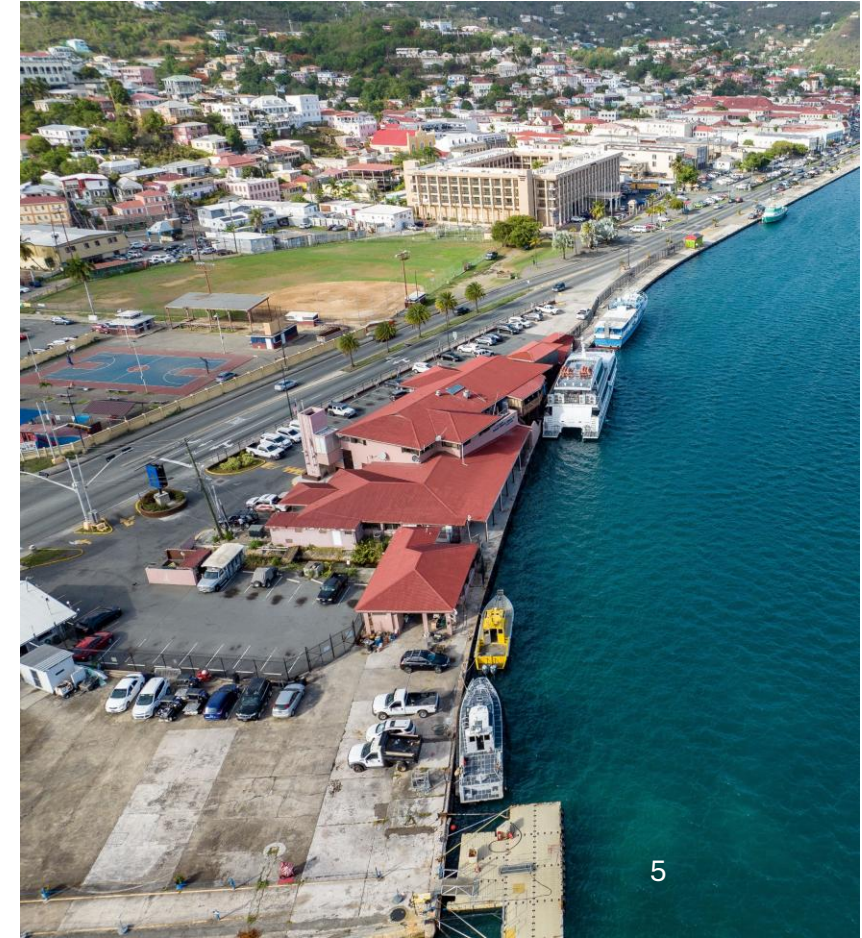
VIPA Overview & Marine Projects & Operations



St. Croix Seaports



St. Thomas Seaports





St. John Seaports



Responsibilities of the Virgin Islands Port Authority



The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is an autonomous government agency of the U.S. Virgin Islands responsible for managing, operating, and developing the territory's air and seaports.



VIPA's property portfolio includes the USVI's two airports, cargo facilities, ferry terminals, two cruise ship docks, and its harbors.



Our mandate and mission are to provide safe, efficient, and modern transportation infrastructure that supports both passenger travel and the flow of goods.



Funding Port Operations

VIPA is an autonomous, self-sustaining agency; therefore, the Authority does not receive an annual budget allotment from the USVI Government.



Revenue VIPA funds its operations primarily via tenant rentals and port user fees.



Federal Grants are awarded to VIPA.
(U.S. Department of Transportation/FAA, U.S. Coast Guard, etc.)



Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's) approved by the FAA are added to airline tickets to be used for airport improvement.



Legislative Allotments for a specific project may be provided via the USVI Legislature.



Bonds VIPA floated bonds with a BBB+ Bond Rating in Fiscal Year 2014 to fund marine port improvements.



VIPA's Economic Importance

Our seaports help support:

Tourism: Cruise ships and flights bring most visitors, directly fueling the islands' tourism-based economy.

