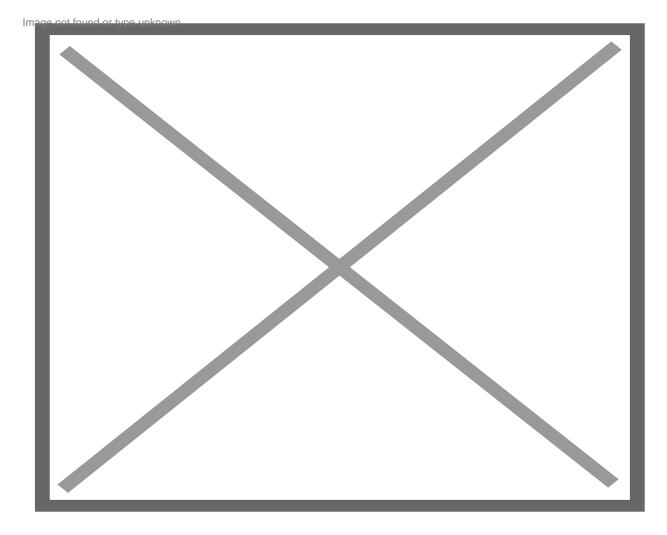
Watch: Coquito Festival, Foreday Morning Tramp and Horse Racing Energize USVI

The USVI hosted major events, including the Coquito Festival with Tito Nieves, horse racing at Clinton Phipps Sr. Race Track, and the ongoing Foreday Morning Tramp with Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights serenading St. Croix with Quelbe music

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Several big events brought excitement to the U.S. Virgin Islands this weekend, with one — WTJX's Foreday Morning Tramp with Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights on St. Croix — currently ongoing. The event, which continues at 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 24, features TSK serenading St. Croix communities in the early morning hours with a variety of Christmas songs, all performed in authentic Quelbe style.

On Saturday, the annual Coquito Festival held at La Reine Chicken Shack drew huge crowds. The parking lot was lined with vendors offering a variety of goods, while those competing in the coquito competition provided eager patrons with a taste of their creations. The event's main attraction this year was the well-known Puerto Rican recording artist Tito Nieves.

Here are this year's Coquito Festival winners:

1st Place: Gely Santiago 2nd Place: 4T's Coquito 3rd Place: Yvi's Coquito

Meanwhile, in St. Thomas, patrons enjoyed another thrilling horse racing event at the recently reopened Clinton Phipps Sr. Race Track. Called the "Festive Finish," the event saw a strong turnout and delivered plenty of excitement.

Watch the Coquito Festival <u>here</u>, the horse racing action <u>here</u>, and the foreday morning serenade <u>here</u>.

Looking ahead, Virgin Islanders are gearing up for the <u>Crucian Christmas Festival 2024-2025</u>, which promises seven days of nonstop activities. Highlights include Village entertainment featuring artists like Machel Montano, Kes, Konshens, and Sizzla, as well as beloved events such as the Adults' and Children's parades, Food Fair, and J'Ouvert.

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