

Coral Bay Yacht Club was founded in 1976 with the mission of supporting the Coral Bay boating community while being a community minded organization. We assist visiting boaters in understanding how best to safely enjoy Coral Bay boating while supporting our camaraderie local of boaters in the pursuit of fun, safe, ethical, environmentally responsible boating. We are also committed to community minded projects like fundraising for Coral Bay youth education projects and Coral Bay Shoreline and Water cleanups.

Coral Bay is a big place. This cruising guide to our home port provides you local knowledge to ease and enhance your stay.

- Navigation & Anchoring
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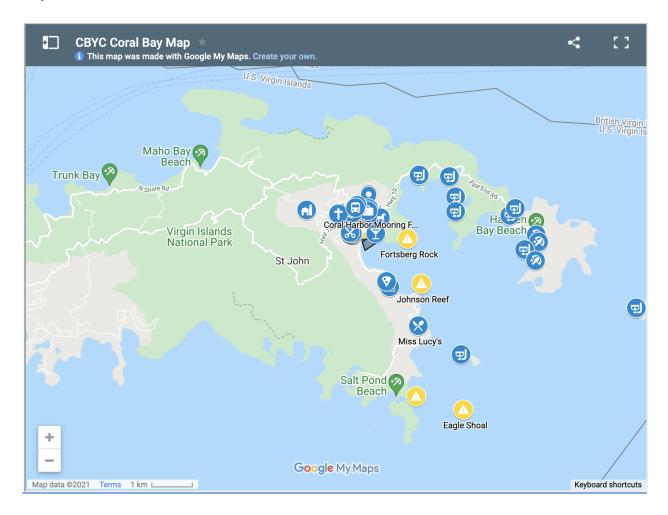
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### **Navigation & Anchoring**

This Google Map is not intended to be use for navigation purposes. It is intended to provide local knowledge on hazards and navigation. Please reference your charts before entering Coral Bay.



### Navigation / Hazards

**Navigation** - Coral Bay is located on the east side of St. John, US Virgin Islands. The bay opens to the southeast. The bay entrance is bracketed by Flanagan Island to the north and Leduck Island to the south. The most common approaches are along St. John's south shore from St. Thomas or along St. John's north shore. St. Croix is to the south and Coral Bay or Salt Pond Bay are wonderful spots to start/finish your passage.

#### **Hazards**



- Eagle Shoal East of Ram Head and south of Leduck Island, Eagle Shoal is hard to spot. Well marked on charts.
- Drunk Bay Lee Shore Inside of Eagle Shoal there is a lee shore from Ram Head, past Drunk Bay, to Sabbot Point. Vessels in distress have been washed up onto this shore and broken apart.
- Johnson Reef Inside the entrance to Coral Bay on the south shore, the reef fringes and extends Johnson Bay.
- Fortsberg Point Rocks Off of Fortsberg and marked as Battery Point, there are breaking waves over rocks 200-feet from shore.
- Coral Harbor Mooring Field Many submerged moorings with one-inch mooring chain foul the bottom.

### Where to Anchor in Coral Bay

- You must anchor. There are no public moorings in any part of Coral Bay, except day moorings in Hurricane Hole in the National Park https://home.nps.gov/vicr/planyourvisit/virgin-islands-marine-visitor-use-information.htm

   Be careful not to anchor on coral or seagrass, as both are plentiful.
- The safest place to anchor is outside the mooring area in Coral Harbor to the left of the green channel buoy. See google sketch. You can see open ocean, but the sea bottom here dampens the waves as they approach. Holding is good. You can go to restaurants and grocery stores or take a bus or taxi to town, etc. Please do not anchor in the Saunders Ghut area, as its seafloor is seagrass and environmentally sensitive.
   And do we need to say -- Please do not anchor in the navigation channel!
- Moorings in Coral Bay are private, and fees are paid to the government by their owners for them. Please do not anchor in the mooring field between moorings. These are not single line moorings but depend on a spider web of chains or line on the seafloor connecting several sand screws over a 40-foot wide area for a single mooring. There are still hurricane debris and unmarked old mooring tackle. That "blank spot" could be a boat wreck or old mooring. Your anchor WILL get caught ruining that day of your vacation 'nuf said?
- Beginning late in the day, in parts of the mooring area, often boats swing 360's on their moorings as tides and winds shift during the night. You do not want to be anchored in between them when they swing – you will hit. Messy!
- Dinghy and boat speed is limited to 6 mph in the mooring area and channel. However, not everyone obeys the speed limit. Do not allow your crew to swim across the busy and dangerous channel.



