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Customs And Border Protection Marine Unit Assists Parasailers Near St. Thomas

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ST. THOMAS -- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Operations (AMO) assisted 2 persons Tuesday morning that were parasailing near Frenchman's Bay, CBP announced Wednesday.

"While patrolling our coast, Air and Marine Agents are always vigilant to respond to distress calls from people at sea," stated Johnny Morales, director of Air Operations at the CBP Caribbean Air and Marine Branch.

According to the release, a Marine Interdiction Agent crew spotted a parasail towing vessel go dead in the water with its parasail in the air. The crew observed the 2 people

in the harness as the parasail dove into the water, immediately energizing the blue lights and increased speed to get to the people in the water.

The AMO crew reached an elderly male and elderly female in the water wearing life vests, retrieving the male out of the water. The female was pulled out by the servicing vessel.

The couple had no injuries and were in good spirits.

AMO is a federal law enforcement organization dedicated to serving and protecting the American people through advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities. With approximately 1,800 federal agents and mission support personnel, 240 aircraft, and 300 marine vessels operating throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, AMO conducts its mission in the air and maritime environments at and beyond the border, and within the nation's interior.