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David Pryce, 36, Dies After Boating Incident During Fun Run Marine Event; Circumstances Remain Under Review

Authorities identified 36-year-old David Pryce after a fatal vessel incident between the Frederiksted Fish Market pier area and Dorsch Beach during Sunday's Fun Run Marine event. DPNR says the circumstances remain under review as officials gather details.

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ST. CROIX — A 36-year-old man died following a vessel-related incident during Sunday's Fun Run Marine event in the waters between the Frederiksted Fish Market pier area and Dorsch Beach, according to the Department of Planning and Natural

Resources.

The deceased was identified by next of kin as David Pryce, according to V.I. Police Department Director of Communications Glen Dratte.

DPNR said the incident occurred shortly before 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13. Emergency dispatch received a 911 call reporting the incident, and initial reports indicated that bystanders saw an individual in the water, recovered him and transported him to the event's designated staging area.

Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel immediately began life-saving measures when they arrived. Mr. Pryce was subsequently transported to Juan F. Luis Hospital for further medical treatment, but despite the efforts of first responders and hospital personnel, he later died from his injuries.

Authorities have not yet disclosed what led to Mr. Pryce entering the water or provided further details about the vessel involved. DPNR said the circumstances surrounding the incident remain under review as officials continue gathering information about the events leading up to the accident.

The department used the incident to remind boaters of the importance of safe vessel operation, particularly during organized marine events when increased traffic may be present. DPNR said its Division of Environmental Enforcement continues to patrol territorial waters and enforce boating laws covering vessel operation, navigation, safety equipment and prudent boating practices.

DPNR extended condolences to Mr. Pryce's family, friends and loved ones and said additional information would be released as it becomes available.