

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Seaborne Expands Seaplane Schedule Between St. Croix And St. Thomas

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ST CROIX -- Seaborne Airlines announced via press release today an expansion of Seaplane flights between the Seaplane bases at St. Croix and St. Thomas. Customers and packages will be able to fly as early as 6:40 am from St. Croix to St. Thomas and as late as 6:00 pm from St. Thomas to St. Croix.

Operated in the past, these additional flights were extremely popular, allowing business travelers more time for meetings on both islands, according to the release.

The new flights will operate Monday through Friday beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

After the additions, Seaborne will operate 26 daily Seaplane flights, or 13 daily roundtrips, providing a true "Air Bridge" between the islands, says the release. All flights will be operated by the 14 seat DHC-6-300 Twin Otter seaplane. The plane operates with two pilots and two engines and is the only United States Federal Aviation Administration Part 121 Seaplane operator, providing the highest standard under United States Federal Air Regulations for pilot training and aircraft maintenance.

"Seaborne's new flights will lengthen the day for our many commuters and business travelers, aiding commerce and economic development in the territory" said Mora Scotland, Regional Manager for the four United States Virgin Islands Airports served by Seaborne. "We are proud of the role we play in the the territory and will continue to work hard to remain "The Way the Virgin Islands Gets to Work".

According to the release, Seaborne remains one of the territory's largest employers; has invested over \$300,000 in Seaplane facility improvements over the past year and a half; has brought on new aircraft this past year and works to show its commitment to the territory in many other ways.

The release adds that Seaborne continues to aggressively support community sponsorships, tourism events and recently reaffirmed our commitment territory's economy through the waiving of checked bag fees for duty-free liquor boxes. Each 21 year old passenger is allowed one duty free liquor box holding five or six bottles, so long as one was bottled locally.