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Port Authority Completes Charlotte Amalie Waterfront Cleat Replacement Project

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New Cleats on the Charlotte Amalie Waterfront By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY

ST. THOMAS — Mariners now have brand new cleats to secure their boats while berthed at the Waterfront in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor, the Virgin Islands Port Authority has announced.

V.I.P.A. said this morning that it replaced a total of 77 rusty and broken cleats with brand new, weather-resistant ones with a 10-year life expectancy. The new cleats have a maximum allowable line pull of 23 metric tons or 50,700 pounds.

“These new cleats are an essential amenity to have available at our waterfront as we continue to improve our infrastructure to attract yacht and charter boat owners as well as inter-island ferry

companies to visit the U.S. Virgin Islands,” said V.I.P.A. Executive Director Carlton Dowe.

The picturesque Charlotte Amalie Harbor is in the heart of downtown Charlotte Amalie and the Waterfront is an ideal location for yacht and boat owners, V.I.P.A. said. It is adjacent to restaurants, the Main Street shopping district, a grocery store, banks, and other attractions. Fueling and water services are also provided for boats that berth at the Waterfront.

The Port Authority said its contractor is now replacing the cleats at the ferry and cargo docks in Red Hook and the Crown Bay excursion dock on St. Thomas, and the ferry and cargo docks in Cruz Bay, St. John.

V.I.P.A. will also replace cleats at its seaports on St. Croix, according to the release.

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