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Investigation Following Marine Accident on May 25

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The Marine Safety Investigation and Reporting Authority (MSIRA), in the Premier's Office, confirms that a single boating accident occurred on Sunday, 25th May, 2025, in Leverick Bay Marina, Virgin Gorda. The single-vessel incident happened when a centre console powerboat, Anadanto, capsized, injuring all six individuals onboard the vessel.

Chief Marine Safety Accident Investigator Mr. Jerome Padmore, confirmed that a comprehensive safety investigation is underway. Following established protocols, the investigation will gather and analyse information to clarify the circumstances of the accident. Following the investigation, a safety accident report will be available to the public at an appropriate time.

The MSIRA emphasises that the primary goal of this investigation is to enhance maritime safety and to prevent future incidents. The findings will not assign blame nor determine liability. The Authority will continue its efforts and provide further updates as necessary.

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About the Marine Safety Investigation and Reporting Authority (MSIRA):

The Marine Safety Investigation and Reporting Authority (MSIRA) operates under the Office of the Premier and is the official body responsible for the independent investigation of marine accidents and incidents within the territorial waters of The Virgin Islands. Guided by the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations, 2020 and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Casualty Investigation Code, MSIRA's primary objective is to enhance maritime safety through fact-based investigations, the identification of safety issues, and the issuance of recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences. MSIRA investigations do not seek to apportion blame or establish liability.

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