#### Noise

The US Virgin Islands has an anti-noise ordinance, just like home. It is common sense not to disturb your neighbors on adjacent boats and on land. The full text of the ordinance is available on the <u>Coral Bay Community Council's web site</u>. Here is a summary for boaters:

- You cannot play music so loud that it is audible 100 feet from your boat.
- Play music that exceeds a sound level of 75 dBA.
- \$2,000 fine for violation.

### **Dinghy Dock**

- The dinghy dock is located after the end of the channel markers in the northeast corner of Coral Harbor. It is a concrete dock with a wooden extension.
- <u>Do not tie to open end of the dock.</u> It is for loading and unloading only. Commercial
  charter and dive boats use this dock to load and unload guests. Dinghies tying up on the
  end of the dock will be moved, for the safety of loading and unload boat guests and
  supplies.
- There is room on both of the long sides of the dinghy dock to tie up. Painters must be at least 10-feet. You will notice that local dinghies tie up with 15-feet of painter to maximize the amount of dinghies that can be accommodated. Short painters will be lengthened.
- <u>Dinghies/vessels of more than 14-feet may not be left unattended.</u> You can anchor near shore in shallow water and walk in. Vessels over 14-feet left unattended will be moved to anchor.
- There is no dinghy dock on the west shore by Dolphin Market and other retail
  merchants. You can tie to the shore or anchor and wade in. You can walk from the
  dinghy dock along the donkey trail and left onto Salt Pond Road passing Love City Mini
  Mart and the free dumpsters on the way.

#### Trash

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- You have three choices, 1) Keep your trash on board, 2) Walk your trash about ½ mile to the Free Public Trash Dumpster which is near a grocery store, or 3) Pay for the convenience of depositing it in a boater's bin near the dinghy dock the money is used to pay the private garbage hauler. This bin is provided as a volunteer-led service of the Coral Bay Community Council to provide you with a convenient option as long as you provide the \$\$\$. Pay using your
- You can walk your trash ½ mile to the free dumpster: Walk left from the dinghy dock, past the large trees and picnic tables, to the donkey trail. The donkey trail is maintained

smart phone right there - \$3 to \$10 a bag depending on size.



- by the Coral Bay Yacht Club as a pedestrian and livestock only shortcut. The short cut comes out on Route 107. Turn left for the free dumpsters. Love City Mini Mart is across the street. Or you can walk along the road around the harbor.
- If you choose to take your dinghy to the Dolphin Market western shore and wade in Be aware there is no place to deposit your garbage except to walk to your right about 1/3 mile to the Public Trash Bin. Do not believe the guys who hang around and say they will take care of it for you. It ends up in a torn bag by the side of the road there with donkeys and chickens pulling out your trash and scattering it around! Hint: Go back to your 3 choices. This is not on the list!

### Provisions, Restaurants & Retail

#### Provisions / Ice

- Calabash Market 340-775-7172, 7AM-10PM, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Calabash-Market-877089945657515/">https://www.facebook.com/Calabash-Market-877089945657515/</a> Provisions, fresh fish, ready to eat meals, drinks, ice, tobacco, and sundries. On Salt Pond Road in Calabash Boom, just west of Johnson Bay.
- Dolphin Market 340-776-5327, 7AM-10PM, <a href="https://www.dolphinmarkets.com/dolphinmarket-coral-bay">https://www.dolphinmarkets.com/dolphinmarket-coral-bay</a> Provisions, drinks, ice, tobacco, sundries, and ATM. In the Cocoloba Plaza on the west shore of Coral Harbor alongside Aqua Bistro, Delyvonne Breakfast Bistro, and Crabby's. Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock, turn left at Salt Pond Road.
- Homemade Meals to Go 340-777-1100, 11AM-7PM closed Thursday, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Homemade-meals-to-go-117168766864505/">https://www.facebook.com/Homemade-meals-to-go-117168766864505/</a> - Ready to heat and eat meals, rotisserie chicken, fried chicken, fresh fish, sandwiches, wine, daily specials. On the west shore of Coral Harbor in the Isola building with Jolly Dog, Zemi Jewelry, Salty Mongoose, Wok on the Beach, and Spa LaLa. Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock, turn left at Salt Pond Road
- Josephine's Greens / Coral Bay Organic Gardens 340-693-5579, Monday-Saturday 9:30AM-4:30PM, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JosephinesBestGreens/">https://www.facebook.com/JosephinesBestGreens/</a> - Organic salad greens, vegetables, herbs, and fruits. Walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at Salt Pond Road, turn right onto Kings Hill Road at Love City Market. Continue until you see a sign on the left that says, "You Are Lost," Josephine's is two hundred yards further on the left.
- Love City Market 340-693-5790, 6AM-10:30PM, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lovecitymarket/">https://www.facebook.com/lovecitymarket/</a> - Provisions, drinks, ice, tobacco, and sundries. At the intersection of Salt Pond Road and Kings Hill Road in the northwest of the harbor, behind the mangroves. Walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn



