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# ALL IS NOT LOST

**Community Helping Liveaboard Family After Home Lost on Contant Point Rocks**

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

**GREAT CRUZ BAY** — After more than six months anchored on the outer edge of the Great Cruz Bay mooring field, the Hale family was harassed into moving their 51-foot ketch *Lady M* further away from a neighboring mooring on a stormy Saturday morning, November 22.

“We were anchored next to mooring balls and someone came and was yelling at the kids on Friday when my husband wasn’t home,” Sarah Hale told *St. John Tradewinds* on Sunday. When John Hale got home to Sarah and their four children from his job as a dive boat captain for Cruz Bay Watersports Friday night it was after dark.

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Their four children and other boaters lent a hand to John Hale and his wife Sarah after their 51-foot ketch *Lady M* dragged anchor and grounded on the rocks of Contant Point at the entrance to Great Cruz Bay on Saturday morning, November 22. A fundraising campaign has been started for the live-aboard family of six at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com).

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## Tennessee Insurance Executive Killed in Apparent Burglary and Robbery at Isolated East End Home

By TOM OAT

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**PRIVATEER BAY** — A controversial insurance company executive from Nashville, Tennessee, Edward H. Netherland, 60, was found dead with a head wound Tuesday morning, November 18, in his isolated rental home at the farthest reach of an undeveloped luxury subdivision at Privateer Bay on the East End of St. John.

“There had to (have been) a fight,” said a *St. John Tradewinds* source who surmised Netherland had been surprised by burglars who didn’t expect anyone was in the isolated house. “He had a big wound on his head.”

V.I. Police Department Major Crime detectives in the St. Thomas/St. John district said Netherland was discovered unresponsive in his home on the east end of St. John at about 9:15 a.m. on November 18. Detectives also said the results of the autopsy, received by them on November 20, list cause of death as blunt force trauma.

The Rutherford County, Tennessee, Sheriff’s Office and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Police Department, Netherland had not been contacted by U.S. Virgin Islands Police as of Wednesday evening, spokesmen told the *Murfreesboro Post*. (See related story on Page 18.)

Netherland, who reportedly was a USVI Economic Development Commission (EDC) tax ben-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

A Tennessee insurance executive who was a part-time resident of St. John was found dead of a head wound in this isolated home on East End Point on Tuesday, November 18, the apparent victim of a robbery.

eficiary, was required to reside in the USVI and traveled to and from the territory frequently for business, leaving his car at the isolated East End house he rented and worked from while in the territory, according to his landlord.

### Employee Finds Victim

Police were dispatched to the residence after an employee of the victim entered the house, found the victim and called 911, according to the preliminary information.

“I saw him Monday afternoon,” the owner of the lone rental house in the furthest reach of the undeveloped subdivision told *St. John Tradewinds* newspaper. “The next morning the girl came to clean up

and he was slumped over dead between the bed and the outside wall.”

“It looked like a tussle and they hit him or he hit his head,” the property owner told *Tradewinds*. “It wasn’t like (the house) was ransacked — his wallet was gone; his watch was gone.”

“I don’t think they knew he was there,” the long-time St. John resident surmised. “This guy didn’t go out.”

“This is an isolated spot,” the property owner said of the modern house which hangs off a cliff on the north shore of Privateer Point on the East End of St. John with

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## Annual 5K Turkey Run November 27

It’s time once again for the much loved annual Turkey Run!

The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun-filled 5-K run on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Registration will take place at the Annaberg parking lot starting at 7:30 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee for this event, but a donation of dog or cat food would be greatly appreciated and will benefit the Animal Care Center of St. John.

Let’s help out our furry friends this holiday season!

Parking is limited, please carpool if possible. The course is a looping 5K in the areas of Annaberg/Francis/Leinster, as well as an abbreviated course for the little ones. Fun Thanksgiving themed prizes and awards.

For more info, email Louise at [louise@surfbvi.com](mailto:louise@surfbvi.com) or Jude at [timberdickwoody@gmail.com](mailto:timberdickwoody@gmail.com). or email [stjohncancerfund@gmail.com](mailto:stjohncancerfund@gmail.com). See you there!!

## Thankspigging Nov. 27 at Skinny Legs

Mark those calendars for Thursday, November 27, for the 14th annual Thankspigging, a distinctly Coral Bay tradition, at Skinny Legs at 4 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Regatta Starts Nov. 28

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Regatta Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29.

The annual regatta is a fundraiser for the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids and the Sea. Registration, skippers meetings and after parties will take place at CBYC’s Skinny Legs.

Registration for single-handed sailors and traditional class will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 28. The skippers meeting will follow at 9 a.m. An after party with live music will be hosted at Skinny Legs on Friday night.

Saturday’s skipper’s meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Leg with the awards party, featuring live music by Hudson and the Hoodoo Cats, at 6 p.m.

Entry fee for regatta is \$40 and raffle tickets —\$5 each or five for \$20 — are available from KATS students and at Keep Me Posted, and Connections East and West.

## Annual Fortsberg Pilgrimage Nov. 28

St. John Historical Society members are invited to take part in the Nov. 28 pilgrimage to Fortsberg, which commemorates the start of the 1733 slave rebellion on St. John. As of press time, details of this activity are still being determined. SJHS plans on posting the information when it becomes available in the Events and Programs section of their website.

## SJFS Kick Offs Season December 9

The St. John Film Society kicks off the 2014-2015 season on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with “Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision” at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

## Mega-Yacht Hearing Set for Dec. 17

The permit for the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina will go before the V.I. Legislature’s Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

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Cindy Jurgean and Camille “JuJu” Paris, above, stand outside the Julius E. Sprauve School polling station during the run-off gubernatorial election on Tuesday, November 18.

Governor-elect Kenneth Mapp, center right in left photo, meets with supporters Camille Paris, center left, Janice Paris, right, and Frankie Johnson, left, during an afternoon cocktail hour at Waterfront Bistro on Saturday, November 22.

## Governor-elect Mapp Eyes St. John Property Taxes, School and Marina

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

**CRUZ BAY** — A recall of the 2013 St. John property tax bills, a new St. John public school without a land swap with the federal government, a permit revocation and reconsideration of the size of the Coral Bay marina project – Governor-elect Kenneth E. Mapp is on top of St. John issues and his administration will be ready to act when it takes office in January.

While demurring on specific policy decisions, Governor-elect Mapp was succinct in outlining his plans for the smallest U.S. Virgin Island, starting with his campaign promise to redo the property revaluation that threatens native property owners.

“I am going to recall them (the tax bills),” Gov.-elect Mapp said of the 2013 property tax bills that shocked St. John taxpayers, especially native landowners. “I don’t believe they are accurate.”

It was impossible for the revaluation to be accurate “in the current economic climate,” he explained.

### Private Site for New Island Public School

The governor-elect will also be taking a very different look at the stalled de Jongh Administration plans for a new St. John public school. A National Park Service-owned Centerline Road property in Catherineberg has been proposed as the site for the Kindergarten through Grade 12 school planned to replace the Julius E. Sprauve



Governor-elect Ken Mapp

School in Cruz Bay and the shuttered Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

“I don’t intend to spend a lot of time going back and forth with the federal government,” Gov.-elect Mapp told *St. John Tradewinds* in reference to the extended delay from protracted negotiations with the National Park Service to swap V.I. National Park property for V.I. government property the NPS covets.

“We have publicly said we will seek to acquire private land outside of the NPS,” Gover-

nor-elect Mapp said.

“The schools and the roads are part of our plan for moving the construction industry,” Mapp pointed out. “How do we move more dollars into the economy to jump start the economy?”

### Review of Controversial Marina Permit

While the St. John CZM permit for the controversial Coral Bay marina has been signed by Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. and is set to go before a V.I. Legislature committee on Dec. 17, the project still requires federal approvals. Gov.-elect Mapp said he wants to revisit the entire issue of the approval of the permit.

“I do believe the marina is too big and I don’t think the bay can handle it,” Gov.-elect Mapp said of the proposed 145-slip, megayacht marina. “I want to really go back and look at the whole process.”

“We will look at the whole issue,” Mapp said of his administration’s ability to have the Summer’s End Group (SEG) marina permit reconsidered. “The Governor has some revocative authority. I become the arbiter as Governor with the authority for potential revocation of permits.”

In his interview with *St. John Tradewinds*, a paramount issue for Gov.-elect Mapp was the state of the territory’s neediest families and the middle class.

“We really want to very early on to try to look at these families in need. No one in Amer-

ica should have to live in need,” Gov.-elect Mapp said at the outset of the interview. “And, the middle class is almost gone from the territory.”