Trade & Commerce: Our ports are the lifeline of our local businesses, facilitating the import of all goods, materials, and enabling regional and international commerce.

Jobs & Revenue: Port activities are the backbone of our economy, creating thousands of jobs and generating government revenue through fees, leases, and taxes.

Regional & Global Connectivity: connects the USVI with the wider Caribbean, the United States, and the world.



Funding Seaport Operations & Improvements

Fees
collected
at our
ports are
used for:

Operations: VIPA is an autonomous, self-sustaining government agency. Fees charged to use our ports fund port operations, including payroll for its 300+ employees.

Maintenance: Fees collected are used to fund the purchase of materials and labor to maintain our marine facilities, buildings, equipment, vehicles, pilot boats, etc.

Construction & Expansion: Critical infrastructure projects, such as dredging and structural repairs, are needed to accommodate larger and more modern vessels or to improve operational and safety conditions.

Economic Growth: The fees collected provide revenue for VIPA to execute its mandate effectively and fulfill its mission of connecting the U.S. Virgin Islands to the world by air and sea, fostering economic sustainability and tourism.



Marine Capital Projects – St. John

Loredon L. Boynes Sr. Dock

- Under-deck structural repairs
- Emergency generator installation

Victor Sewer Marine Facility (“The Creek”)

- Currently designing structural repairs of the dock
- Future dredging

Theovald Moorehead Dock and Terminal

- Future dredging



Marine Capital Projects – St. Thomas

Crown Bay Cargo Port

- Crown Bay Cargo Terminal Improvements project starting QTR 1 2026
(Project Cost: \$21.8 million, \$5.4 million matching funds – Tropical & Crowley Public/Private Partnership)

Urman V. Fredericks Terminal, Red Hook

- Roof and guttering repairs
- Updated design of the US Customs Facility & repair of the old dock

STT Marine Structural Repairs (In Design)

- Edward Wilmoth Blyden Marine Terminal
- Charles F. Blair Seaplane Terminal
- Austin “Babe” Monsanto Marine Terminal



Marine Capital Projects – St. Croix

Wilfred “Bomba” Allick Port & Transshipment Center (Containerport)

- Cargo facility matching funds for repair project. (**\$22.4 million, with the matching fund paid by Tropical Shipping**)

Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility

- Catwalk and structural repairs design complete, being prepared to go out to bid.

Gallows Bay Marine Facility

- Demolition of old warehouses to repurpose this property



Seaport Assessments by Marine Consultant

Island	Facility	Rating	Fund Source
STT	Austin "Babe" Monsanto Marine Terminal	4 - Fair	VIPA
STT	Crown Bay Cargo Port	4 - Fair	DOT/TROPICAL & CROWLEY/VIPA
STT	Charles F. Blair Seaplane Terminal	4 - Fair	VIPA
STT	Edward Wilmoth Blyden IV Marine Terminal	4 - Fair	VIPA
STT	Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal	5 - Satisfactory	VIPA
STJ	Victor William Sewer Marine Facility	4 - Fair	VIPA
STJ	Loredon Lorence Boynes Sr. Dock	2 - Serious	VIPA
STJ	Theovald Moorehead Dock and Terminal	5 - Satisfactory	VIPA
STX	Gallows Bay Marine Facility	3 - Poor	VIPA
STX	Svend Aage Ovesen Jr. Seaplane Terminal	5 - Satisfactory	N/A
STX	Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier	5 - Satisfactory	VIPA
STX	Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Port and Transshipment Center	3 - Poor	DOT/VIPA/TROPICAL
STX	Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility	3 - Poor	VIPA



Loredon Boynes Dock Projects



Under-deck deterioration



Under-deck deterioration



Closed section of the waiting area



Loredon Boynes Dock Projects



Dinghy dock under-deck repairs are needed.



