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USVI Airports Open, Ports Adjust Services Due to Tropical Storm Ernesto

Flights continue as planned at Henry E. Rohlsen and Cyril E. King Airports; cruise ship calls canceled and ferry schedules modified

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The Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM

The V.I. Port Authority has announced that all airports and seaports in the U.S. Virgin Islands are currently operating as usual. However, VIPA is closely monitoring Tropical Storm Ernesto as it approaches the region.

Airports

Both the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX) on St. Croix and the Cyril E. King Airport (STT) on St. Thomas remain open with no reported flight cancellations today. Fly the Whale's final flight from St. Thomas to St. Croix is scheduled for 3:50 p.m. tomorrow, August 13. Travelers are advised to contact their airlines directly for any updates or questions regarding their flights.

Cruise ships

All cruise ship calls to St. Thomas and St. Croix scheduled from Monday through Thursday have been canceled. The Rhapsody of the Seas, originally scheduled to arrive earlier in the week, has rescheduled its visit to St. Croix for Saturday, August 17.

Inter-Island ferry service

The Native Son Ferry's last departure from St. Thomas to the British Virgin Islands today will be at 4:30 p.m. The QEIV ferry, providing service between St. Thomas and St. Croix, departed at 11 a.m. from St. Thomas and is expected to arrive in St. Croix at 1 p.m. There are no scheduled trips on the QEIV ferry for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. All other ferry and barge services between St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island are operating normally today.

Charlotte Amalie Harbor Industry Day Still Scheduled

The Charlotte Amalie Harbor Industry Day, set to discuss the harbor dredging project, is still scheduled to take place today at noon. The meeting will be held in person at the VIPA Administrative Building Conference Room in St. Thomas and will also be live-streamed via Microsoft Teams. Interested individuals can request an MS Teams invite by emailing info@viport.com.

VIPA assures the public that it will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. Travelers and residents are encouraged to stay informed and take necessary precautions as Tropical Storm Ernesto approaches.