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Firstbank will move to the Marketplace, according to sources.

## Will Cruz Bay Corner Be Hot Spot?

STAFF REPORT  
St. John Tradewinds

**U.S.V.I.** — There is little information available, but the landmark FirstBank building in downtown Cruz Bay is apparently going to be the hub of the thriving St. John nightlife scene as the possible site of a new boutique hotel, restaurant and bar.

The new enterprise may join neighboring restaurants the Across the Street bar located between the bank building and the Julius E. Sprauve School and the iconic Woody's Seafood Saloon across the street and La Tapa fine dining in creating a hub of restaurants in the center of town which will soon include The Longboard restaurant under construction in the former Joe's Diner location.

FirstBank will be moving to the former Scotiabank location at The Marketplace commercial complex in Enighed, according to St. John Tradewinds sources.

# Territory Banks Warn Customers of Increase in Credit Card Fraud

STAFF REPORT  
St. John Tradewinds

**USVI** — For at least one St. John customer caught up in the latest wave of bankcard fraud to hit the U.S. Virgin Islands, the trail started at a St. Thomas gas station when he used his card for the only time off St. John before unauthorized charges began showing up from merchants around the southeastern U.S.

It continued with his forced return trip by ferry to the Scotiabank branch in Red Hook, St. Thomas, on Friday, November 21, where bank officials assured him he would be reimbursed for the unapproved charges to his card.

"It's up to almost \$2,000 now," he said of the spate of stateside charges to his card at such retailers as a McDonalds and Kmart in Georgia.

Officials of First Bank and Scotiabank confirmed at week's end that a massive security breach had forced the two USVI banks to stop or limit the use of customer cards. Banco Popular officials reported no increase in card fraud but said that they were warning customers to monitor their accounts for suspicious activity.

As of Thursday, 1,230 customer accounts had been compromised in the last week, a Scotiabank spokesperson told the V.I. Daily News.

FirstBank officials said they found fraudulent activity in its bank card system a week before Scotiabank reported similar activity.

### Questionable Transactions Noted

FirstBank officials told the media they noticed questionable transactions two weeks ago and that the

initial security breach occurred within the systems of two unidentified U.S. retailers. FirstBank allowed customers to continue to use their cards by using their PIN numbers until they received new cards that have been mailed.

"As a result of recent security incidents in retail locations, FirstBank's internal security processes detected an external security breach regarding some Visa Debit card numbers," the bank said in a public statement. "In an effort to help minimize the adverse impact on clients, FirstBank has taken proactive measures to protect our clients' financial services by restricting the use of the FirstBank Visa Debit card to ATM transactions (through the ATH network) using the client's personal identification number (PIN) and at retail locations where PIN-based sales are accepted."

To obtain a temporary replacement card, FirstBank clients were advised to visit any of its branch locations. Clients may also contact the FirstLine Solutions Center toll free at 1.866.695.2511 (USVI) and 1.284.495.8899 (BVI).

FirstBank officials said the bank will continue to carefully monitor all account transactions and also encourages its clients to monitor their accounts through Online Banking and notify the bank immediately if they notice any fraudulent activity.

Banco Popular reported no increase in fraudulent activities, but encouraged customers to monitor their accounts. The bank continued to send new cards to customers who have been notified of suspicious activities in their accounts, officials said.

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Five-year-old Salma Bayatnah, above, is getting treatment for pneumonia, left, in the Miami Children's Hospital.

## Coral Bay Community Rallies for Calabash Market Family

By JAIME ELLIOTT

St. John Tradewinds

### CALABASH BOOM

When Calabash Market's doors were closed unexpectedly one day last week, customers had no idea why the reliably open mini-mart was shuttered in the middle of the afternoon.

As soon as those customers and others heard why owners Mamoun Bayatnah, known to all as Ali, and his wife Mercedes Zapata, called Maria by many, were forced to close for the afternoon, the community quickly rallied to help.

The market is now open, yet Bayatnah and Zapata are at Miami Children's Hospital with their five-year-old daughter Salma. The kindergarten was suffering from a severe case of pneumonia last week when one of her lungs stopped working.

After being told there was nothing more that could be done at the R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas for the child, the family took an air ambulance to Florida on Thursday night, November 20, to admit Salma to Miami Children's Hospital.

Salma's condition seemed to be improving in Miami, yet there was no prognosis as of press time. With medical bills beginning to

**"Please donate what you can — no amount is too small — to help this amazing family we love so much and keep them in your prayers."**

— according to the GoFundMe website

pile up, Leah Randall launched a GoFundMe site to help the Bayatnah and Zapata family.

After sharing the site on social media, more than \$5,000 was donated by 76 people in a single day at <http://www.gofundme.com/hm6df8>. The fundraising goal is \$10,000 and every little bit will help, according to the website.

"While Ali and Maria are doing their best with the expenses we know how this will be skyrocketing in costs," according to the GoFundMe site. "Please donate what you can — no amount is too small — to help this amazing family we love so much and keep them in your prayers."

To donate to the Bayatnah and Zapata family, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/hm6df8>.

## The St. John Band



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## Get in the Spirit with Fun & Festivities Friday, November 28, 5 - 9pm Evening in the Courtyard!

### Glen Speer Visionary Award

The winner of the "Glen Speer Visionary Award" will be announced. Started last year by the MJMA, this award recognizes a member of the St. John community for their contribution to the aesthetic visual appeal or to the quality of life on the island.

### Fashion Show

The colorful **Bamboula Fashion Show** starting promptly at 6:00 in the lower courtyard, features gorgeous locals modeling the latest tropical fashions.

### Fabulous Offers & Raffles

**Bajo el Sol Gallery**, THE location for artwork by St. John artists, is offering a **20% discount on purchases of \$100.**

**Best of Both Worlds** is previewing their latest artwork and jewelry, new for the season, plus a **Drawing for \$100.00 Gift Certificate.**

**Big Planet**, newly remodeled, is hosting a **Black Friday sale** with special deals & discounts.

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**Fabric Mill's** new owners offer a store wide **20% Discount, a Double Your Money Gift Certificate and a Gift Bag!**

**Island Fancy** features new tropical Christmas ornaments.

**Just BEach**, shoppers will enjoy a **20% discount** after 5 pm.

**Nest** is offering **10% off all purchases** store wide, including home furnishings and more.

**Portico** is hosting a Message in a Bottle: uncork the savings from **10 to 50% off their purchase.**

**R&I PATTON** will be showing new opal and gold designs by Kabana. A **raffle** will be held for a piece of **Kabana jewelry** on display. Winner must be present at drawing.

**St. John Scoops** will be offering a **free homemade waffle cone** with the purchase of an ice cream or sorbet.

**Sugarbirds** hosts **Chef Jim** demonstrating his wonderful island made spice blends, plus **gifts with purchases of \$25 or more.**

### Food & Wine Specials

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Dr. David Minner of Gifft Hill School, left, and Jon Mahoney of Iowa State University display the \$600 prize won at the St. Thomas-St. John Agriculture and Food Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22. Gifft Hill School was one of four public and private schools awarded by FINTRAC for work promoting youth engagement in farming and horticultural projects.

## Gifft Hill School Recognized for EARTH Farming Program at Agricultural Fair

By JUDI SHIMEL  
St. John Tradewinds

**ST. THOMAS** — A five year old program at the Gifft Hill School designed to give students the link between food from the ground and food on the plate received special recognition at the 2014 St. Thomas-St. John Agriculture and Food Fair.

Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen presented Dr. Dave Minner from Gifft Hill School a check for \$600 for his work with the EARTH program. Gifft Hill School was one of four district schools honored for farming and horticulture programs. EARTH stands for Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture.

The check presentation occurred Nov. 22 on the grounds of Reichhold Center on St. Thomas, on the first day of the two-day event. Dr. Kwame Garcia, state director of the UVI Cooperative Extension Service said he brought some agronomists to Gifft Hill School and to the Ivanna Eudora High School on St. Thomas to observe youth-based programs during July's convention of the Caribbean Food Crops Society.

"Everybody was so impressed," Garcia said.

"The program is only five years old and it's a gardening and kitchen program," Minner said as he accepted the award. "But only when we hooked up with the University of the Virgin Islands did we find ourselves."

As an added benefit the EARTH program has attracted 30 college students to Gifft Hill to share agriculture-based knowledge with the St. John students, Minner said after the presentation. A number of those



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Retired teachers from the Julius E. Sprauve School display wooden bowls, salt shakers, mortars, pestles, rolling pins and other household items they created using wood turning skills. Pictured: William Johnson (standing, center) and Avelino Samuel (sitting, right).

students, he said, come from UVI.