left at Salt Pond Road, turn right onto Kings Hill Road to Love City Market.

#### Restaurants

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It is best to check websites, facebook, and call ahead for restaurants as open hours and closed days can change with the seasons and staff availability. Reservations are always a good idea. St. John has a shortage of food and beverage staff, so please be patient and consider a 20% tip as a minimum. As for all things in life, new places may open, good places can go bad, bad places can close.

- Aqua Bistro 340-776-5336,
- hours vary check Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/aquabistrostjohn">https://www.aquabistrostjohn.com</a> "Offering local flavor, classic burgers, fish tacos, pasta, seafood, salads and daily specials." On the west shore of Coral Harbor in the Cocoloba Plaza with Dolphin Market, Delyvonne Breakfast Bistro, and Crabby's. Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road.
- Delyvonne Breakfast Bistro Permanently closed
- Ekaete Pink Corner 340-244-8583 / 340-228-3311, hours vary, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Ekaete-Pink-Corner-1526801170907606/">https://www.facebook.com/Ekaete-Pink-Corner-1526801170907606/</a> - West Indian cuisine, pate', johnnycakes, drinks, and smoothies. At the Coral Bay intersection of Centerline / East End Road and Salt Pond Road. Take the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road.
- Homemade Meals to Go 340-777-1100, 11AM-7PM Tuesday-Friday, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Homemade-meals-to-go-117168766864505/">https://www.facebook.com/Homemade-meals-to-go-117168766864505/</a> - Ready to heat and eat meals, rotisserie chicken, fried chicken, fresh fish, sandwiches, wine, daily specials. On the west shore of Coral Harbor in the Isola building with Jolly Dog, Zemi Jewelry, Salty Mongoose, Wok on the Beach, and Spa LaLa. Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road.
- Lime Out 340-643-5333, 11AM-5PM, <a href="https://www.limeoutvi.com">https://www.limeoutvi.com</a> Floating taco bar off of Fortsberg. Anchor in the Coral Harbor outer anchorage and dinghy your people to a lily pad first come first served. They do not monitor VHF 16, text orders for delivery to your boat. Less busy starting 3PM.
- Love City Cafe' 340-473.6228, 6AM-2PM, <a href="https://www.lovecitycafe.com">https://www.lovecitycafe.com</a> Coffee, homemade baked goods and provisioning. Behind the mangroves before Love City Market. Walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road, first set of buildings on the right.
- Miss Lucy's 340-693-5244, Noon-4PM Tuesday-Saturday and 11AM-2PM and 5:30PM-9PM Thursday for Open Mic night,



https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057609242405 – West Indian cuisine. Friis Bay, anchor dinghy and wade in.

- Pizzabar in Paradise 340-201-1183, 4PM-8PM Tuesday-Friday, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pizzabarcoralbaystjohn/">https://www.facebook.com/pizzabarcoralbaystjohn/</a> - Pizza, calzones, salads, and drinks. west of Johnson Bay and Calabash Market, anchor dinghy and wade in.
- Rhumb Lines 340-776-0303, Thursday-Monday 4PM-9PM,
   <a href="https://www.rhumblinesstjohn.com">https://www.rhumblinesstjohn.com</a> Flavors of the Caribbean and Pacific Rim and known for their spicy Pad Thai. Tie up at the dinghy dock, walk to the road, immediately on the left past the calabash tree and tamarind tree on the right.
- Salty Mongoose 340-643-8486, Friday-Tuesday Noon-8PM, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SaltyMongooseSTJ/">https://www.facebook.com/SaltyMongooseSTJ/</a> - Pizza and rum bar with local draft beer. On the west shore of Coral Harbor in the Isola building with Jolly Dog, Zemi Jewelry, Homemade Meals to Go, Wok on the Beach, and Spa LaLa. Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road.
- Skinny Legs 340-779-4982, 11AM-8PM Tuesday-Saturday, <a href="http://www.skinnylegsvi.com">http://www.skinnylegsvi.com</a> – Grilled burgers, hot dogs, chicken, mahi, sandwiches, and salads. Tie up at the dinghy dock and turn right at Skinny Legs.
- Wok on the Beach (340) 473-0521, Noon-8PM closed Tuesday & Saturday, <a href="https://www.wokonthebeachstjohn.com/">https://www.wokonthebeachstjohn.com/</a>, On the west shore of Coral Harbor in the Isola building with Jolly Dog, Zemi Jewelry, Homemade Meals to Go, Salty Mongoose, and Spa LaLa, Anchor / tie-up and wade in or walk the donkey trail from the dinghy dock and turn left at the road.

