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All VI Beaches Safe For Swimming And Fishing This Weekend

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ST. CROIX – The Department of Planning and Natural Resources water quality testing this week has revealed that all 37 beaches tested in the territory are safe for swimming and fishing.

Last week, [five beaches](#) in St. Thomas and two in St. John did not meet minimum water quality standards for swimming or fishing and the DPNR urged the public to avoid them.

The beaches found to be unsafe for swimming and fishing on St. Thomas last week were: Vessup Bay, Secret Harbor, Bolongo Bay, Limetree Bay and Morningstar Beach, DPNR said.

On St. John, the public was cautioned to avoid swimming or fishing in Johnson's Bay and Great Cruz Bay, the department said.

However, all five on the beaches previously cited meet safe water quality standards this week, according to DPNR.

On St. Croix the beaches deemed safe to swim and fish in last week are also safe this week. They are: Stony Ground, Protestant Cay, Chenay Bay, Buccaneer, Cane Bay, Cramers Park, Rainbow, Shoys, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), Pelican Cove (Cormorant), Halfpenny, Grapetree Bay, Princess (Condo Row), Dorsch, Frederiksted public beach, Columbus Landing and Sprat Hall.

On Thomas, the beaches that were found to be safe to swim and fish in last week and this week are: Magen's Bay, Hull Bay, Brewer's Bay, Lindquist, Sapphire, Bluebeards, Frenchman's Bay, Lindberg Bay, Coki Point, Water Bay. The beaches that passed the water testing in St. John each week are: Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer and Frank Bay.

DPNR said it will continue to monitor water quality in the territory. For additional information about water quality please call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.

Feature Image: Mermaid Beach is one of several beaches at The Buccaneer in St. Croix

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