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**TWENTY YEARS OF POKER RUN!
JOIN US FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORIGINAL LEVERICK BAY POKER RUN**

VIRGIN GORDA, British Virgin Islands (February 23, 2024) – Leverick Bay Resort and Marina is excited to welcome all sponsors, participants and guests to the 20th Anniversary of the original Leverick Bay Poker Run, on Sunday, May 26th, 2024. Bringing the Caribbean together for the largest, the fastest, the loudest nautical event in the West Indies.

To celebrate the milestone 20th Anniversary, this Poker Run is dedicated to honouring the late Nick Willis, who founded the event back in 2001 with the help of his partner, Monica, and the Leverick Bay community. From its inception 20 years ago, the Poker Run has continued to expand, adding new sponsors and new stops within the BVI, attracting hundreds of boats and thousands of guests from all across the world. Nick's goal was to create an annual event that would benefit the local community, establish the British Virgin Islands as a powerboating destination, and bring the community together to celebrate their successes of the past year. By any measure, Nick and Monica succeeded in their goal, and we celebrate their accomplishment and Nick's enduring legacy together this year.

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The 2023 Poker Run would not have been possible without the support from our dockside venues and partners, including Loose Mongoose, Pirate's on Norman Island, Foxy's Taboo on Jost van Dyke, the Tortola Pier Park, and Saba Rock. The now famous After Party at Leverick Bay is generously powered by Mr. Nice Guy, including the Fashion Show and prize giving ceremony at the end of the Run. Also, an enormous thank you to sponsors and volunteers, who generously gave their time, sponsorship dollars and in-kind gifts – without them the event could not happen.

Last year, the crowd at Poker Run was electric, with over 160 boats in attendance and a sea of 2,500+ guests at Leverick Bay, with more spectators at each stop across the Territory. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024 to the British Virgin Islands for the largest and most anticipated Poker Run yet!

Net proceeds from the 2024 Poker Run will be distributed to the Virgin Gorda Charitable Trust, who in turn will make contributions to local charities including the Animal Rescue Control of Virgin Gorda and RawSkillz Track Club, amongst others. Since the inception of the Leverick Bay Poker Run over \$160,000USD has been contributed to charity.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all participants for your support of the event, the community of the BVI, and our local charities. The Leverick Bay Poker Run team looks forward to welcoming you back on Sunday, May 26th, 2024. Get ready to Start Your Engines! For sponsorship enquiries, please visit www.bvipokerrun.com

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