Three other schools, the Charlotte Amalie High School, Gladys Abraham Elementary School and Ulla Muller Elementary School, received cash awards from FINTRAC, a St. Thomas-based non-profit promoting best farming practices and technology.

# Jeff Miller Talks Sargassum Abundance at Audubon Meeting

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**U.S.V.I. WATERS** — St. John is not alone in its Sargassum infestation, the weed has been washing ashore across the Caribbean and even piling up on the Texas Gulf Coast shoreline.

To hear more about the Sargassum weed amassing on St. John coastlines, Virgin Islands Audubon Society members invited fisheries biologist Jeff Miller to speak at their Tuesday, November 18, meeting at The Marketplace in Cruz Bay.

“I actually had more questions than answers for the group,” said Miller, who works for the U.S. National Park Service on St. John. “We know this is happening all across the Caribbean, not just here. We’re seeing this from all down island to Barbados, the Dominican Republic and Haiti and I’ve talked to guys in Texas who are getting slammed with this.”

“The weed they get on their shore in Texas comes from down here,” Miller said. “They found a camera in a bunch of weed that came from Grand Cayman.”

Except for the stink, the abundance of Sargassum doesn’t have any adverse environmental effects, Miller explained.

“It just smells bad,” he said. “There are



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

A blanket Sargassum seaweed covers a large area in John’s Folly.

no harmful effects and it can even be turned into fertilizer. That takes getting some of the salt out of it and breaking it up to get the sand and other desiccated little critters out of it.”

Scientists are exploring other uses for Sargassum as well, from cattle feed to beer, according to Miller.

“The iodine makes it unpalatable, but at Texas A&M they are trying to get the iodine

**“It comes and goes and it seems to be that we are in a pattern where it’s coming out of the sea and drifting this way. It comes from the Sargasso Sea, this slow whirlpool in the middle of the Atlantic that is sometimes called the ‘Golden Rainforest.’ There is a large community there of this weed.”**

— Jeff Miller, fisheries biologist  
U.S. National Park Service on St. John

out of it so they can use it as cattle feed,” said the fisheries biologist. “They are working on a steaming process to leach the iodine out. If they can get that worked out, it would be a great market.”

“Other people are looking at making beer out of it, so maybe the Tap Room guys could look into that,” Miller said.

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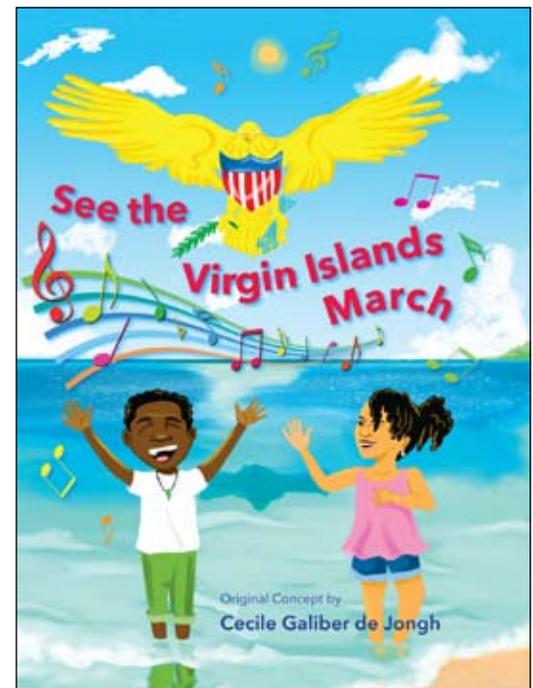
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**Illustrated book on The Virgin Islands March Is Holiday Gift to Students from Mrs. de Jongh**

By JUDI SHIMEL  
*St. John Tradewinds*

ST. THOMAS — The gift of imagination is behind the holiday gift Virgin Islands First Lady Cecile de Jongh plans to share with the territory's children this year.

An illustrated book about the territory's anthem, the Virgin Islands March, will be distributed this year in schools, Dec. 8-15.

Each line of the song, sung at formal occasions, sporting events and public ceremonies, appears along with a drawing done by 21 young Virgin Islands artists. The book includes a special message by Mrs. de Jongh and afterword by Alton A. Adams Jr., son of the composer.

Through their drawings, each artist tries to lend a special meaning to the lyrics written by bandmaster Alton Adams Sr. in the 1920s. Alice Krall, a special assistant at Government House, said Mrs. de Jongh got the idea for holiday books after the Governor's annual children's Christmas party.

“Every year the Governor and Mrs. de Jongh used to give away teddy bears to children,” Krall said. Now, instead, the gift is a book.

Students from kindergarten through the third grade in public

and private schools receive the gift, which is distributed with the help of volunteers and community groups.

Gov. de Jongh has made the promotion of reading among the young a personal initiative throughout his eight years as governor. This summer his annual summer reading challenge attracted more students than before.

Mrs. de Jongh has supported that effort through the publishing of books around Christmas time.

One of the young artists who added colorful images is St. Johnian Aariyah Athanase, a senior at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Krall said she hopes Athanase will join her for the St. John distributions during the second week in December.

Production of the book is the result of charitable giving. Krall said close to three quarters of the cost was covered by donations. The Governor's special assistant said those who would like to support the effort are welcome.

Your tax-deductible contribution can be made to the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (P.O. Box 11790 St. Thomas, USVI 00801-4790; Tax ID# 66-047070) with a note referencing the First Lady's Holiday Book 2014.



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Ned Gerard with ponytail, above left, aiming at a target downrange during the Men's Individual 50m Rifle Prone event. Karen Gerard, above right, during the Women's Individual 10m air pistol event

## Ned and Karen Gerard Keep Hitting Targets Pistol Shooting Internationally for Team V.I.

By ATHNEIL "BOBBY" THOMAS  
V.I. Olympic Committee  
Special St. John Tradewinds

**VERACRUZ, MEXICO** — Ned and Karen Gerard are eyeing targets in shooting for Team V.I. during the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, Mexico.

Karen, who is shooting in the 25m sports pistol and 10m air pistol categories, has been representing the Virgin Islands for more than 10 years including these 2014 CAC Games.

"Sports pistol is fun," said Karen, who prefers the sports pistol of the two events. "You just get out there and shoot."

But Gerard knows air pistol is a good foundation for all competitive shooting.

"Air pistol makes everything else I shoot perfect," Gerard said. "It's so precise and so disciplined and has so much focus that it's actually the basis for everything else that you shoot."

Gerard started competing after accompanying her husband Ned to an event in Barbados.

"He borrowed guns and threw me into the match," Karen said. "I did really well, so then I kind of got sucked into it."

Karen is in so deep now she also shoots for recreation and coaches shooters with higher caliber firearms like 9mm, .40 and .45 caliber guns.

### International Representation of USVI

Among the many other events, Gerard has competed for the V.I. in three CAC Games, two Pan American Games, 14 international medals, four Caribbean Championships. All of this leads to international recognition and Karen is one of very few women from the Caribbean with a world ranking — she is ranked 79th in the world.

Ned Gerard is working with a rifle in Veracruz

as he competed in the Men's 50m prone small-bore event; the same event that he participated in in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Like his wife Karen, Ned is a seasoned athlete who has racked up 19 medals while carrying the V.I. flag in many competitions including four Pan American Games, Three CAC Games and the aforementioned 2008 Olympic Games.

As always, the Gerards know it's never easy in these international competition, as many of their opponents are professional, full-time athletes.

"A lot of these guys are professionals," Ned said. "I shoot whenever I can," he said of his preparation for competition.

Ned makes no excuses in shooting against professional shooters.

"I'm not worried about them. My goal is to put 100 percent into each shot," Ned said. "It's all about concentration. I started shooting at 47 and at age 52 I was in the Olympics."

The Gerards are key figures in competitive shooting in the V.I. as Ned and Karen are both members of the V.I. Shooting Federation.

For getting into competitive shooting, equipment is a concern as an entry-level pistol ranges between \$300 to \$600, according to the Gerards. They are currently in contact with manufactures and are seeking a sponsor grow the program in the V.I.

Karen said starting junior shooters in the 10m air pistol discipline would be very doable as practice areas are not as demanding. "We would love to get some juniors into the event."

Anyone interested in joining the shooting federation can contact the Gerards at nedgerard@hotmail.com.

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## Tabernacle Gospel Extravaganza Is December 6

The Miracle Revival Deliverance Tabernacle will be presenting a Gospel Extravaganza of local talents at the Julius E. Sprauve School on December 6 at a 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at Etta's Place at the Starfish Market.



