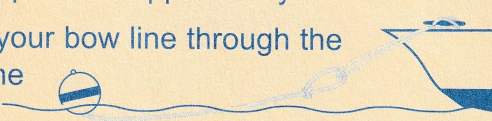
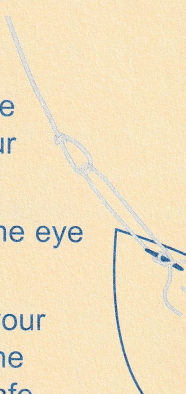


HELP PROTECT THE PARK'S MARINE RESOURCES!

WHEN AVAILABLE, USE A MOORING INSTEAD OF ANCHORING.

The use of moorings is a proven safe and easy way to protect the underwater resources for which the Virgin Islands National Park was established. Coral reefs, seagrass beds and algal plains in the Park have experienced significant declines in the last three decades due in part to anchor damage. In response, the National Park Service recently installed over 200 moorings in bays throughout the Park. These moorings are load tested to 11,000 pounds of upward pull.

MOORING HOW TO'S

- Pick up the eye of the mooring's painter line with your gaff. Do not remove the small (peanut) painter support buoy.
- Thread your bow line through the eye of the painter line.
- Bring your bow line back on the same side of the boat to your bow cleat. Do NOT put the eye of the painter line over your bow cleat.
- Use only enough line so that the eye is just outside your bow chock.
- With multi-hulled boats, pass your bridle line through the eye of the painter line twice to reduce chafe.
- Please avoid running over mooring painter lines. When leaving a mooring, back away after casting off the painter line.

MOORING DO'S

- White moorings are for day use or overnight use unless labeled for day use only.
- Yellow moorings are only for quarantine (Customs). Limit your time on these moorings to one hour.
- Red moorings are only for SCUBA diving (commercial and non-commercial); no overnight use is permitted.
- Use only Park moorings on the south side of St. John from Cocoloba Cay to Nanny Point; no anchoring is permitted.
- At Waterlemon Cay, boats up to 13 feet should use the dinghy tether between the orange moorings; do not take your boat or dinghy to the beach.
- Limit your use of Park moorings to no more than 14 nights per calendar year.
- Vacate your mooring if sustained winds exceed 40 mph.

MOORING DON'TS

- Do not use moorings if your boat is larger than 60 feet on deck.
- Do not anchor if you are using a mooring.
- Do not raft boats together on a mooring. Rafting is only allowed if you are anchored.
- Do not use blue moorings at any time; these are reserved for commercial boats with concession permits.



**Report damaged moorings to the
Virgin Islands National Park,
(340) 776-6201x244.**

NOTE: At the present time, the use of Park moorings is free. Beginning in January 2001, a fee program may be instituted.