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St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION
The SCBP registration desk will be located in the Harbor Ballroom Concourse on Friday, October 10, 2014 and Saturday, October 11, 2014. Registration hours are from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE FRENCHMAN’S REEF & MORNING STAR MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT

AMENITIES AND GUEST SERVICES
The Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort offers luxuriously appointed guest rooms in a contemporary redesign. Each room offers Marriott’s ultra-comfortable bedding, one king or two double beds, in a refreshing color palette inspired by the island of St. Thomas. The resort offers highly trained concierge service, business center, room service (not included in SCBP Registration Fee), pools, Jacuzzis, kids club, spa, salon, fitness center and multiple on-site dining options. The hotel offers daily activities including beach volleyball, bingo & yoga. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.

ATM MACHINES
There is an ATM machine conveniently located in the resort’s lobby. There is also an ATM machine at the Morning Star property.

BADGES
The official SCBP badge is used for admission to all SCBP functions. Please wear your badge to all SCBP events including morning sessions and evening functions.
BEACHES
The private Morning Star beach offers a stretch of white sand and the ideal place to relax, swim and soak up some sun. Snorkel gear, beach floats, beach chairs and umbrellas are provided free of charge to SCBP hotel guests. Magens Bay Beach is one of the world's most beautiful and breathtaking bays and is ideal for swimming and snorkeling with all the conveniences of lifeguards, equipment rental, freshwater showers, restaurants and bars. Magens Bay Beach is short cab ride from the hotel.

BUSINESS CENTER
The self-service business center is located on the 3rd floor. It has a boarding pass PC, computers, copier and fax machine. For a full list of services, visit the business center.

CABANA RENTAL
There are beach cabanas available for rent. Pool cabanas are not for rental and are on a first come, first served basis.

CAR RENTALS
The Adventure Center located in the main lobby can accommodate your every need when renting a car. Call ext. 6811 for more information. Please note that, in U.S. Virgin Islands, we drive on the left side of the road.

CONCIERGE
The Adventure Center located in the hotel lobby is the on-site concierge and will provide information, referrals and directions for local attractions.
DAILY HOTEL ACTIVITIES
Every day the hotel provides on-site activities for your enjoyment. These activities range from aqua aerobics, beach volleyball, bingo, yoga and more. A complete activities guide is available at the front desk.

DEPARTURES
In order to provide sufficient time for travel and airport check-in, guests are advised to depart from the resort approximately three (3) hours prior to their flight departure time.

Hotel check-out time is 11:00 a.m. You may store your luggage with the Bellman and enjoy the balance of your stay at the resort prior to your departure time, if needed.

DRESS CODE
The dress code for SCBP events ranges from casual to cocktail. Please see the Event Schedule for details. The average daily temperature in St. Thomas in October is high 80 degrees. We recommend that you bring along cotton garments (light colors), shorts and long pants, tennis shoes, hat, swimsuit and sandals. A light jacket may be needed in the evening and in the hotel air conditioning.
EMERGENCY INFORMATION
If you are experiencing a hotel or medical emergency, please dial “0” from any hotel house phone for the hotel operator.

FITNESS CENTER
The resort has a state-of-the-art fitness center for guests’ use. It is open 24 hours and accessible with the use of your hotel key. The fitness center is located on the third level of the hotel.

GIFT SHOP
Gift items and sundries may be purchased at Presto Marketplace; Sun Market at Morning Star; and Coco Joes Beach Shop on Morning Star Beach.

GUEST ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS
Finely appointed guest rooms feature ergonomic workspaces, LCD high-definition televisions; clock radio, wireless internet access (daily rates not included in SCBP package) individual climate control; coffee maker; iron/ironing board, refrigerator and in-room safe. On command movies and local/long distance phone calls are additional fees and not included in the SCBP Package. The hotel has a smoke-free policy.