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Seaglass Properties hosted an intimate gathering during their open house to showcase their newest luxury rental villa on Wednesday, November 19.

## *Marea Villa on Ditleff Point Offers New Definition of Luxury Island Rental Home*

### *Special to St. John Tradewinds*

**DITLEFF POINT** — You don't have to arrive by helicopter to appreciate the experience of Marea, a five-bedroom home on seven private acres of Ditleff Point on the south shore of St. John between Rendezvous and Fish Bays, but you could.

Seaglass Properties presented the new entry in the island's luxury rental home market to an "intimate" gathering of approximately 50-55 people, catered by Mathayom with Greg Wingate serving up incredible wines from owner Michael Skurnik's personal collection in the villa's wine cellar on Wednesday, November 19.

"Marea is a stunning home located at the end of Ditleff Point on seven acres — it is new to the rental market and the ultimate villa vacation rental or wedding venue," said Rebecca Reinbold of Seaglass Properties.

"There are no words to truly describe the experience one feels at Marea," Reinbold said. "Whether arriving by vehicle, by private boat or helicopter, you will immediately sense you have been transported into a very special and private world."

### **Overwhelming Senses**

The moment you enter Marea, your senses will be overwhelmed by the beautiful blue water surrounding you on all sides, the fabulous gentle ocean breezes, the intoxicating bouquet of Caribbean flora, and the absolute comfort and exquisite beauty of this Michael Oxman-designed luxury home, according to the property agent.

"There are no neighbors, nor any man-made sounds to disturb you, only the ambient sounds of the ocean lapping the shore, and the occasional palm flapping in the breeze," Reinbold added.

"Marea sits on over seven acres of exquisite waterfront terrain with dramatic views that stretch for miles in every direction," according to Reinbold. "It is one of the most secluded luxury villas in the entire Caribbean and the privacy our guests have is one of the most incredible amenities we offer."

The outdoor living space which surrounds the entire main house offers poolside sofas and chairs, a large outdoor tiki bar, a rooftop stargazing terrace, an elevated 360-degree view spa, a gorgeous waterfall and acres of beautiful pristine landscape and gardens, not to mention the private sandy beach just a short walk down the drive.

The accordion-style custom Costa Rican mahogany doors surrounding the great room on all sides all slide open to create a palladium-style living environment. The great room provides guests with a 60-inch Samsung LED Smart TV equipped with surround sound, Dish Network, Apple TV and Blu Ray Player.

Marea's kitchen is equipped with the most high-end appliances, and everything you could possibly need to prepare your perfect dish. With two Francke sinks, two Wolf ovens, an eight-burner Wolf stove and beautiful imported hand made Italian ceramic dining ware, guests will be completely satisfied in their kitchen at Marea.

While dinner is being prepared, guests can take a short walk down the spiral staircase into the basement of Marea where they will find Marea's walk-in wine cellar stocked with more than 500 bottles of the finest wines from around the world for you to enjoy.

### **Five Bedrooms of Green Living**

Marea houses five custom-designed bedroom suites, each facing east with amazing outdoor views of the ocean and sunrise. Four suites include outdoor showers, double vanity sinks and private balconies.

"Marea has also been designed with state of the art technology throughout the villa," Reinbold added. "We offer high speed WiFi throughout the entire home and have equipped Marea with a fabulous audio system indoors and outdoors."

"We are also proud to call Marea 'GREEN'," the agent added. "The property has its very own solar farm, not visible from the home, with 126 solar panels generating 100 percent of Marea's energy needs. We also collect all rain water from rooftops, driveways, and hillside runoffs for all our irrigation needs."



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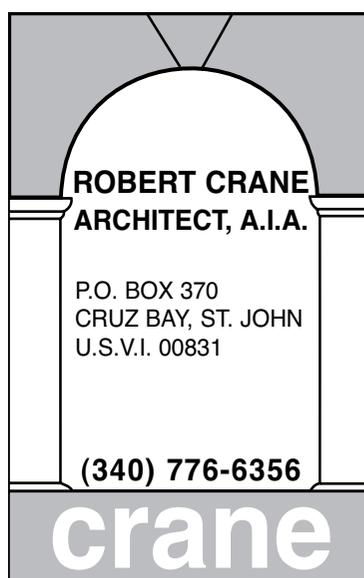


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# It's Thankspigging Time

## 14th Annual Community Feast Has a "Living More with Less" Theme

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars for Thursday, November 27, for the annual 14th annual Thankspigging, a distinctly Coral Bay tradition, at Skinny Legs at 4 p.m.

Hosted by Ken Yolman and friends, the annual community potluck is a place for everyone, locals and tourists alike, to gather and share a holiday feast. Dinner will be served at 4 p.m. and everyone who can, is asked to bring a dish to share. The event is BYOB and Yolman is looking for a few additional sponsors to help off-set food cost.

This year's theme definitely has a message, Yolman explained.

"Each year, Thankspigging has a theme or a message," said Yolman. "This year is definitely a message, 'a kNOw Progress Feed, Living More With Less.'"

There will be T-shirts for sale, depicting a metropolitan Coral Bay complete with a marina, cruise ship and hotel, designed by local artist Bryan McKinney.

Thankspigging organizers have taken a clear stand on the proposed marina for Coral Bay, Yolman added.

"We will also have a donation box for the "Save Coral Bay" legal fund for anyone who wants to donate," said the Thankspigging founder.

Yolman launched the annual Coral Bay tradition in 2000 when he decided not to spend another Thanksgiving alone. He opened his house to anyone who didn't have anywhere to go and supplied a roasted pig, garlic mashed potatoes and a few six packs of beer.

Asking people who were able to bring a dish to



share, Yolman's Thankspigging parties eventually outgrew his house and he moved over to Skinny Legs (which is closed for the day) several years ago.

Yolman is still looking for five people to help sponsor this year's event. For more information or to help sponsor the 14th Annual Thankspigging, call Yolman at Coral Bay Design Build at (340) 779-7445.

Everyone is welcome to attend this annual community tradition.

## La Crosse, Wisconsin, Man Arrested on Warrant for Sexual Assault on Minor Female on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

A La Crosse, Wisconsin, man has been arrested on charges he sexually assaulted a minor female on St. John, according to a report from local police published on the La Crosse Tribune website River Valley Blogs.



Nathan Ackerson

Nathan Ackerson, 24, was arrested by La Crosse police on Friday, November 7, on a warrant issued on the U.S. Virgin Islands for first-degree aggravated rape, unlawful sexual contact, aggravated assault and battery for actions committed in St. John.

Virgin Islands police sought

the warrant "based on evidence that he had sex with a preteen female minor," according to the report. There was no further information available.

There was no information released on the arrest by the V.I. Police Department.

## Writing Workshop Set at SJSA

St. John School of the Arts is teaming up with award-winning author of children's books Cristina Kessler and offering a six-week writing workshop concentrating on memoirs. This is a great way to reflect on your life while being creative and it's a great way to share your legacy with family. "Senior Moments Memoir Workshop" is 90 minutes each week for 6 weeks. The workshop starts Saturday, January 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and will run every Saturday through February 14 (January 30, no session). The cost for the workshop is \$120. You must register for the full workshop; no walk-ins. Call 779-4322 for more information and to sign up.



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# Chef's Corner

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## What To Do With All Those Leftovers

### St. John Tradewinds

With Thanksgiving here, I've come up with a few ideas for all those leftovers.

### ASIAN SPICED TURKEY WITH CRANBERRY & POMEGRANATE SALAD

Serves 6 as a starter or 4 as a main.

#### Dressing:

- Juice of 1 clementine
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp soy
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 1/4 tsp fresh red chilli, de-seeded and chopped

#### Salad:

- 2 Cups cooked turkey
  - 1/2 Cup cashew nuts
  - 1/2 Cup dried cranberries
  - 2 tsp ground five spice powder
  - 1/2 Cup mint
  - 1/2 Cup cilantro,
  - 4 large handfuls mixed salad leaves
  - 1 Tbsp honey
  - 1/2 pomegranate
- Make dressing, mixing clementine and lime juices. Take 1/2 pomegranate and squeeze out seeds. Measure juice and add 3 times the amount of olive oil to juice then add soy, sesame, ginger and chilli. Cover and set aside.

For the salad, heat a frying pan over medium

heat. Add turkey, nuts, cranberries, spice powder and stir well. Leave to infuse on a very low heat for 10 minutes, stirring from time to time. Turn heat to high, add honey and stir well. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. If serving cold, allow it to cool, otherwise add to salad.

Place the salad leaves into a large bowl, drizzle dressing over and coat. Add the turkey and the 1/2 pomegranate, mix and serve.

