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## Stay Safe on the Waters of the Virgin Islands

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### *Let's talk about* **THE IMO COLREGs**

The upcoming series will examine IMO collision regulations and their implementation for all maritime operators in the British Virgin Islands.

**1** **What are the COLREGs?**

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) are the global rules for vessel navigation. The rules were created by the International Maritime Organization and outline how boats should navigate, maintain a lookout, use navigation lights, and avoid collisions.

**2** **How do they apply in the BVI?**

Under the Merchant Shipping Act of 2001, the COLREGs apply in law to all vessels in British Virgin Islands (BVI) waters. This includes commercial fishing



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