#### Retail

- Busy Bee Dive Shop 340.201.4858, <a href="https://www.busybeevi.com/">https://www.busybeevi.com/</a> T-shirts, hats, snorkel & dive gear.
- Jolly Dog 802-489-4167, <a href="https://www.thejollydog.com/">https://www.thejollydog.com/</a> 10:30AM-6:30PM Beach clothing, casual attire, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, sunshades, drinkware, dog collars.
- Mumbo Jumbo 1 340-779-4277, <a href="https://whattodo-vi.com/places/mumbo-jumbo/">https://whattodo-vi.com/places/mumbo-jumbo/</a> Clothing store.
- Skinny Legs 340-779-4982, 11AM-8PM, <a href="http://www.skinnylegsvi.com">http://www.skinnylegsvi.com</a> T-shirts, hats, can/bottle insulators.
- St. John VI Pottery Gallery Monday-Saturday 10AM-4PM, <a href="https://www.stjohnvipottery.com/">https://www.stjohnvipottery.com/</a> - Pottery made on site, classes, and open studio.
- Zemi Island Designs 802-489-2901, <a href="https://www.zemistj.com/">https://www.zemistj.com/</a> 10:30AM-6:30PM Local Island Hook Bracelets , Larimar jewelry, South sea pearls, Wreck coins, and more.



### Services & Amenities

### **Emergency Services**

- Emergencies 911 from a landline, +1 340-776-9110 from a mobile phone (no 911 service from mobile phone)
- Police +1 340-693-8880, 911 from a landline
- Fire +1 340-776-6365 Coral Bay, +1 340-776-6333 Cruz Bay
- National Park Police +1 340-776-9110 emergency, +1 866-995-8467 law enforcement
- DPNR TBD emergencies, non-emergency +1 340-774-3320
- USCG +1 787-289-2041 emergency, +1 787-729-6800 non-emergency
- Customs and Border Protection +1 340-776-6741

### Customs, Immigration, DOH, DPNR

- Customs & Immigration
  - Under the current protocol, visitors entering the country by sea must present themselves to Customs & Immigration. ROAM is not permitted. The closest port of call is in Cruz Bay Creek - 340-776-6741 https://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/cruz-bay-st-john-virgin-islands-5102.
  - Once the COVID protocol is suspended by the Governor, US citizens can clear into the US Virgin Islands via the ROAM app. If you do not have a smartphone or cannot access the Internet, then you will need to clear in at a port of entry.
  - Non US citizens must clear in at a port of entry.
  - Canadian and Mexican visitors <a href="https://www.cbp.gov/travel/canadian-and-mexican-citizens">https://www.cbp.gov/travel/canadian-and-mexican-citizens</a>
  - International visitors https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors
- Department of Health
  - While COVID protocols persist, visitors submit a negative COVID test result through the travel portal. More at https://usvitravelportal.com
- Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Enforcement Division
  - Under the COVID protocols, all vessels in the US Virgin Islands must have a short-term or long-term anchoring permit. More at https://dpnr.vi.gov/environmental-enforcement/

#### Medical

- Coral Bay does not have a clinic. Clinics on the island include:
  - o Island Health & Wellness Center
  - o +1 340-714-4270