### LEFTOVER TURKEY FRITTATA

- 3 Tbsp butter
  - 2 Cups bread cut into cubes
  - 1 Cup turkey cubed
  - 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
  - 6 eggs
  - 1/4 Cup sour cream
  - 1/2 tsp salt and pepper
  - 1/4 Cup chopped green onions
  - 1 Cup of grated cheddar cheese
- Preheat oven to 400 F.

Melt butter in 9-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat and cover the handle with foil. Add bell peppers and cook until soft. Add bread cubes and cook until browned. Add turkey and toss to coat. In a large bowl whisk the eggs, sour cream, salt and pepper and add cheese. Pour into skillet and sprinkle with green onions.

Cook undisturbed until each side sets, about 5 minutes per side. Then bake in the oven until the centre has set, about an 12 minutes. Serve with a fresh green salad.

### MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH

This is an easy and quick snack.

- 2 slices bread
- 2 slices leftover turkey
- 1 tsp mayo
- 1 tsp mustard
- 2 slices ham
- 1 slice swiss cheese
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk

Spread bread with mayo and mustard. Alternate ham, swiss and turkey on bread. Beat egg and milk in a bowl. Coat sandwich with the egg mixture. Heat a greased skillet over medium heat. Brown sandwich on both sides and serve hot.

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**FRIDAY,  
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#### Single-Handed and Gaffers Race

- 8:30 a.m. — Registration
- 9:30 a.m. — Skippers Meeting. Race course announced.
- 5-7 p.m. — Friday night music and party at Skinny Legs

*Mandatory registration Friday night for all Saturday Pursuit Class racers. This is all boats other than PHRF. If unable to attend, please call Steve at 340-513-4955 for your start time for Saturday morning.*

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29**

#### All Classes: Traditional, PHRF1, PHRFII, IC24, & Pursuit

- 8:30 a.m. — Skippers Meeting.
- Race course announced. Start times for Pursuit Class announced.
- 5:30 p.m. — Awards Party at Skinny Legs with music by HUDSON & THE HOODOO CATS!

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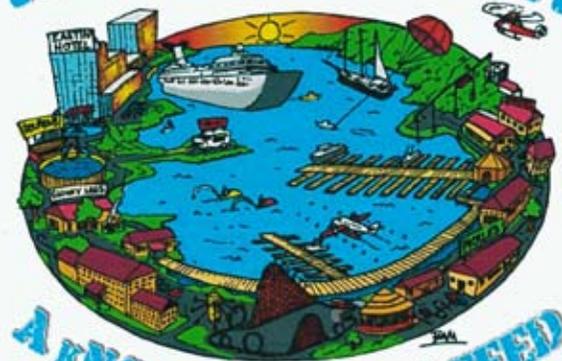
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By **JAIME ELLIOTT**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Spend an evening lounging on your spacious deck, soaking up the cooling ocean breeze as the full moon rises over the horizon with the sound of the surf crashing gently onto the shoreline below, and you're certain to fall in love with Love View.

This two bedroom, three bathroom all masonry home located near John's Folly was recently reduced in price to \$675,000 from \$725,000, explained 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly.

Love View is nestled on a hillside in the quiet residential area of Estate Concordia and offers sweeping water views. Boasting plenty of deck space and a refreshing swimming pool, this home is priced to sell, Donnelly explained.

"Love View is an all masonry

house with a pool and panoramic views of John's Folly, Hurricane, Hole, Sir Francis Drake, the BVI's and pristine National Park land of St. John.," said Donnelly. "You can't go wrong at this list price."

The beautiful and rugged Virgin Islands National Park south shore beaches and hiking trails of Salt Pond Bay and Lameshur Bay are only a short drive away from Love View. Yet, while you'll feel worlds away from the congestion and stresses of the modern world, the home is only a few minutes drive from the dining and shopping of quaint Coral Bay.

The view from Love View is simple majestic. Curl up with a good book in the shade of the covered deck or lounge near the recently resurfaced swimming pool as you work on your tan.

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enjoying jaw-dropping views of the East End of St. John, several of the British Virgin Islands dotting the horizon and seemingly endless water vistas.

On the upper level at Love View, find a spacious great room with a Caribbean style exposed beam ceiling and plenty of space for both living and dining areas. The quaint kitchen boasts granite counter tops, a stainless steel refrigerator and a convenient breakfast bar. The upper level also features a full bathroom with an outdoor stone shower.

Two private en suite bedrooms are found downstairs, just a few steps from the tiled pool at Love View. Each bedroom features tiled floors throughout as well as private sitting areas and easy access to the large pool.

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## Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

### Business Welcomes More Cruisers

I am the General Manager at Underwater Safaris, a dive company that specializes in Cruise Ship Scuba Tours.

Wednesday [Nov. 12] was quite an exciting day for those of us in the tourism industry as we watched the Charlotte Amalie harbor overflow with six ships for the first in quite some time. I had the pleasure of observing the Westerdam tender passengers ashore to take advantage of excursions and shopping, which was reminiscent of days long gone. In my opinion, Wednesday was a dress rehearsal to see just how well St. Thomas could handle an increased influx of daily visitors exploring our shores.

I must say that although we made it work on Wednesday, I am reminded of the recent editorials from Mr. Boschulte at WICO about why St. Thomas is in need of the upcoming port development project. Those of us who depend on tourism appreciate what this type of development means for our bottom lines. We need to prepare ourselves to accommodate the various sized vessels, including the increasing number of mega ships that are traveling to our region today.

As a business owner, I definitely welcome more six ship days if it means that more revenue is coming into our economy. My employees value the added traffic too and not just because it's their job. My staff and I at Underwater Safaris believe that the U. S. Virgin Islands offers some of the most gorgeous and exciting dive sites in the world. The added traffic gives all of us a chance to showcase why the U.S. Virgin Islands has been the standard bearer that many other islands are following.

I, for one, am happy to see the increased activity as we kick off the new season. This gives me hope that brighter days are just ahead.

Sincerely,  
Robert Osmun  
St. Thomas, VI

### NEXT DEADLINE: NOV. 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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### Pets and Vets Thanks Community for Support

#### To The Coral Bay and St. John Community:

I would like to thank everyone who came to the 4th Annual Pets and Vets Yard Sale, (especially Allison who traveled from Lovango to Coral Bay). All proceeds have been equally split, and sent to Team River Runner St. John and to Companions For Heroes (pets2vets.org).

This was the first time a notice was placed in

*Tradewinds*, and this was the most successful sale by far. Thank you, *Tradewinds*, for informing the community about not just this benefit, but all the others held by different groups throughout the year.

I hope to see you all at the next Pets and Vets Sale. Happy treasure hunting!

Angela Ebner  
St. John, VI

### Friends Have Concerns About Marina on Park Resources

Many of you may have already heard about plans to build a large marina in Coral Bay. The proposed development is located across from the old Voyages restaurant and next to Island Blues. It includes a 145 slip marina that will accommodate vessels up to 210 feet, take up nearly 40% of Coral Bay Harbour, provide fuelling and pump out services, and take over control of all moorings in Coral Bay. The land-based development phases include a number of high-end shopping and dining establishments, housing for staff, waste-water treatment facilities and a number of other facilities.

There is widespread concern about this development on social, economic, and environmental grounds. In addition, the viability of its location and its feasibility as a sustainable business is also called into question.

However, we are most concerned about the environmental issues and the impact this development will have on nearby VI National Park lands and VI Coral Reef National Monument waters both at Hurricane Hole and to the south of St. John. Adjacent Fortsberg lies within Virgin Islands National Park boundaries and Hurricane Hole and other park lands are less than a mile away as the gull flies and less than 1½ miles away by sea.

This marina would be a significant threat to NPS-protected lands and waters. It would eliminate up to eight acres of seagrass beds, create a sizeable obstruction to water flow in the bay, add an unknown amount and number of contaminants to the bay waters from all the vessels and generally lead to severe degradation of water quality. Mitigation measures proposed by the developers, such as planting seagrass where there is none presently (and where they probably would not grow), and planting mangroves in an area unsuitable for mangroves, are simply not adequate. There are no physical barriers in the sea and the degradation of the waters of Coral Bay will have a negative impact on the waters of nearby Hurricane Hole and beyond.