UVF Marine Terminal Roof Repairs, Red Hook

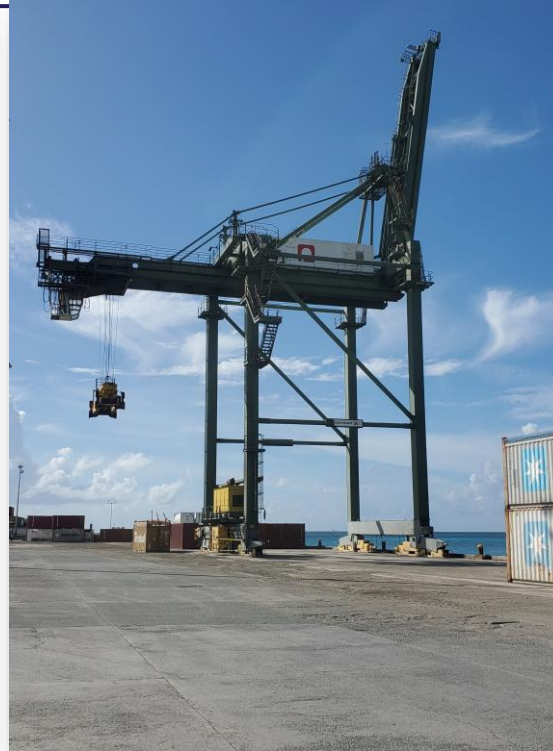


The roof and guttering at the ferry terminal in Red Hook need repairs.



Gantry Crane Replacement

- The cranes in Crown Bay, St. Thomas, and St. Croix need replacement to facilitate the loading and unloading of cargo.
- The gantry crane at the Containerport in St. Croix is owned by VIPA and has been in service for over 30 years.
- **Approximate cost, each: \$7 million**





Crown Bay Projects



Crown Bay cargo dock deterioration





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Ferry Ports & Cruise Activity

- **The Creek:** Cruise excursions, interisland ferries, and cruise ship tenders use the Creek in St. John to load and disembark. This multi-purpose facility will need dredging in the near future.
- **Crown Bay:** Cruise excursions also load and disembark in Crown Bay and connect to the West Indian Company Dock.





Cruise Ship Activity Requires Dredging



The cruise pier in Crown Bay, St. Thomas, accommodates the largest cruise ships in the world and plays a crucial role in sustaining the USVI's tourism sector and economy. However, this facility requires maintenance and dredging.



Gallows Bay Warehouse



Existing conditions of the Gallows Bay Warehouse



Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier



Before (No Terminal)



After (New Terminal + Dock Improvements)



Wilfred “Bomb” Allick Port & Transshipment Center



Before (Old Terminal)



After (New Terminal)



EXISTING FEES – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS





Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees – BVI Travel

(1) British Virgin Islands Inter-Island Passenger Wharfage and Ship Dues

Inter-Island Passenger ferry service between the BVI and USVI is charged per-passenger ship dues and wharfage for use of the harbor and wharf premises under the control of VIPA. **These fees were last increased in 2014.**

BVI Inter-Island Passenger Ship Dues & Wharfage			
Fee Per Passenger	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)
Ship Dues	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Wharfage - Inbound	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.00
Wharfage - Outbound	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.00
Total Ship Dues & Wharfage	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$3.00

NOTE: The current fee to depart from the British Virgin Islands is
\$20.00



Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees – Docking Fees

(2) Docking Fees at VIPA's Ports

- Any vessel, except cruise vessels, berthing at any VIPA-owned wharf, dock, pier, or bulkhead structure is currently charged \$1 per running foot **per 24-hour period**.
- VIPA will increase this fee to **\$2.50 per day**.
- **This fee was last increased eight (8) years ago and is paid by all private and commercial vessels (NOT paid by cruise lines).**

DOCKING FEES PER EACH 24 HOURS (ALL VIPA-OWNED DOCKING FACILITIES)

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| ■ MEASUREMENT: | Per running foot, per vessel |
| ■ CURRENT: | \$1.00 |
| ■ PROPOSED: | \$2.50 (INCREASED BY \$1.50) |



Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees - Pilotage

(3) Pilotage

- Current pilotage rates have been in effect since **October 1, 2020**.
- Pilotage is paid by vessels over 100 tons, primarily by cargo vessels and any other vessels over the minimum tonnage.
- Vessels under 100 tons do not pay pilotage.



Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees - Pilotage

MARINE TARIFF FEES – PILOTAGE

Proposed Increase – January 1, 2026

Tariff Fee	Current	Proposed
Charge per draft foot (min. 15ft)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Plus per gross registered ton (min. \$100)	\$0.01	-----
0-19,999		\$200.00
20,000-59,999		\$400.00
60,000 & over		\$600.00
Shifting within harbor	\$300.00	\$400.00
Plus per gross registered ton (min. \$100)	\$0.01	-----
Harbor use fee (per entry)	\$100.00	\$150.00
Waiting time due to unreadiness of vessel after pilot reports	\$150.00	\$200.00



Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees

(4) Red Hook Barge Ramp Fees – St. Thomas

These fees were established **19 years ago in 2006** and have not been increased since implementation.

St. Thomas/St. John Barge Ramp Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Measurement		
Per car, small-medium SUVs & motorcycles	\$3.00	\$6.00
Per pick-up trucks and vans (large SUVs, personal vans)	\$4.00	\$6.00
Per heavy trucks and equipment	\$20.00	\$30.00
Other vehicles (commercial vans, hearses, safari taxis)	\$6.00	\$10.00
Containers, 20 feet and less	\$20.00	\$30.00
Containers, more than 20 feet (large trucks, trucks with chassis, fuel trucks)	\$30.00	\$40.00



Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees

(5) Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal Parking Lot Rates

- Current parking rates have been in effect since **July 27, 2020.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any special rates previously approved will expire upon the effective date of the new rates.





Proposed Adjustments to Existing Fees

CURRENT RATE		PROPOSED RATES		INCREASE
TIME	RATE	TIME	RATE	
0-15 MINUTES	\$ -	0-15 MINUTES	\$ -	\$ -
16 MINUTES - 1 HOUR	\$ 4	16 MINUTES - 1 HOUR	\$ 4	\$ -
1-2 HOURS	\$ 6	1-2 HOURS	\$ 6	\$ -
2-3 HOURS	\$ 8	2-3 HOURS	\$ 8	\$ -
3-4 HOURS	\$ 12	3-4 HOURS	\$ 12	\$ -
4-5 HOURS	\$ 12	4-5 HOURS	\$ 15	\$ 3
5-24 HOURS	\$ 15	5-24 HOURS	\$ 20	\$ 5
DAILY RATE	\$ 15	DAILY RATE	\$ 20	\$ 5
LOST TICKET	\$ 15	LOST TICKET	\$ 20	\$ 5
MONTHLY (PUBLIC)	\$ 175	MONTHLY (PUBLIC)	\$ 250	\$ 75
MONTHLY (TENANT/EMPLOYEE)	\$ 100	MONTHLY (TENANT/EMPLOYEE)	\$ 150	\$ 50
DAILY (TENANT/EMPLOYEE)	\$ 5	DAILY (TENANT/EMPLOYEE)	\$ 10	\$ 5

**PARKING RATES ARE POSTED
ON OUR WEBSITE**
www.viport.com/seaport-parking

HOW TO PAY PARKING FEES

- Cash, debit, and credit cards are accepted.
- Parking fees may be paid to the cashier on site.
- "Pay-On-Foot" machines are available at this facility.

HOURS OF OPERATION
 6:00 a.m. to midnight daily



Parking Lot Fee Collections FY 2020 – 2025 (Oct-Sep)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	*FY25
Red Hook Barge Ramp	\$463,004	\$605,432	\$618,686	\$599,412	\$592,772	\$613,388
Red Hook Parking Garage	\$609,535	\$859,404	\$996,352	\$996,998	\$1,052,360	\$1,017,989
St. John	\$7,101	\$35,791	\$55,873	\$71,304	\$70,564	\$88,206
Combined YTD	\$1,079,640	\$1,500,627	\$1,670,911	\$1,667,714	\$1,715,696	\$1,719,583

*The figures are subject to change pending the release of the full-year financial report.