- Greenleaf Commons Suite 2D near the Westin and above Dolphin Market in Great Cruz Bay
- o https://islandhealthcenter.org
- All visits are a flat \$50 regardless of insurance status.
- Red Hook/Cruz Bay Family Practice
  - o +1 340-776-6789
  - 3rd Floor of The Marketplace, above Starfish Market near Turner Bay/Enighed Pond and the car barge wharf
  - o <a href="https://www.redhookfamilypractice.com">https://www.redhookfamilypractice.com</a>
  - Accepts many US medical insurance plans
- Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center
  - o +1 340-693-8900
  - o Centerline Road, 3B Sussannaberg
  - <a href="https://www.srmedicalcenter.org/about-us/our-facilities/myrah-keating-smith-community-health-center">https://www.srmedicalcenter.org/about-us/our-facilities/myrah-keating-smith-community-health-center</a>

#### **Coral Harbor Marine Services**

- Coral Bay Marine Service 340-776-6859 adjacent to the dinghy dock
- Busy Bee Dive Shop 340.201.4858, <a href="https://www.busybeevi.com/">https://www.busybeevi.com/</a> Tank fills, gear, dive trips, rendezvous dives Walk straight from the dinghy dock, across the road to the first floor of the commercial building.
- Crabby's Watersports 1-340-626-1570, <a href="https://www.crabbyswatersports.com/">https://www.crabbyswatersports.com/</a> snorkel gear rental, kayak rental, day sails, Scuba tank fills.
- Waste discharge There is no pumpout facility in Coral Bay. The National Park and Coral Reef National Monument are zero discharge zones with enforcement by Park Police and DPNR. To empty holding tanks you need to be three miles offshore and outside the bounds of the Coral Reef National Monument.
- Water There is no facility to take on water in Coral Bay. You can purchase potable water at Love City Mini Mart and Dolphin Market.
- Electric There is no facility for shore power in Coral Bay.
- Fuel Coral Harbor does not have a fuel dock. The closest fuel dock is in Cruz Bay Creek. The closest land accessible fuel station is Midway Plaza on Centerline Road, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stjmidwayplaza/">https://www.facebook.com/stjmidwayplaza/</a>; this is not walkable.
- Boat ramp There is a boat ramp at Coral Bay Marine next to the dinghy dock.

#### **Amenities**

Cell coverage



- AT&T and Viya have coverage in Coral Bay. You may find that you will see BVI providers Flow, Digicel, and CCTBoatPhone. T-Mobile has service on Flow.
   Google Fi may work on Flow. There is no Verizon coverage.
- The AT&T tower is on Bordeaux Mountain. If you have line of sight you will get a
  better signal. There are some areas with low/no coverage in the outer
  anchorage. Coverage in Hurricane Hole and Round Bay is good.
- The Viya tower is on the hill above the fire department. It covers most of Coral Bay. It has spotty coverage in Friis Bay.
- Roaming if you do not want to roam internationally make certain to turn roaming off on your phone.

#### Internet

- WiFi access is available at Skinny Legs, Salty Mongoose, and Aqua Bistro.
- Signal strength is generally not good enough to access WiFi using a WiFi repeater.

#### ATM

- Dolphin Market has an ATM.
- Pet access / veterinary
  - Canines, Cats, & Critters (340) 693-7780, <a href="http://caninescatscritters.vetstreet.com/">http://caninescatscritters.vetstreet.com/</a> - Full-service veterinary medical facility, boarding facility, grooming and pet store. Located on Centerline Road about five miles from Coral Bay.

#### Transportation

- Bus VITRAN provides bus service to Cruz Bay from Coral Bay, including East End and Salt Pond Bay, every two hours -<a href="https://www.vitranvi.com/ride/schedules">https://www.vitranvi.com/ride/schedules</a>. The pickup point nearest the Coral Bay dinghy dock is at the triangle intersection where Centerline Road, East End Road, and Salt Pond Road intersect.
- Taxi There are no taxi stands in Coral Bay. You can call and arrange trips with the following:
  - Kedija Prentice 340-513-8562
  - Owen's Taxi and Tours 340-626-6274
  - Mr. Wonderful 340-643-3275
  - Starfish Taxi 340-998-6139
  - Paradise Taxi (340) 714-7913
  - St. John Taxi (340) 693-7530
  - Westin Taxi (340) 776-6414
- Car rental There are no car rental agencies in Coral Bay and St. John does not have any national car rental brands. You can call (best way to contact) and reserve a car from the following groups:
  - Agua Blu Car Rental, https://aguablucarrental.com/, 340-776-2782
  - Aquarius Car Rental, https://aquariusstjohn.com/, 340-514-5262