INTERNET ACCESS
All guest rooms have high-speed internet connections. Daily internet charges are not included in the SCBP package. There is a daily charge for wireless internet connection in a hotel guest room. Please inquire when you check in.
ISLAND FACTS

- **Popular Souvenirs:** Cruzan Rum, arts and crafts, perfumes and bath scents, jewelry, and clothing.
- **Climate:** The Virgin Islands climate is subtropical, tempered by easterly trade winds, relatively low humidity, with average autumn daytime temperatures of high 80 degrees.
- **Currency:** The U.S. dollar and major credit cards are accepted everywhere on the island.
- **Documents:** No passports are required for U.S. Virgin Islands travel. Government issued photo ID will be needed to board airline flights.
- **Electricity:** 110-volt AC same as U.S.
- **Legal Drinking Age:** The legal drinking age in St. Thomas is 18 years of age.
- **Popular Beaches:** Bluebeard’s Beach, Hull Bay, Limetree Beach, Magens Bay, Morningstar Beach, Sapphire Beach and Vessup Bay.
- **Taxis:** Taxi vans are the most widely used mode of transportation and readily available at airports, towns and resort areas. Taxi rates are based on destination rather than mileage.
- **Telephone:** The international country code is 1-340.
- **Time Zone:** St. Thomas is in the Atlantic Time Zone.

LAZULE SEA SPA & SALON

All new ultra luxurious Lazule Sea Spa and Salon is the ultimate boutique spa experience in the US Virgin Islands. Lazule features 8 all new treatment rooms including a couples suite and a wet room featuring a Vichy Shower. This beautiful St. Thomas spa also boasts a full service salon featuring hair, makeup,
nail services and retail. Lazule Sea Spa also features a private spa pool, jacuzzi and cold plunge. The private spa pool is a welcome oasis with chaise lounge chairs, poolside cabanas and spectacular views of the Charlotte Amalie Harbor.

RESORT ACTIVITIES
The resort's recreational facilities include free-form infinity-edged pool, Jacuzzis, adult pool; bali beds, bubble beds, kids pool with interactive water elements; fitness center, two outdoor lit tennis courts; and sand volleyball. Rides, rentals and lessons for a variety of watersports are available and include boating, kayaking, parasailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, and wave runners.

RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES AT THE REEF
Please refer to your in-room directory for complete dining guide and restaurant hours.

SHOPPING IN CHARLOTTE AMALIE
St. Thomas has been a shopping mecca since the late 1600’s. Charlotte Amalie, the capital of the US Virgin Islands (USVI), is known as one of the busiest cruise ports, trading centers and king of all duty-free shopping destinations in the Caribbean. Small shops, street vendors and world famous stores tantalize shoppers with variety and charm. There is no sales tax. Yacht Haven Grande, located at the Charlotte Amalie Harbor, features enticing shopping and dining opportunities. Name-brand stores include Coach, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Tommy Hilfiger, Diamonds International, and much more. The Havensight area is a convenient shopping area for those who are looking for a more laid-back shopping experience and contains a variety of stores and restaurants. A pocket
map of St. Thomas and area shopping are available when you check-in to the hotel.

**SCBP EVENING FUNCTIONS**
The SCBP registration package includes the welcome reception on Thursday evening, the Government House reception on Friday evening and the Farewell Carnival Beach Party on Saturday night.

**Thursday's Welcome to St. Thomas**
Now that you have arrived, it’s time to unwind on Seacliff Terrace at the Welcome Reception. Delight in the spectacular view of the Charlotte Amalie Harbor, partake in a drink or two, and partake in an array of island specialties. Steel pan music will be provided by a Territory favorite, the *Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra*, and will enhance the night and add to your tropical welcome.

The *Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra* was founded in 1981 by Judge Verne A Hodge, then Presiding Judge of the Territorial Court of the US Virgin Islands. Judge Hodge set out to change the course of the youth that were appearing in front of his judicial bench. The program's focus was to recruit students between the ages of 10 and 18 from public, private, and parochial schools and help guide them to successfully complete their high school education.

