

## **Important Information for the St. Croix Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program**

- The St. Croix component of the Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program will operate differently than the St. Thomas component at least for the first year or two in operation.
- The maximum capacity for the Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program is **20 students**.
- Students who previously participated in the program are eligible to apply to participate again, though preference will be given to new students.
- The Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program is open to students in junior high to high school with an interest in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) (**Grades 7-12**).
- Students should wear comfortable clothing to the program each day. This should be shorts, provided YOE t-shirts, swim wear (no revealing swim wear for females), and comfortable shoes.
- Snorkel gear is provided; however, if your child has a pair that they own and prefer using, they are more than welcome to bring them.
- Students should meet at the **Recreation Center at the Canegata Ball Park** for **8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** and will be shuttled to camp locations each day.
- Tentatively, the Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program will take place at the **St. Croix East End Marine Park** and the **Coastal Studies Outpost in Salt River Bay**.
- Students are expected to be in attendance daily (**9:00AM - 4:30PM**) and any scheduled absences should be immediately brought to the attention of camp counselors/coordinators.