- Bougainvillea Leasing Ltd., https://stjohnjeeps.com/, 800-253-7107
- C & C Car Rental, https://www.cccarrental.com/, 340-693-8164
- Conrad Sutton Jeep & Car Rental, <a href="https://www.conradcars.com/">https://www.conradcars.com/</a>, 340-776-6479
- Cool Breeze Jeep/Car Rental, <a href="http://coolbreezecarrental.com/">http://coolbreezecarrental.com/</a>, 340-776-6588
- Courtesy Car & Jeep Rental, <a href="https://courtesycarrental.com/">https://courtesycarrental.com/</a>, 340-776-6650
- Delbert Hill Car & Jeep Rental, 340-693-8819
- Denzil Clyne Car Rental, 340-776-6715
- Destiny Car Rental, <a href="https://www.destinycarrentalvi.com/">https://www.destinycarrentalvi.com/</a>, 340-777-5337
- Hospitality Rent A Car, http://www.hospitalityrentacar.com/, 340-693-9160
- Island Hopping Rentals, https://islandhoppingrentals.com/, 340-228-2229
- Just Sun Jeeps, <a href="http://justsunjeeps.com/">http://justsunjeeps.com/</a>, 340-227-2235
- L&L Jeep Rental, http://bookajeep.com/, 340-776-1120
- Lionel Jeep Rental, http://lioneljeeprentals.com/, 340-693-8764
- Mr. Piper's Jeeps, <a href="https://mrpipersjeeps.com/">https://mrpipersjeeps.com/</a>, 340-693-7580
- O'Connor Car Rental, <a href="https://www.oconnorcarrental.com/">https://www.oconnorcarrental.com/</a>, 340-776-6343
- St. John Car Rental, <a href="https://www.stjohncarrental.com/">https://www.stjohncarrental.com/</a>, 340-776-6103
- Slim Man's Jeep Rental, <a href="https://www.slimmansjeeprental.com/">https://www.slimmansjeeprental.com/</a>, 508-932-2737
- Sunshine's Jeep Rental, https://www.sunshinesjeeprental.com/, 340-690-1786
- Varlack Ventures, <a href="https://www.varlack-ventures.com/rentals">https://www.varlack-ventures.com/rentals</a>, 340-776-6412
- Mail services Available at Connections East, located at Skinny Legs. 340-779-4994, https://www.connectionsstjohn.com/
- Laundry There is no laundry service in Coral Bay
- Neptune Richard's Laundromat, Centerline Road, (340) 776-6929
- Kilroy's Dry Cleaning & Laundry, Cruz Bay South Shore Road, (340) 693-8741
- Santos Laundry, Cruz Bay South Shore Road before Starfish market when heading South from Cruz Bay downtown, will fill water jugs with filtered water

### **Activities**

#### **Beaches**

- Hansen Bay Beach sandy beach with water toy rentals dingly access
- Saltwell Bottom Beach sandy beach with dinghy access, fee for use
- Long Bay Beach sandy beach with adjacent private homes



- South Haulover Bay Beach rubble beach, good snorkeling
- North Haulover Bay Beach short walk from South Haulover Bay Beach with lots of hermit crabs in the forest, rubble beach, good snorkeling

### Diving & Snorkeling

- Diving
  - Busy Bee Dive Shop 340.201.4858, <a href="https://www.busybeevi.com/">https://www.busybeevi.com/</a> Tank fills, gear, dive trips, rendezvous dives Walk straight from the dinghy dock, across the road to the first floor of the commercial building.
- Snorkeling
  - Borck Creek
  - Princess Bay
  - Otter Creek
  - Water Creek
  - South Haulover Bay
  - North Haulover Bay
  - Pelican Rock
  - Flanagan Island
  - Leduck Island

#### **Boat Charters**

- Busy Bee Charters, 1-340-690-7258, <a href="https://www.busybeevi.com/">https://www.busybeevi.com/</a>
- Crabby's Watersports, 1-340-626-1570, https://www.crabbyswatersports.com/
- Dockside Dinghies, 1-340-227-3260, https://docksidevi.com/
- Fly Away Charters, 1-340-514-9627, <a href="https://flyawaychartersvi.com/">https://flyawaychartersvi.com/</a>
- Harmony, +1 340-643-7489, https://www.facebook.com/harmonychartersvi/
- Mahiya / Virgin Magic Charters, 340.626.4120, http://www.virginmagic.com/
- Salty Daze Charters, +1 340-690-7258, https://saltydazeusvi.com

### Fishing

Areas & Restrictions

- No fishing is permitted in the National Park within buoy marked swim areas.
- Coral Bay has both the Virgin Islands National Park and the Coral Reef National Monument. Both come with their own rules that are over and above the Virgin Islands' rules.



