



## Press Release

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### **Friends and family join the Leverick Bay Witch Hunt Tournament!**

**Virgin Gorda, BVI, October 13, 2009:** Anglers from across the Caribbean joined this past weekend on what turned out to be a great first edition of Levericks Bay Witch Hunt Tournament. Thirty participants signed up for this amicable competition, including anglers, non-anglers and observers. The Leverick Bay Witch Hunt Fishing Tournament, gathered vessels from Puerto Rico, Virgin Gorda and St. Thomas, and hopes to become one of the British Virgin Islands signature gatherings. The two day tournament offered participants a beautiful setting, great weather and an exciting evening agenda.

“We feel so blessed. The tournament brought many friends and family together... locals and visitors were one big family in Leverick Bay.” expressed Nick Willis, Manager of Leverick Bay Resort and Marina. “The highlight of the tournament was a 5 year old angler, Osvaldo De León Jr. “Tati”, who caught a 20 pound Wahoo all by himself. This tournament was created for family and friends and we accomplished what we were trying to achieve.” added Javier López, co-organizer of the event. “Early Monday morning the boats left the North Sound to go back home, it was sad to see the families saying goodbye, but everyone promised to come back again.” said Nick Willis.

Registration, immigration and fishing permits were organized at the Leverick Bay Marina Friday afternoon from 4pm to 7pm. The small registration fee covered all entertainment including the evening BBQs buffets. As an added bonus, participating anglers benefited from fuel discounts and free of charge ice & dockage space at Leverick Bay Marina.



The long weekend event hosted a series of activities for all attendees. On Friday, participants enjoyed a Welcome Cocktail Party with a live Steel Band. Saturday night renowned DJ Millennium King entertained the crowd as they enjoyed the BBQ and showed off their witches and pirates costumes.

The tournament ended with an award ceremony on Sunday night at the Restaurant in Leverick Bay. Awards for the best fishing boats, top anglers and best catch of the tournament were handed out. Prizes included: trophies, free vacation packages, champagne and more.

The evening, included dinner by renowned Chef Alex Yates and the award ceremony featuring a video of our 5 year Old angler, Tati, reeling in his catch. Awards for Best Boat, Best Angler and Best Catch & Best Costume were given out. Tournament winners were: Best Boat- PEJE-, Second Best Boat-TANGLED UP IN BLUE-, Third Best Boat -TATI WAY-, Best Angler- JOSE ALVAREZ-, Second Best Angler - GEORGE LEVING-, Third Best Angler- OSVALDO DE LEON JR.-, Best Catch- PEJE, Second Best Catch - OSVALDO DE LEON JR., Third Best Catch- LOU VALADE, Best Costume - STEPHANIE LEBRON.

“We are very excited by the success of the Tournament,” expressed Abigail O’Neal, Marine Marketing Manager. “We hope this becomes an annual gathering for anglers across the Caribbean looking to participate in a friendly fishing competition,” she added.

This Tournament was held with the support of: Roadtown Wholesale Trading LTD, Leverick Bay Resort and Marina for hosting this spectacular event, The Anegada Reef Hotel, Club Náutico of San Juan & members, BVI Tourist Board, BVI Conservation and Fisheries, BVI Immigration and Customs, the Royal Virgin Islands Police force, Channel 51 for local TV and Discovery Bay Marina.



We are grateful for the constant support of friends, among the many that made this event possible we would like to highlight Guy Valade from RTW, Nick & Monica from Leverick Bay Resort & Marina, Chris Yates from Yates & Associates, Alex Yates and his team from The Restaurant at Leverick Bay, Carlos Ramirez from Club Náutico of San Juan, Verne Whitley from the BVI Government.

Please visit the [www.leverickbaymarina.com](http://www.leverickbaymarina.com) and [www.leverickbay.com](http://www.leverickbay.com) webpages for more information related to the event, pictures and video.

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