**Friday's Government House Reception**
Enjoy heavy hors d’oeuvres and tropical island-themed music at the Government House Reception. Located in the hills near downtown Charlotte Amalie, Government House is a neoclassical, gracious 3 story white building with beautifully intricate ironwork along the balconies. Built between 1865 and
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1867, it is a fine example of the grandeur of official buildings during Danish colonial times.

Government House has been the center of government in St. Thomas since the mid-1860s. Visitors interested in seeing St. Thomas's political life may tour the building's first two floors. The lobby contains display boards of the islands' governors including Danish, Naval and Civilian. Government House also features art work by renowned local and international artists.

Saturday's Farewell Dinner & Carnival Beach Party
With white sand between your toes, the Morning Star Beach will host our Farewell Dinner. A tropical moon and warm winds will await you on your final night in St. Thomas. Enjoy Caribbean island cuisine and get ready to dance the night away to classic calypso and contemporary island music. Casual dress and flat shoes or flip flops are recommended.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
If you are unable to participate in an optional excursion for which you have registered and paid, the SCBP cannot refund your money. Some tours required a minimum number of participants. There will be no on-site registration for these excursions. Adults must accompany youngsters under 18 years of age.
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Attire: Cocktail

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Welcome to the Virgin Islands Reception**
Location: Sea Cliff Terrace

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Class Reunion Dinners**
*Presidents*
Location: Seacliff Terrace on the left
Host: Nycole Thompson

*Presidents-Elect*
Location: Seacliff Terrace on the right
Host: Karin Bentz

*Past Presidents*
Location: Bakkeroe Terrace
Host: Richard T. Evangelista

*Executive Directors*
Location: Beacon Lounge
Host: Hinda Carbon

10:00 p.m. - 12 a.m. **Nightcap**
Location: Presidential Suite
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Meeting Attire: Business Casual

All meetings held in Harbor 4

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**
Breakfast Location: Sunset Grill
Registration Location: Harbor Ballroom Concourse

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Remarks**

Nycole Thompson
President, VI Bar Association

Hon. Wilma A. Lewis
Chief Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **The Transformative Power of Law**

Dr. David Hall
President, University of the Virgin Islands

This presentation will focus on the transformative aspects of law and the practice of law from a substantive and symbolic perspective. Lawyers have been criticized by some for being “social engineer,” and by other for being guardians of the status quo. This presentation will explore this duality and suggest an overriding and compelling role for lawyers and law in society. President Hall is the author of the book, *The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search for Sacred Rivers*. Insights into the spiritual dimensions of law and how human transformation within the context of the legal profession will also be discussed. In a society where lawyer are too often demeaned and improperly characterized, this will be an uplifting and informative celebration of the legal profession.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **The Legal System and Practice of Law in the Virgin Islands**

A panel of judges and lawyers will discuss the legal system of the Virgin Islands and explain how the
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practice of law in the U.S. Virgin Islands compares to the practice of law in the continental United States.

Hon. Wilma A. Lewis, Chief Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands

Hon. Harold W.L. Willocks, Administrative Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

Soraya Diase Coffelt, Esq. (former judge of the Superior Court)

Joycelyn Hewlett, Esq.

Moderator: Andrew Capdeville, Esq.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Quiet Revolution That Transformed The Political Landscape of the United States Virgin Islands

Learn how checks and balances to the Republican form of government changed the political landscape of the Virgin Islands.

Mario Moorhead

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. A Brief History of the U.S. Virgin Islands

Hon. Harold W.L. Willocks, Administrative Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

11:45 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Evolution of Calypso Music in the Virgin Islands

Trace the musical traditions in the Virgin Islands from its African and European roots to regional contributions that developed into Calypso music.