The monument contains significant biological flora and fauna, including several threatened and endangered species, which forage, breed, nest, rest, or

calve in the waters. Humpback whales, pilot whales, four species of dolphins, brown pelicans, roseate terns, least terns, hawksbill sea turtles, leatherback sea turtles, and green sea turtles all use portions of the monument. Countless species of reef fishes, invertebrates, plants and algae utilize these submerged lands during their lives, and over 25 species of seabirds feed in the waters. Between the near shore nursery habitats and the shelf edge spawning sites, habitats in the monument play essential roles during specific developmental stages of reef associated species, including spawning migrations of many reef fish species and crustaceans. These are threatened by the marina and the development has given no consideration to the potential negative cumulative impacts to park and monument resources caused by significantly increased vessel traffic.

The Environmental Assessment prepared for this marina gives no consideration to impacts to the monument's water quality, marine resources, wetlands (mangroves) coral reefs, sea grasses, fish, marine invertebrates, and species of concern protected by the Endangered Species Act. Likewise there is no consideration of impacts to park and monument soundscapes and lightscapes.

Our objective here is to make you aware of this threat to VI National Park and the Coral Reef National Monument, which we care so much about. This development has already received approval from the local Coastal Zone Management Commission and will likely go before the US Army Corps of Engineers in the near future. We will write you again when the Corps of Engineers opens the public comment period on this project and encourage you to make your voice heard. In the meantime I encourage you to go to [www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org](http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org) or [www.savecoralbay.com](http://www.savecoralbay.com) to learn more about this proposed project and its wider impacts.

Thank you for your concern regarding this threat to park and monument resources.

Regards,  
Joe Kessler, President  
Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park

### SUBMIT LETTERS, OPINIONS & OBITUARIES TO:

editor@tradewinds.vi

## Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

### Israeli/Palestinian Peace Impossible

J Street, a national organization, promotes a peace agenda for the Israelis and Palestinians. It believes a final status agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians embodying a two state solution will guarantee peace in the region, but this is sheer naïve folly.

Any agreement between Israel and the Arabs will be torn up by the Arabs when they believe they can conquer Israel. Hamas, Hezbollah, Al-Qaeda ISIS and other Islamic terrorist organizations will continue to promote attacks against Israel. All of the Arab/Persian countries in the Middle East either overtly or covertly support conflict with Israel or at the very least, condone or tacitly approve military confrontation with Israel.

It is all about religion in the Middle East, and the Muslims hate the Jews of Israel. Furthermore, they are jealous of the successes of Israel, and the Arabs are woefully inept in all disciplines. Israel is a democratic country with a highly developed society, while the Arab countries, many of whom are dictatorships and theocracies, exemplify underachieving societies.

Israel must have top notch intelligence services and a strong military, be alert to potential Arab attacks, and not allow development of a Palestinian territory which can threaten Israel.

Donald A. Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

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### Nathaniel "Natty" Richardson Arrested For Aggravated Rape, Rape, Sex Assault

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

V.I. Police arrested Nathaniel "Natty" Richardson, 31, of Upper John Dunkoe, St. John on Tuesday afternoon, November 22, charged with first-degree aggravated rape, first degree rape, first degree unlawful sexual contact, use of a dangerous weapon during a crime and grand larceny. He was held on \$75,000 bail.

There was no further information on the charges as court officials sealed the warrant issued by the court for the arrest of

Richardson who has a history of similar serious criminal charges in November 2003, October 2004, May 2005, July 2012 and in 2013, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

No known dispositions exist in court records for most of the charges against Richardson, according to the report.

Cases against Richardson for second degree rape in 2003; aggravated assault and battery in 2004; and robbery, assault and burglary in 2005 were dismissed without prejudice to reassertion,

according to the newspaper report.

In 2012 Richardson was charged with false imprisonment for the purpose of rape; first degree rape; third degree assault; first degree unlawful sexual contact; second degree unlawful sexual contact and using a weapon during a crime of violence, and in 2013 Richardson was charged with third degree assault.

The newspaper reported there was no record of the disposition of those cases in Superior Court on St. Thomas.

### Socks for Seniors Organizers Seeking Volunteers

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Socks for Seniors is an annual community service project through which the organization collects new socks to be distributed to elderly in local nursing homes around the holidays.

Event organizers are looking for local area coordinators near St. John to help with collecting socks.

Host a Sock Drive. It all starts with one person, one box, and one location. It's easy...and all the

socks stay in the local St. John area. Decorate a box and find a location or locations for boxes.

To collect Socks For Seniors, sign up at: <http://www.socksforseniors.com/register.html>.

Organizers stay in touch with volunteers during the campaign with updates and to answer any questions. Signs and logos for the drive and other information are also available.

For more information, email Jamie at [email@socksforseniors.com](mailto:email@socksforseniors.com).

## ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Our news office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Ad deadline extended to Fri., Nov. 28.

## Community Calendar

*St. John Tradewinds* welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail [editor@tradewinds.vi](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

### Thursday, November 27

— The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5-K run on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Registration will take place at the Annaberg parking lot starting at 7:30 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee for this event, but a donation of dog or cat food would be greatly appreciated and will benefit the Animal Care Center of St. John.

— The annual 14th annual Thanksgiving event is Thursday, November 27 at Skinny Legs at 4 p.m. in Coral Bay.

### Friday, November 28

— St. John Historical Society members are invited to take part in the pilgrimage to Fortsberg, which commemorates the start of the 1733 slave rebellion on St. John. As we go to press, details of this activity are still being determined. SJHS will post details when it becomes available on their website.

— The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Regatta Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28 and 29.

— The annual regatta is a fundraiser for the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids and the Sea. Registration, skippers meetings and after parties will take place at CBYC's Skinny Legs. Registration for single-handed sailors and traditional class will

begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

### Tuesday, December 9

The St. John Film Society kicks off the 2014-2015 season on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. Suggested donation of \$5.

### Saturday, December 13

— On Saturday, December 13, the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar returns for its second year to Pickles In Paradise — just past the Coral Bay Triangle.

### Wednesday, December 17

— The permit for the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina will go before the V.I. Legislature's Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

### Saturday, February 21

— The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race and the St. John Cancer Fund have joined forces to present the 8 Tuff Miles Festival. The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21, at 4 p.m. with "Light up the Night" an 18-hour, family-oriented, community supported overnight event.

### Saturday, February 28

— The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race is February 28 at 7:15 a.m. followed by the awards ceremony at Mongoose Junction at 4 p.m.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

## Patriotic Port-o-Potties?



Cruz Bays public restrooms were inexplicably boarded up in October, just in time for the start of tourist season, and have been temporarily replaced by two shiny portable toilets. It is not known how long the renovations to the public facilities will take — or whether there is any significance to the red and blue.

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Photo by Tom Oat

## Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

Crime Stoppers thanks you for making a difference in the US Virgin Islands. The following article is intended to educate you about Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers USVI is a community program in which members of the community, the media, law enforcement agencies, and businesses work together to solve crime. Citizens are encouraged, via cash rewards and a promise of anonymity, to provide information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals.

Crime Stoppers USVI is made up of local volunteers willing to take action against crime. They want our community to be safe and are willing to work to make it that way. A board of directors, giving of their time and talents, administer the program.

Local citizens formed Crime Stoppers USVI about 6 years ago as a non-profit corporation. Its directors establish policy, determine amount and method of reward payments, work closely with law enforcement and the media, and oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for fund-raising, community education, and volunteer service. The program is supported by the public through tax-deductible donations from businesses,

corporations, individuals, and service organizations.

Information related to unsolved crimes and wanted persons are distributed to the community via the media. Citizens are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers and anonymously give any information related to the unsolved crime. Crime Stoppers forwards the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency to assist in the investigation or the location of a wanted fugitive. If your information is used by law enforcement and leads to a resolution, you will be eligible to receive a cash reward.

Our community benefits when it comes together to assist law enforcement. A criminal who is taken off of the streets is not a threat to you, your children, your neighborhood, or your business. In a community where citizens work together to solve crimes, the threat of swift, sure punishment serves as a strong deterrent to would-be criminals.