NEW FEES PROPOSED





Proposed New VIPA Marine Tariff Fees – Cargo Staging

(1) Cargo Overflow Staging Fee

VIPA will provide temporary cargo overflow staging areas for a fee.

Proposed Cargo Overflow Staging Area Fees (STX, STJ, STT)		
Vehicles under 4000 lbs. STT & STX	\$20.00	per day
Vehicles 4000 lbs. and over - STT & STX	\$50.00	per day
Heavy Equipment - STJ	\$15.00	per hour
Heavy Equipment - STT, STX, & STJ	\$100.00	per day
20ft. Containers or Chassis - STJ	\$15.00	per hour
20ft. Containers or Chassis - STT, STX, & STJ	\$100.00	per day
40ft. Containers or Chassis - STJ	\$25.00	per hour
40ft. Containers or Chassis - STT, STX, & STJ	\$150.00	per day
Fuel Tankers under 3,000 gallons - STT, STX, & STJ	\$200.00	per day
Fuel Tankers 3,000 gallons and over - STT, STX, & STJ	\$300.00	per day



Proposed New VIPA Marine Tariff Fees – Barge Ramp

(2) Red Hook Barge Ramp Per Passenger Fee – Non-Driver

1. The driver and one passenger over the age of 12 will not be charged the occupant fee.
2. A new fee of **\$2.00 per passenger** will be applied at the barge ramp. This fee applies to all passengers except the driver and one (1) passenger over the age of 12.
3. This fee does not apply to passengers under 12 years of age.

PROPOSED FEE

\$2.00

per passenger

**The driver + one pax over 12 =
not charged**



Proposed New VIPA Marine Tariff Fees – Paid Parking

(3) Paid Parking in Cruz Bay

The parking lot at the Victor Sewer Marine Facility in Cruz Bay, St. John, will be converted to a paid parking facility with competitive rates starting January 1, 2026.

Benefits of Paid Parking:

- Affordable parking in the town area
- Fees will help maintain the lot and improve STJ port facilities.
- Limiting overnight and long-term parking in the lot will create more essential parking space for those doing business in Cruz Bay.

Cruz Bay Parking Lot Rates (Proposed)	
Day/Evening Rates	
Hourly Parking (5:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.)	Hourly Rate
0 - 30 Minutes	\$0.00
31 Minutes - 9 Hours	\$5.00
Over 9 Hours (Max Daily Rate)	\$50.00
Night/Overnight Rates	
Hourly Parking (7:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.)	Hourly Rate
7:00 P.M - 12:00 A.M.	\$6.00
12:00 A.M. - 5:00 A.M.	\$8.00



Transforming Our Ports to Enhance Your Experience!

Effective Date for Proposed Amendments: **January 1, 2026**



VIPA aims to generate approximately **\$5 million** through proposed changes to our existing marine fees, as well as the introduction of new fees.



This revenue will be used to support essential marine operations and projects territory-wide (St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas).



The increased funds will help finance critical improvements, ensure routine maintenance of our seaport facilities, and cover the rising costs associated with operations and capital expenditures.



Legislation & Other Marine Activity





Recent and Upcoming Legislation

ACT 8995 (BILL NO. 36-0053)

- Raises the minimum salary for all government employees from **\$27,040** to **\$35,000** starting October 1, 2025.
- Passed by the 36th Legislature.
- This increase affects VIPA's operations



Recent and Upcoming Legislation

BILL NO. 36-0039

- Seeks to double the import fees for containers and flat racks used to safely transport goods, materials, and supplies to the USVI.
- **Current fee:** \$100 for a 40-foot container and \$50 for a 20-foot container, collected by the Government of the USVI.
- **Bill seeks to increase rates as follows:**
 - containers and flat racks up to 39 feet from \$50 to \$100.
 - containers and flat racks 40 feet will be increased from \$100 to \$200
 - containers that measure 45 feet at a new rate of \$205
- **Pending** before the Legislature, sponsored by The Honorable Angel Bolques Jr.



