Dear Art By The Sea Exhibitor,

The Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service (VIMAS) of the University of the Virgin Islands in association with the Big Blue and You, and the Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VI-EPSCoR) would like to invite your agency, business or group to participate in **Art By The Sea on November 21st, 2015 at the Reichhold Field (across from Brewers Bay Beach), from 10am until 4pm.**

Over the last twenty years, VIMAS and federal and local partners have participated in Coastweeks, an international event coordinated through The Ocean Conservancy. During Coastweeks, VIMAS agents coordinate beach clean-ups on all three islands within the territory and data is collected on what types and amount of trash is collected. In 2014, over **10,000 pounds** of trash was collected between St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix. This unprecedented amount of trash significantly impacts the quality of our beaches as well as the marine life found in our seas.

The goal of St. Thomas Art By The Sea is to raise awareness and educate the general public about the issue of marine debris through the use of arts. To achieve our goal, the following activities are scheduled:

- Recycled art stations where the community can assist local artists with the creation of a marine debris sculpture using recycled materials;
- Marine debris costume showcase

Your participation will be promoted and acknowledged within all Art By The Sea advertisements. Any donations or proceeds raised at Art By The Sea will go to environmental community outreach and education programs for the USVI territory.

Please R.S.V.P. with the enclosed reservation form no later than **October 19th, 2015** through email. Thank you for supporting the conservation of our marine environment.

Sincerely,

Howard Forbes Jr.
Coordinator
Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service
Art By The Sea: Exhibitor’s Reservation Form

Please E-mail this form to Howard Forbes Jr. – howard.forbes@live.uvi.edu
by October 19th, 2015

Name of organization/school: __________________________________________________________

Contact/Name of representative attending: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

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As an exhibitor, you can take any form of marine debris and use it artistically to help raise awareness about the issue of marine debris. For example, you can make bird feeders using recycled plastic water bottles or have kids help you make large marine organisms using trash. These are some of the artsy ideas utilized that worked; we urge that your exhibit be primarily interactive and engaging as we want people to get involved with your demonstration.

The Art By The Sea staff will be able to provide the following items:

- 1 Tent
- 2 chairs
- 1 table

If you have any of the items above, we recommend bringing them such that we can provide our equipment for those exhibitors who may not have. Additionally, we apologize but electricity will not be available at our location on the field.

Due to the limited number of admission wrist bands given to Art By The Sea staff, we will only be able to provide wristbands for up to “2” people in your group. Entry to the event costs $1 for children under 12 and $3 for adults.