



2016 Leverick Bay Poker Run Safety Rules

**THE LEVERICK BAY POKER RUN IS NOT A RACE.
AT NO TIME DURING THE POKER RUN
WILL RACING OCCUR BETWEEN / AMONG PARTICIPANTS.**

- Each participant must have valid and sufficient liability insurance for the boat and crew.
- Punctual attendance to the Captains' Meeting for captain and/or driver is mandatory. Undivided attention from captain and/or driver is essential at the Captains' Meeting.
- Roll call will be taken at the start of the Captains' Meeting.
- During the event, each boat captain or driver must be capable of passing a 0.08 alcohol breathalyzer test if required.
- When navigating, marine certified life vests must be worn by everyone aboard, including children, at all times.
- High Impact (*lifeline style*) jackets are recommended for faster boats. "Fanny pack" type jackets / vests are not permitted.
- Any boat traveling over 5 knots in harbors or anchorages will be disqualified.
- Official colored event identification stickers must be attached to the boat and must be visible on the starboard side of the hull
- For the start of the run, the pace boat marked with 2 orange flags at the stern will take all participating poker run boats through the Coiquhoun Reef. When boats are clear of the reef, the pace boat will swap the orange flags for checkered ones signaling the start of the event. At no time when the orange flags are raised shall any boats pass the pace boat. When checkered flags are raised all boats to pass pace boat to port. Failure to obey these rules will mean disqualification with no return of monies.
- All Poker Run participants, including passengers and crew, must wear identification wristbands at all times.
- Participants, including all passengers and crew on the boat, must sign the official event liability waiver.
- The Pace Boat(s) must not be passed or "crowded" at any time when "pacing" with a Flag(s) showing.
- A safe clearance must be maintained at all times among boats in motion. The clearance distance recommended is a minimum radius of 85 feet around each boat.
- Cell phone and VHF radio devices for communicating with other boats must be available aboard and in working condition at all times.
- Flag signals from pace boat(s), marshal boat(s), and other official event boats must be obeyed at all times.
- At least one person aboard (*and preferably everyone*) must wave their arms overhead to signal to other participant boats the intention of slowing down.
- A running lane must be chosen and adhered to. Changing lanes or direction must be done only when it can be done safely and after checking that it is not dangerous to do so. Boats must not "cut off" other boats, or be the cause of an emergency reaction on the part of other boats.
- No one may sit and/or lie on top of a seat or sun pad while the boat is in motion.
- First time Poker Run participants agree to start at the very back of the assigned and/or chosen starting group, and further agree to run at the back of the assigned and/or chosen group during the entire event. Remember to display the assigned flag.
- This event does not permit illegal drug activity or usage. Be aware that Government authorities are permitted to board a vessel for inspection if they determine probable cause.
- For any emergency, contact the Virgin Islands Search and Rescue (VISAR) at 284-494-4357 or channel 16 on your radio.

**DISOBEYING OR BREAKING ANY OF THE RULES ABOVE, AND / OR ANY ADDITIONAL RULES OUTLINED
AT THE CAPTAINS' MEETING, WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT.**