

Reef Fest Saturday to focus on 'magical undersea world'

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ST. THOMAS — Coral World will host the sixth annual St. Thomas Reef Fest on Saturday to help build understanding about what coral reefs mean to the local environment.

"Reef Fest celebrates the coral reef," Coral World spokeswoman Valerie Peters said in a prepared statement. "It is about empowering the local community to protect coral reefs. It is a day dedicated to learning about the bond between humans and the reef, and about what each person can do to cultivate that relationship in a positive way."

Coral World General Manager Trudie Prior said the park is "thrilled to help keep Reef Fest going, because it is a perfect match to Coral World's mission" of bringing people "close to the inhabitants of the magical undersea world that surrounds the Virgin Islands and to the stunning variety of plant life that grows in our lagoons and on our hillsides."

The festival is held in support of the University of the Virgin Islands and Blue Flag USVI, a program that



Daily News File Photo
Ashley Mills, left, Alexis Mills, Alaniya Emmanuel, Kimisha Stewart and Ajanee Emmanuel feel stringrays at the Stingray Lagoon during Reef Fest at Coral World on St. Thomas. This year's event takes place on Saturday.

ment, funds, talent, education and almost anything to support the festival," Peters said.

"In the spirit of the reef, islanders will learn more about our ocean,

reflect on its importance in their lives, take time to do something good for our blue planet and learn how to take action to protect the ocean and the reefs in their daily lives," she said.

Caribbean Lottery

Cruise Ships

Today, Nov. 3

Royal Princess (3,600)
Oosterdam (1,848)
Oasis of the Seas (5,400)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 4

Freedom of the Seas (3,634)
Westerdam (1,848)
Emerald Princess (3,080)

noon to 8 p.m.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Crown Bay

Thursday, Nov. 5

Liberty of the Seas (3,634)
Carnival Triumph (2,758)
Seabourn Odyssey (450)

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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gives blue flag environmental awards to beaches and marinas that are making a special effort to implement sound management with respect to the local environment and nature.

Reef Fest will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coral World Ocean Park, featuring educational and family-oriented activities and free admission to Coral World.

Visitors will be able to attend marine conservation-related presentations and demonstrations and engage in family-friendly educational games. Reef Fest offers the chance to visit Coral World exhibits and attend feeding presentations, and booths will offer take-home information about the unique island environment.

There also will be live music and a reef trap competition.

The Reef Fest community event has been organized by the Sea Grant Marine Outreach Program's Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service at UVI.

"As a marine education facility, Coral World Ocean Park supports the University of the Virgin Islands' efforts to increase environmental education opportunities for the children of the Virgin Islands through the VIMAS program," Peters said.

"Reef Fest presents a unique opportunity to interact with and learn about marine creatures and the reef they inhabit at no cost," she said.

Parking is free, with free roadside shuttle service from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "We encourage individuals, businesses, agencies, and groups to come forward with supplies, food, equip-

Pick 3 (Nov. 2)

Morning	0	1	0
1st Prize	0	1	0
Midday	3	8	7
1st Prize	3	8	7
Sunset	2	0	4
1st Prize	2	0	4
Evening	7	6	6
1st Prize	7	6	6

Pick 4 (Nov. 2)

Morning	4	3	3	6
1st prize	4	3	3	6
Midday	0	5	2	5
1st prize	0	5	2	5
Sunset	2	0	8	6
1st prize	2	0	8	6
Evening	9	8	9	9
1st prize	9	8	9	9

Mega Millions

(Oct. 30) Next draw: Today
17 41 51 53 56
Mega Ball: 15

Powerball

(Oct. 31) Next draw: Wednesday
9 20 25 47 68
Powerball: 7



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Inaugural Botany Bowl will feature SUP race, 5K

ST. THOMAS — The first Botany Bowl stand-up paddle and 5-kilometer races are coming to St. Thomas this month.

The races will be held simultaneously starting at noon on Nov. 14.

The SUP race begins at Brewers Beach, while the 5K run begins at the Botany entry gate.

Registration for the races are \$35 in advance and \$50 on race day. Kids 14-and-under are \$20 in advance and \$25 on race day.

There is an after-party at the Botany Bay Beach House featuring Off The Grid food for sale, with music and a cash bar.

There is a \$20 suggested donation for the party to benefit the VI Kids Opt Fund.

Registration can be done online at www.botanybowl.eventbrite.com.

Rugrats T-Ball league coming to Virgin Islands in December

ST. THOMAS — Sports, Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for the Rugrats 3-5 T-Ball Baseball League.

One-hour clinics for the league will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Aubain Park in Frenchtown.

The league will begin Dec. 5. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be submitted with the application.

For more information, contact Leroy Thomas Jr. or Evely Vantepool-Forbes at **774-9477** between 2 p.m. and 10.

Paradise Jam basketball tickets for sale now online

ST. THOMAS — Advance tickets to Paradise

Jam are now available online.

For the Nov. 20-23 men's tournament at the University of the Virgin Islands, passes are \$100 for adults and \$50 for children ages 5-12. The men's teams are DePaul, Florida State, Hofstra, Indiana State, Norfolk State, Ohio, South Carolina and Tulsa.

For the Nov. 26-28 women's tournament, passes are \$65 for adults and \$35 for children ages 5-12. The women's teams are Green Bay, Maryland, Old Dominion, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, South Dakota State, Tulane and Virginia.

There is also a \$5 shipping fee per order. Pass orders must be submitted to paradisjam.com by Nov. 6.

VI. Jaguars planning trip to U.S. mainland, PR.

ST. THOMAS — The VI. Jaguars 12- and-under basketball team has tryouts from noon until 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School gymnasium. The Jaguars compete in the International Small Fry Basketball Association.

The league is for players no taller than 5-foot-1 inches and may not be older than 12 as of Sept. 1 in the year immediately prior to the competition season, which is from January until spring.

A smaller basketball is used and rims are 8 feet, 6 inches off the ground.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Kopko at caribbeanrosevr@gmail.com or call Wayne Harvey at **513-8740**.

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Results

Indoor soccer

STX Athletics Winter Futsal

Saturday Under 12

— **Black 11, Red 2:** Masse Hatcher had a double hat trick with six goals, two blocks, two assists and 11 steals for the Black team, earning U-12 Player of the Week honors. For the Red team, Deamant Pierre had the two goals, seven blocks and six steals.

— **Green 7, AGRESSI 2:** Chris Molloy and Raddy Abed had three goals and nine steals apiece in the win. Insee Carroll claimed the two goals in the loss.

Under 15

— **Blue 8, USVISA 4:** Sinclair Flemming Jr. had seven goals, 20 blocks, two assists and 21 steals in both games combined for the Blue team, and was named U-15 player of the week. Ekundayo Kaza had two goals and nine steals in this loss.

— **Red 6, Blue 5:** Elton Richards had three goals, six blocks and four steals in the win. The sole girl in the league, Jada Flemming, and her brother, Sinclair Flemming Jr., shared two goals apiece in the loss.

Volleyball

St. Thomas-St. John Interscholastic Athletic Association

Junior varsity boys

— **Charlotte Amalie High School d. Addelita Cancryn, 25-16, 25-20**

Junior varsity girls

— **Charlotte Amalie d. All Saints Cathedral, 25-7, 25-0**

Monday

— **Antilles School d. Cancryn, 25-0, 25-0**

— **VI. Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy, d. Ss. Peter and Paul, 25-16, 25-23**

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