

I have a saying I live by:

If you do not take care of your body where are you going to live?

I ask you Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of planning and Natural Resources,  
Coastal Zoning Management:

If you/we do not protect the quiet delightful environment and community of Coral Bay where are we who live here going to live??

When the hum of construction, drilling of pilings into our shallow bay, bright lights, trucks barreling down an already unstable road, the sound reverberating in the Amphitheater shape of Coral Bay, destroys the quiet rural life we choose by living in Coral Bay. In Summers Ends expensive apartments and Villas if and when they are ever done. The Baby Dolphins, Baby Spotted Eagle rays, Turtles, and baby Black tip sharks will no longer be around to enjoy watching from those docks. We do not want to be Newport, Havensight or Road Town, that is why we live here.

We Do Not need a 96 slip marina and definitely not a 145 slip marina in the most seaward side of Coral Bay. I recently saw white caps crashing at the center of the desired Marina location with only 35kts of wind.

What we Do need, as a captain and boat owner, is a small marina. On the sheltered side of the bay not where the money people have property. Just a few finger docks like the one at the national park in Cruz Bay. A place where charter and transient boats can visit our already fabulous restaurants, artists, grocery stores and vendors of local fish and produce . A place to get fuel, water and pump out... If this can even be supplied with the environmental issues of Coral Bay. We have the best Dinghy dock on St John due to and a big Thank You to our local Community of Coral Bay. The amount of money granted seems to be of the amount for a marina of this size. I always tell people the muscles in cheeks hurt from the smiles and giggles I get every day living and working in Coral Bay. Please do not take this joyous life I have chosen away from us.

Look out they will be asking you for permits to build an airport next. Mega Yacht people will not want to take a ferry or drive across St John to get to their Private Yacht. That is why they will keep using Havensight. And that is way under used as it is.

SINCERELY HOPEFUL you will hear the out cry and concerns of Coral Bay residents!!

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