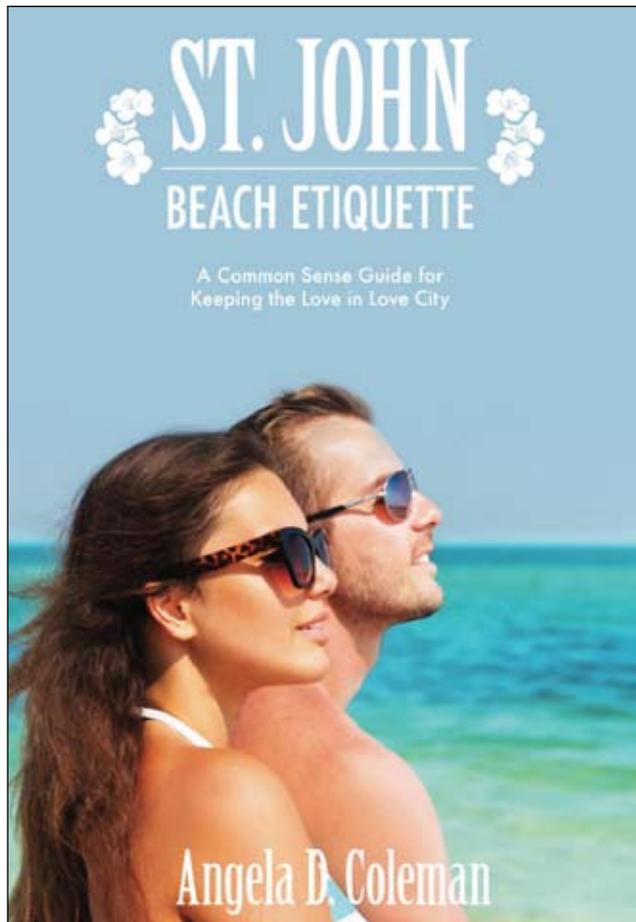
Continue to help make our community a safer place. Submit information on crime at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org), or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If you know something, say something

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St. John Beach Etiquette book cover

## New Book Describes Beach Etiquette on St. John

### St. John Tradewinds

**CRUZ BAY** — Like most St. John residents Angela D. Coleman witnessed changes to island over the last several years as tourism to the island increased.

A social entrepreneur, matchmaker and author of ten titles, Coleman’s eleventh book is a full-color publication titled St. John Beach Etiquette: A Common Sense Guide to Keeping the Love in Love City.

“We all know how special St. John is. Not just our waters, but also our people, local culture and vibe,”

Coleman explains. “More visitors to the island results in a greater mix of expectations and behaviors.”

“In terms of etiquette, this means that appropriate behavior back home may not exactly be appropriate behavior on St. John,” the author explained. “It was interesting because I saw these differences most prominently displayed on beaches.”

Chapter by chapter, Coleman shares her philosophy of T-R-U-L-O-V-E: The Sea is Awesome, Rest Easy & Tread Lightly, Use Space Wisely, Less is More—Sometimes, One Love, and her two favorite daily mantras: Value All Life and Expect Less, Give More. St. John Beach Etiquette also includes Angela’s treasure map of “hidden gem” beaches.

“This guide is meant to give local perspective for travelers when they visit St. John. There are strategies



News Photo by Eliza Magro

Dr. Angela Coleman

for all of us to maintain positive energy,” Coleman explained. “When I go places, I like to know these kind of things.”

St. John Beach Etiquette is available on Amazon.com in print and e-book formats. For more information, call Angela at 714-7076 or e-mail her: [acoleman@sisterhoodagenda.com](mailto:acoleman@sisterhoodagenda.com).

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776-6316, 776-6254

### Bethany Moravian Church

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

### Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304  
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

### Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach  
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379  
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

### Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

### Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

### Freshwater Church

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7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731

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Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay  
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Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.  
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

## East End Point Homicide Victim Edward Netherland, Age 60, Was EDC Resident with Legal Woes

### From PUBLISHED REPORTS *St. John Tradewinds*

The Tennessee insurance company owner found dead in his isolated rental home on East End Point on St. John was the subject of legal action surrounding as much as \$80 million in losses on multi-million dollar insurance investment schemes, according to his hometown newspaper the *Murfreesboro Post* in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The Nashville-area business executive and U.S. Virgin Islands

Economic Development Commission (EDC) beneficiary worked on the telephone from the deck of the small house cantilevered off the side of East End Point overlooking Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

Netherland is listed as an insurance agent with Lifecorp Holdings in Murfreesboro and also is named as owner of Lilac Capital on West End Avenue in Nashville on InsuranceBroker-Agent.com, and as treasurer of Sea Mist Usvi Inc., which filed as a foreign for-profit corporation in Florida in January 2013, according to corporationwiki.com as reported by the *Murfreesboro Post*.

In July 2012, Netherland was sued in Illinois along with Rutherford County financier Ira Brody, Matthew Ross and Fifth Third Bank by Nina Investments, which claimed it got taken for more than \$80 million it invested with the brokers in 2005 and 2006, according to a *Chicago Sun Times* report.

A lawsuit filed by Nina said it was to get large returns on its investment through insurance-backed securities and a premium finance product known as "Ultra," the article reports.

The lawsuit states that the investment company's money went instead toward debt piled up by Netherland, Brody and Ross while they lived "lavish lifestyles," according to the *Chicago Sun Times* article.

Nina initially invested \$6.5 million and then added \$75 million to buy "Ultra" from Netherland's and Brody's investment firm Concord with the promise it could make anywhere from \$30 million to \$90 million in fees and commissions in just three years, the article reports.

The plaintiff said Fifth Third Bank played a role in the fraud by extending credit to Netherland, Brody and Ross, one of the bank's executives, even though they were deep

in debt, the article reports. The suit also claimed that Fifth Third knew Ultra couldn't bring the returns that Concord guaranteed, according to the *Chicago Sun Times* article.

In 2009, Brody, formerly of New York, made a bid with Republicans for the Tennessee state treasurer's seat, according to the *Murfreesboro Post*. That office oversees Tennessee's government investments and retirement funds, in addition to the state workers compensation pool.

At one point, Brody was listed as chief operation officer in Nashville-based investment bank InsCap Management, a firm in which Netherland was also involved.

In April, Netherland tried to persuade Pasco County school district in Florida to buy a life insurance plan for its employees, according to a *Tampa Bay Times* article.

Under the plan, four families from New York were to invest \$100 million each into premiums for life insurance policies covering the school district's 9,769 employees, the article reported.

The school district was to set up a trust insuring workers and paying their families \$50,000 after their death, in addition to \$50,000 each for the district. The district and the employees were to pay nothing, according to the article.

The article reported that Netherland, working as a consultant for Swiss Re and Pollock Financial, tried to explain to school board members how the policy would function during a workshop.

"It sounds a little bit too good to be true, so let's figure out how it works out," Netherland is quoted as saying. Netherland told the board he set up a similar life insurance program with investors such as Warren Buffett.

The school board, however, was skeptical, according to the article.

## Insurance Executive Killed in Apparent Burglary, Robbery at Isolated East End Home

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a porch cantilevered far above the shoreline overlooking Tortola."

"He was renting," the owner said. "He never locked his doors. He was on the phone 10 hours a day,"

"He sat out there in the peace and quiet...," the owner said of the cliffside home which is reached only by a circuitous unmarked concrete subdivision road overgrown with the brush of the semi-arid area.

"Of course forensics came out," the homeowner told *St. John Tradewinds*. "They did the whole cop thing; but nothing ever comes of that."

"He was a big guy," the property owner said. "There had to have been a fight."

This case is being actively investigated by the Major Crime detectives, according to the V.I. Police Department. Police urge anyone who has any information about this crime to call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS. Individuals can also call 911 or the detectives at 340-774-2211, extensions 5614, 5618 or 5619.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Sargassum seaweed comes ashore in Coral Bay Harbor last August.

## Miller Talks Sargassum Abundance at Audubon Meeting

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Sargassum weed originates in the Sargasso Sea, a little whirlpool in the Atlantic Ocean, explained Miller.

“It comes and goes and it seems to be that we are in a pattern where it’s coming out of the sea and drifting this way,” he said. “It comes from the Sargasso Sea, this slow whirlpool in the middle of the Atlantic that is sometimes called the ‘Golden Rainforest.’ There is a large community there of this weed.”

“There are weather patterns and low and high pressure systems that affect this sea and every so often, if the weather happens to be right or wrong, it will burp out some of this Sargassum,” said Miller. “Then current, wind and waves blow it our way.”

The big question scientists are asking about the abundance of sargassum is if the weed is growing faster due to increased sea surface temperatures and non-point source pollution from major state-side metropolitan areas, according to Miller.

“The big question is if the increased nutrients in the water due to runoff from metropolitan areas and increased sea surface water temperatures are increasing the productivity in the Sargasso Sea,” Miller said. “Is the weed growing faster so there is more of it in the first place?”

Scientists at Texas A&M have devised a forecast model, called the Sargassum Early Advisory System, for predicting when beaches in their area will be impacted by the weed, the fisheries biologist added.

Anyone who missed last week’s Audubon meeting should be sure to catch one of Miller’s weekly talks at Cinnamon Bay Campground this season. Starting in

**“The big question is if the increased nutrients in the water due to runoff from metropolitan areas and increased sea surface water temperatures are increasing the productivity in the Sargasso Sea. Is the weed growing faster so there is more of it in the first place?”**

– Jeff Miller, fisheries biologist

late December, Miller will give a presentation on marine ecology each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. either in the campground’s amphitheater or restaurant.

