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Port Authority Announces First Two-Ship Day Since March 2020, Welcoming 4,000 Guests to USVI

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**Ships dock at the Austin “Babe” Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas.
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ST. THOMAS — There will be two cruise ships berthed at the Austin “Babe” Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas on Thursday, marking the first two-ship day at the cruise port since the Covid-19 pandemic was declared in March 2020, the V.I. Port Authority has announced.

VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe announced that the authority received notice Wednesday afternoon that the Celebrity Equinox has changed its itinerary and would be visiting St. Thomas Thursday. The ship was initially scheduled to visit Antigua on Thursday. However, the Equinox has changed its route and is now scheduled to arrive in Crown Bay Thursday at 7:15 a.m. today

and will depart at 6:00 p.m. Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas is also scheduled to berth in Crown Bay today from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

"We welcome this unexpected visit by the Equinox," said Mr. Dowe. "Both the Equinox and the Allure will have approximately 2,000 passengers and about 2,000 crew on board."

Mr. Dowe added, "This is fantastic news for our merchants, restaurants, taxi and tour operators, and other tourism-related businesses. Almost all the passengers on both ships are fully vaccinated, and VIPA continues to work closely with its private and government stakeholders to ensure that all cruise visits are safe for the community and our guests."

Cruise ship schedules for the territory are posted on the seaports section of VIPA's website, www.viport.com. All schedules are subject to change.