- Map https://www.nps.gov/viis/planyourvisit/upload/2014smalleranchoringmap-2.ipg
- Virgin Islands National Park Fishing Rules https://www.nps.gov/viis/planyourvisit/viis-fishing-info.htm
- There are species restrictions referenced in this circular.
- No fishing from moorings or in mooring fields.
- The Virgin Islands National Park extends from NPS Visitors Center along the north shore to Brown Bay.
- The National Park also encompasses the area from Drunk Bay to the eastern point of Fish Bay.
- o Coral Reef National Monument Rule
  - https://www.nps.gov/vicr/planyourvisit/boating-information.htm
  - Anchoring, fishing or collecting of any kind is prohibited in the Monument. Excepting that, up to 3 gallons of baitfish may be collected in Hurricane Hole with a NPS permit.
  - The National Monument extends from Borck Creek and includes all bays and creeks up to Haulover Bay South, including the western half of Haulover Bay.
  - There are two sections of the National Monument on the south side from Drunk Bay to the east side of Ram Head, and from offshore Kiddel Bay to the eastern side of Reef Bay.
  - There is a section of offshore waters offshore of Salt Pond Bay and southwest of Booby Rock that are not in the National Monument nor the National Park.
  - The free day-use yellow moorings with blue stripes off of Cabritte Horn Point, near Great Lameshur Bay, are for traditional fishing of Hardhead / Blue Runners.

#### Inshore Fishing

 Given the rules above, you can fish from land or a boat using rod & reel or traditional handline.

#### Bottom fishing

- Bottom fishing is productive in 90 to 200-feet with cut bait, squid, etc. from Flanagan Island southwest to the South Drop.
- o Be careful to stay out of the BVI waters! They should be marked on your charts.

#### South Drop

- The South Drop is a productive area for trolling. The drop goes from less than 200-feet to more than 1,000-feet 6-7 miles southwest from Flanagan Island.
- East / West trolling along the drop produces Mahi, Tuna, Wahoo, and Barracuda.
   Trolling ballyhoo is a good bet. Mahi like blue & white skirts.



### Hiking

- The National Park has many hiking trails. The best map for the trails is at <a href="https://trailbandit.org/Downloads.html">https://trailbandit.org/Downloads.html</a>.
  - You can do a great flat walk in Coral Bay by:
  - Walking from the dinghy dock to a right on Fortsberg Road (turn right on East End Road at Skinny Legs, first right)
  - Back on East End Road, head left and walk to the triangle intersection, take a left on Salt Pond Road.
  - At the intersection where the dumpsters and Love City Mini Mart are, take a right down Kings Hill Road.
  - The first cement road on the right goes up to the LaLa Land neighborhood.
  - Continuing on Kings Hill Road, past the sign that says "You are Lost", you will come to Josephine's Greens and Coral Bay Garden Center on the left. Josephine sells organic produce, fruits, and herbs.
  - o The Europa Bay trail in Little Lameshur is a nice flat hike.
  - Great hilly hikes include:
    - Johnnyhorn Trail
    - Brown Bay Trail
    - Ram Head Trail from Salt Pond Bay

### Community

- Coral Bay Community Council The CBCC mission is to CBCC's mission is to serve our community by protecting the environment, improving infrastructure, supporting education, encouraging social progress, and planning for appropriate low-impact development. CBCC supports Coral Bay Yacht Club and marine visitors through programs to clean up hurricane damage, remove derelict damaged boats, and many other programs, including sponsoring the trash drop off at the dinghy dock. https://coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/
- <u>KATS</u> "KATS" (Kids And The Sea) is a non-profit marine organization which promotes kids safely having fun on the water through an educational program. By doing so it brings together the Virgin Island's greatest human resource - its youth- and its greatest natural resource - the sea. <a href="http://www.katsstjohn.org/">http://www.katsstjohn.org/</a>
- Volunteering

- Coral Bay Community Council has volunteer opportunities https://coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/get-involved/join-us/
- The Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park has volunteer opportunities inside the park - https://friendsvinp.org/protect/



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