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BVI PORTS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL OPERATING HOURS

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) wishes to advise the public, customers, shipping agents, vessel operators, and stakeholders of its operating hours at Port Purcell during the 2026 Emancipation Festival holiday period.

As the Territory prepares to celebrate Emancipation Festival, the BVI Ports Authority extends best wishes to everyone for a safe, enjoyable, and memorable celebration and encourages all patrons to plan accordingly.

Festival Operating Hours:

Saturday, August 1, 2026

- Offices open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 2, 2026

- Administrative offices closed
- Vessel operations will continue

Monday, August 3, 2026 (Festival Monday)

- All offices and operations closed

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

- Administrative offices closed
- Vessel operations will continue

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- Administrative offices closed
- Vessel operations will continue

Resumption of Normal Operations

Normal operations across the BVI Ports Authority will resume on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

The BVI Ports Authority remains committed to ensuring the continuity of essential maritime services throughout the holiday period while facilitating the safe and efficient movement of passengers and cargo.

Members of the public requiring additional information are encouraged to contact the Authority at 284 494 3435, bviports@bviports.org or visit our website bviports.org.

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority thanks the public for its cooperation and understanding and wishes everyone a happy and safe Emancipation Festival.

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About the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) is the statutory body responsible for managing and developing the territory's seaports, ensuring safe, efficient, and customer-focused operations across the cruise, cargo, ferry, and marine sectors. For 35 years, the BVIPA has played a pivotal role in advancing the Virgin Islands' economic growth by supporting maritime commerce, transportation, and tourism. With a commitment to innovation, sustainability, and world-class service, the BVIPA continues to invest in modern infrastructure and strategic initiatives that enhance connectivity and keep the BVI moving.