USVI Cruise Ship Activity FY 2022 - 2026

FY26 Projected		FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22
CRUISE SHIP CALLS					
Crown Bay	206	178	139	170	152
St. John	80	36	22	20	17
WICO	367	277	286	261	181
Total St. Thomas	653	491	447	451	350
St. Croix	113	97	57	69	35
Total Calls	766	588	504	520	385
CRUISE PASSENGERS					
Crown Bay	750,000	759,349	561,320	687,239	436,392
St. John	32,000	8,254	5,618	5,514	3,059
WICO	1,168,000	955,592	989,374	825,248	353,634
Total St. Thomas	1,950,000	1,723,195	1,556,312	1,518,001	793,085
St. Croix	255,000	242,020	144,930	177,000	59,864
Total Passengers	2,205,000	1,965,215	1,701,242	1,695,001	852,949

*FY25 and anticipated activity in FY26 have surpassed pre-pandemic activity.

Fiscal Year: October 1 - September 30



USVI Cruise Ship Activity FY 2022 - 2026

Capital Cost Recovery Charge (CCRC)

	STT	STX
FY 2024	\$ 475,195.00	\$ 2,138,910.00
FY 2025	\$ 254,850.00	\$ 10,299,650.08
Total	\$ 730,045.00	\$ 12,438,560.08

Collected in FY25

STT - \$3.00

\$1,808,640.00

The port dues increase to assist the Charlotte Amalie Harbor Dredging Project.



THE USVI = ONE PORT

All funds collected from seaport operations
are allocated to the maintenance
and the operation of **all VIPA-owned ports.**



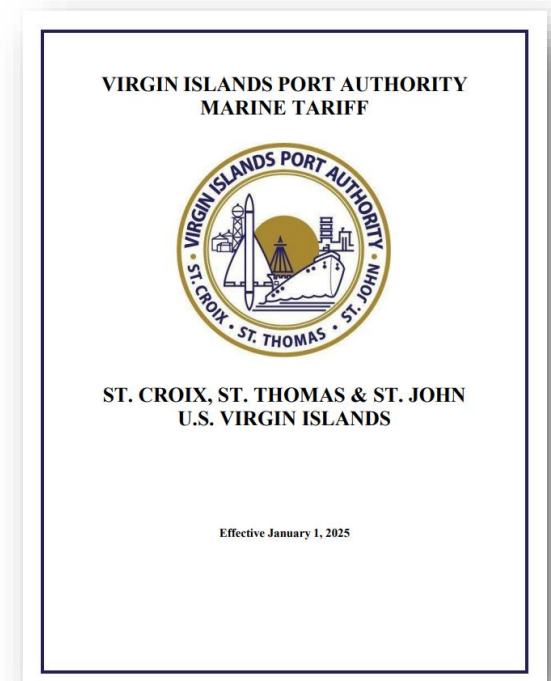
Where are VIPA's Marine Fees Published?

The Virgin Islands Port Authority's Marine Tariff is established by VIPA's management per Section 543, Chapter 10, Title 29 of the VI Code.

A public hearing is required by law to notify the public of any changes to the tariff, per Section 543, Chapter 12, Title 29 of the VI Code. (Last updated Jan. 1, 2025)

The new fees become effective according to the date approved by VIPA's Board of Governors. The changes proposed at this hearing will be effective **January 1, 2026**.

VIPA's Marine Tariff is available on VIPA's website or can be requested by calling our Marine or Public Relations Office. *(The updated tariff will be posted on the website once approved by the VIPA Board.)*



Available Online:
www.viport.com/rates-statistics



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