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### **Vessels with Outstanding Debts Will Be Prohibited from Berthing at All VIPA Seaports**

The Virgin Islands Port Authority will deny use of its seaports to several commercial users of the Port Authority's marine facilities with past due and delinquent accounts who have failed to make arrangements to settle their debts within the deadline provided to them to do so. **Effective Monday, June 4**, the Port Authority will begin strict enforcement of its Marine Rules and Regulations, which require prompt payment of charges for use of its facilities and gives the Authority the right to refuse the use of port facilities and services to any delinquent user of its ports. VIPA will issue cease and desist orders to six commercial operators, prohibiting them from using VIPA marine port facilities, beginning Monday, June 4, 2018, until their debt to the Port Authority is paid in full.

These commercial operators remain delinquent despite VIPA's repeated attempts to collect payment - including telephone calls, debt notices, posted flyers, and certified mailings of collection letters and warnings that VIPA will prohibit use of its marine facilities if their accounts are not brought current or payment arrangements are made. Delinquent operators were advised to pay the amounts past due or to contact VIPA's accounting office to set up a payment plan. Some did so, however as of May 31, VIPA reported that there are still six commercial operators who have not contacted the Authority to settle its past due accounts. These companies will be barred from berthing at any VIPA-owned port until the debt has been paid in full.

Companies that have outstanding financial obligations or wish to dispute billings with the Port Authority should contact VIPA's Accounting office at (340) 774-1629 or e-mail [CDover@viport.com](mailto:CDover@viport.com).

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