“Things are only going to change if people understand what is going on with our marine system,” said Miller. “It only makes sense if we get everyone to buy in and help out. If folks don’t know what is going on, they can’t be expected to comply with what we’re asking.”

“If people understand what is going on, they are going to comply with the rules because they want to,” he said. “People want to make a difference once they understand the long-term affects of their actions.”

While marine ecology is in a perilous situation, Miller’s presentation leaves the audience with concrete ways to help, the scientist added.

“People feel powerless sometimes, so one thing I stress is the top 10 things you can do to help protect reefs,” said Miller. “You’re not just getting pummeled with all this useless information. There are things you can do to help out.”

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By Frank A. Longo

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## PROPELLING ANSWER

### ACROSS

- 1 Syria's president since 2000
- 6 Devalue
- 13 Most optimistic
- 20 Fry lightly
- 21 Pilot in "Star Wars"
- 22 Everywhere
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Bull-themed tequila brand
- 27 Bewildered
- 28 Fore and —
- 29 Baseballer Stengel
- 30 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us")
- 32 Top-secret govt. group
- 34 Be a stinker
- 36 Riddle, part 2
- 47 Thwart
- 48 Big name in elevator safety
- 49 — Lankan
- 50 Farmer, e.g.
- 51 Grain tower
- 52 P.O. part
- 53 Like forests
- 55 Singer Falana
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 59 Morale restorer
- 60 General Electric co-founder
- 61 Ending for switch
- 62 Venom
- 64 Curtain fixture
- 65 Cheer at a 59-Across

- 67 "Miami Ink" channel
- 69 Not talking
- 70 Chinese philosophy
- 73 Neighbor of Mozambique
- 76 Fit of petty annoyance
- 79 Defiant sorts
- 81 "Fer — out loud!"
- 84 Riddle, part 4
- 87 Biker's bike, informally
- 88 Voting sheet
- 89 Seeing things
- 90 Best Picture of 2012
- 91 Illusion artist M.C. —
- 93 Fritz's "the"
- 94 Pop singer Lisa
- 95 Swimming star Janet
- 96 End of the riddle
- 100 Put frosting on
- 101 President pro —
- 102 Greek letter after pi
- 103 Turn to hit
- 107 "Give — kiss!"
- 109 Having skill
- 112 Vigorless state
- 117 Riddle's answer
- 121 Dermal art
- 122 3-D model of a scene
- 123 Sasha's sis
- 124 Patroness of Québec: Abbr.
- 125 Pen user's stain
- 126 Lute of India

### DOWN

- 1 Life — know it
- 2 Comic Mort
- 3 Raw beef fat
- 4 — charge (costing zip)
- 5 Tigers' home

- 6 "Evita" narrator
- 7 "If I — nickel for ..."
- 8 Slaughter in baseball
- 9 Climbs
- 10 Fertilizer compound
- 11 "Xanadu" band, briefly
- 12 Director Ephron
- 13 One giving a tirade
- 14 On in years
- 15 Smooth raincoat
- 16 Fort Dodge's state
- 17 Days before holidays
- 18 Dried and withered
- 19 Deuce topper
- 24 Rhino part
- 25 "Yes, alas"
- 31 In on — thing
- 33 Big name in old fables
- 35 Jumpy
- 36 Dryer go-with
- 37 Spanish city or province
- 38 Installed anew, as floor tiles
- 39 Kris — ('90s rap duo)
- 40 Common answer at the door
- 41 Saltpeter
- 42 Organization
- 43 Film director Christopher
- 44 Many a missing GI
- 45 "Little" Dickens girl
- 46 Strong cart without sides
- 52 Prescribing punishment
- 53 Tam-o'-shanter, e.g.
- 54 Wedge filling a gap
- 57 Mosque holy book
- 58 Kiddie
- 59 Foe of Paris
- 63 Is an Internet explorer
- 66 "Funny joke!"

- 68 Mongrel mutt
- 70 Largest city in Iran
- 71 Makes flush
- 72 Absorb gradually
- 73 Power
- 74 Crazy notion
- 75 Archipelago makeup
- 77 Fluid in refrigeration
- 78 Lobby
- 80 "Huzzah!"
- 81 Gnaw on
- 82 Itchy eruption
- 83 Service org. for females
- 85 Kazakh journalist of film
- 86 Giant in grills
- 88 — -a-brac
- 92 Book version
- 94 Loosens (up)
- 95 People who lend their names to things
- 97 Downfall
- 98 "Sure, whatever"
- 99 Persian ruler
- 103 Rented residences: Abbr.
- 104 "— does it!"
- 105 Eight-bit unit
- 106 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 108 "... — can't get up!"
- 110 Clear hurdles
- 111 Red monster of kids' TV
- 113 Morales of "Freejack"
- 114 Thaw
- 115 Large pelvic bones
- 116 Way yonder
- 118 Hoodwink
- 119 Victory
- 120 Tit for —

### Answer to Nov. 23 Cryptoquip:

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## Residents Eye Cemetery Beautification



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Gallows Point residents and Gallows Point Resort owners are teaming up with architect Rob Crane to get permission to beautify the roadside adjacent to the Cruz Bay Cemetery, which has eroded, including replacing the damaged chain-link fence with a stone wall.

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# Community Helping Liveboard Family After Home Lost on Contant Point Rocks

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When the man who had begun harassing the family's teenage children on Friday while both parents were at work came back Saturday morning while the island was being hit with intense rain squalls to harangue the family again about moving away from the neighboring moorings, John decided to attempt the risky re-anchoring.

## Moving Mooring After Harassment

An experienced liveboard sailor in addition to being a licensed boat captain, Hale knew he was a safe distance away from the neighboring moorings, and he knew the weather was stormy and resetting anchors always posed a risk that the new anchor settings might not hold. Hale also knew and that the boat's engine needed minor repairs.

"Saturday morning the guy was back yelling and cursing at the kids that we had to move," Hale's wife Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds*. The Hale "kids" on board were Mary, 17; Jack, 16; Heidianna, 14, and Sterling, 12. The family has two other older children, Leona and Christina, both 19; Leona is on a mission for the family's church in the Philippines.

"The kids were scared," Sarah, a labor nurse at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on

St. Thomas, told *St. John Tradewinds*. "We moved the anchors and everything looked great."

With new anchors set, John Hale was below deck making repairs to the engine when the children warned him that their boat was dragging anchor. By the time Hale could get topside it was too late, his wife said.

"Our son Jack tried; but it was already heading towards the rocks," Sarah Hale said. "In 13 minutes our whole lives changed."

"We got off the boat in about 14 minutes."

"We did have some people come by to help," Sarah said. "We got the kids off safely. We got off the boat in about 14 minutes."

"We salvaged everything we could salvage," Sarah added, with many of their important belongings safe in waterproof containers. "We're glad and very blessed that the kids were safe."

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the family has received support from their church, she added

"We have food and we have a place to stay," Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds* — although after doing two loads of laundry, Sarah realized the family had salvaged only

**"We salvaged everything we could salvage," Sarah added, with many of their important belongings safe in waterproof containers. "We're glad and very blessed that the kids were safe."**

a mixed bag of clothes.

The Hales know it is hard to find affordable housing for a large family, but they really want to get back on a boat, she said.

"It ended up being more affordable for a family," Sarah said.

The family has fallen in love with St. John, and Sarah and John, who bought *Lady M* in the Grenadines in March before coming to St. John on their second liveboard adventure — they previously lived aboard for ten years, including three years in the Turks and Caicos before their most recent three years on land in Texas — want to stay.

They also want to stay on a boat, she

added.

"I think at this point we're still trying to take a breather," Sarah said.

With a gofundme.com internet fund set up for "Hale Family St. John" by the wife of a co-worker of John's, the family has been overwhelmed by the support they have received from people they don't even know, Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds*.

"We know who set it up," Sarah said. "I was crying when I found out about it."

## Gofundme.com Site Raises more Than \$4,000 in First Day

By Sunday afternoon, November 23, the site had raised \$3,920 from 27 donors.

"We always try to help people, we never ask for help," Sarah said. "It's very humbling."

"We are very thankful," Sarah said. "You have to be thankful for the blessings you receive. The church is helping us; there are not a whole lot of needs — except we're homeless."

The Hales can be reached at caphale@hotmail.com.

"It's just frustrating," Sarah said of the man who harassed them into moving their anchors during foul weather. "We knew we were a safe distance from the moorings."

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