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**ALL CHARTER BOAT OWNERS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS MUST OBTAIN APPLICABLE LICENSE TYPE**

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is reminding all charter boat owners in the Virgin Islands that they must be in possession of a valid business license. Individuals conducting charter boat services or boat rentals must have the applicable business license on each vessel. The requirement for all charter boat owners to obtain a valid business license(s) is pursuant to Title 27, Section 301 of the Virgin Islands Code.

Commissioner Biggs advises all persons hiring, contracting, or renting from any charter boat owners to ensure that the individual(s) are duly licensed. "Until the legal requirements of obtaining a current business license from DLCA are fulfilled, charter boats engaged in charter services (day sails, snorkeling, fishing, scuba diving etc.) will be in violation of the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands. Any boat owners found without the appropriate license will be subject to citations and applicable penalties," said Commissioner Biggs.

The mission of DLCA is twofold with significant attention paid to businesses and consumers. Commissioner Biggs reminds the community that a key function of the Department is to ensure that all businesses and individuals comply with the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands through education, regulation, and enforcement. "Our objective is to work with any entity or individual conducting commerce so that they are fully informed of the existing rules and regulations and how they may avoid enforcement action. All boat owners not abiding by applicable licensing laws are advised to expeditiously act on resolving this matter," said Commissioner Biggs.

For additional information, contact the Licensing Division of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs on St. Croix at 773-2226 or St. Thomas at 774-3130.

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