Glenn “Kwabena” Davis

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
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1:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  **Optional Excursions**  
*Catamaran Sailing & Snorkeling Tour*

You will depart from the Frenchman’s Reef Dock and sail along the coast of St. Thomas and out to Buck Island Wildlife Refuge. Snorkeling will be available at some of the best reefs in St. Thomas. The underwater vegetation and the reef’s shelter have attracted the endangered green sea turtle to many of Buck Island’s coves. Snorkeling equipment, safety vests and crew will be on board. Afterward you can relax, soak up the sun and have a beverage or light snack.

Recommended Attire: bathing suit, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and camera.

*Guests on this tour will meet at the Water Ferry Dock at 1:00 p.m.*

Notes: Includes lunch, drinks, guided snorkeling & gear.

5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  **Reception and Heavy Hors D’oeuvres**

Attire: Business Casual  
Location: Government House

Departure from Resort Lobby at 5:45 p.m.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  **Nightcap**  
Location: Presidential Suite
Saturday, October 11, 2014

Meeting Attire: Business Casual

All meetings held in Harbor 4 except “Edutainment & Rum Tasting.”

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
Breakfast Location: Sunset Grille

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Bush Talk: Medicinal Herbs of the Virgin Islands
In this interactive presentation, you will have the opportunity to touch, smell or taste ancient medicinal herbs that are still used in the Virgin Islands and elsewhere in the Caribbean.

Ital Delroy Anthony

9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.  Break

9:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.  Native Arts and Crafts of the Virgin Islands
Discover Rah Rah, traditional coconut birdfeeders, tire palm brooms, and much more through this hands-on presentation about native arts and crafts of the Virgin Islands.

Ital Delroy Anthony

10:35 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  Break

10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  African and Caribbean Drumming and Dancing
This dynamic presentation will uplift and energize you as you clap or dance to the infectious beats of Caribbean drumming. Your participation is guaranteed to make this presentation memorable.

Ital Delroy Anthony

11:40 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  Break

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  SCBP Business Meeting
Election of SCBP President for 2015
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12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  Edutainment & Rum Tasting

Location: Harbor 3

Did you know that rum has the largest flavor profile of any spirit? Did you know that aged rums are often compared to the finest scotch, cognac and whisky? In this presentation, you will not only learn about rum, you will have an opportunity to sample a fine selection of this spirit. Prepare to be edutained.

Kim Holland

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Lunch & Optional Excursions

Attire: Casual  Tree Limin’ Extreme: Zip Line Adventure

Experience the adrenaline charged, ultimate zip trip, Tree Limin' Extreme Zipline Tour. This exhilarating ACCT certified zipline course is situated high in the rainforest of St. Peter Mountain, where you will catch breathtaking views of Magen's Bay, the BVI and beyond. Your ultimate Caribbean adventure allows you to view what National Geographic considers to be one of the top 10 island ocean views in the world.

Notes: Includes lunch. Participants should wear closed toed shoes. Sunblock and sunglasses are recommended.

Island Tour & Shopping

This is a highly enjoyable tour of the highlights of the island of St. Thomas, which is famous for breathtaking views and beautiful vistas. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be taken downtown Charlotte Amalie where you can visit local attractions and shop in the historic district.

Notes: Includes lunch. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes, a hat and sunglasses and bring a camera & money for shopping.
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Optional Excursions continued...

Guests on the zip line & island tour excursions will depart from the Resort’s lobby at 1:30 p.m.

NCAA Football in Resort’s Presidential Suite

Notes: Includes snacks.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Farewell Dinner & Carnival Beach Party
Attire: Casual  Location: Morningstar Beach

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  Nightcap
Location: Presidential Suite
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7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  **Breakfast on your Own**
Bid your colleagues and friends farewell.

Location: Aqua Terra Lounge
Ask for SCBP’s reserved seating area.

11:00 a.m.  **Hotel Checkout**

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**The Flag of the U.S. Virgin Islands**

The letters V and I, on either side of the eagle stand for the Virgin Islands. The three arrows being held by the eagle symbolize St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John; which are the three main islands that make up the U.S. Virgin Islands. The white base of the flag symbolizes purity, and the eagle is displayed with the shield of the United States on its chest.