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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

On behalf of the people and Government of the Virgin Islands, it is a pleasure to welcome the attendees of the VICL's Fall Charteryacht Show to St. Thomas. We are pleased that you have decided to participate in this premiere event which highlights the diversity and appeal of our charter boat industry.

The importance of the charter yacht industry to the Virgin Islands cannot be overstated. The Territory has much to offer its visitors – beautiful beaches, year-round warm and sunny weather, cool tropical breezes, and lush vegetation on our hills and mountains. But the real appeal for all travelers lies in the translucent turquoise waters which surround our islands. Without the charter boat industry, visitors would be unable to experience the joy of cruising through our unforgettable waters and visiting remote and secluded destinations. These are the pastimes which make for indelible vacation memories.

However the charter yacht industry does much more than just attracting visitors to our shores. It impacts positively on many other businesses in the community, such as outfitters and provisioners, docking facilities and marinas, maintenance and repair facilities, and insurance and other service providers, just to name a few. I can unequivocally state that the Virgin Islands offers truly excellent support facilities and services, all designed to provide an outstanding experience to the charter yacht customer.

I wish to offer congratulations to the V. I. Charteryacht League on its 40th anniversary. This organization has consistently promoted the charter yacht industry in the Territory and done much to enhance the Virgin Islands' reputation as having the best sailing waters in the world!

We appreciate your participation in the Fall Charteryacht Show and support of the industry. Enjoy your visit to St. Thomas and come back again!


John P. de Jongh, Jr.