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2nd ANNUAL VIRGIN ISLANDS BARTENDER'S OLYMPICS BENEFIT FOR THE ST. CROIX ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER

On Sunday June 22nd at Hotel on the Cay in Christiansted, bartenders and servers from throughout the Territory will compete to win the bragging rights of “Best bar in the Virgin Islands” and raise much needed funds for the homeless animals of St. Croix.

Judges rank the skills and talents of bartenders and servers based on their performances in several different specialty competitions. The public is invited to enjoy the action and cheer on contestants from Angry Nates, Bongos, Breezez, Fort Christian Brew Pub, Chicken Charlies, Full Moon Beach Bar, Parrots Cove (all of St. Croix) and Fat Turtles (of St. Thomas).

In addition, Rodrigo Delpech, the 5 time world champion flair bartender, will once again attend. This year he brings with him challenger Mauro Garrido, BarWars V Pro-Division third place winner. Both gentlemen will demonstrate their amazing skills and difficult routines. Following the competition, local musician Kurt Schindler will perform.

Patrons may donate Pedigree dog food and Whiskas cat food in exchange for free drink tickets. Donations can be dropped off at the St. Croix AWC shelter located at #32 Clifton Hill. Call AWC at 778-1650 for more information.

“The Friends of the St. Croix Animal Welfare Center have created a fast-paced and fun benefit event,” said event committee chairperson Terri Wunschel. “We encourage the community to come out and enjoy the unique entertainment that is VI Bartender Olympics, support your favorite bar or restaurant and help us benefit the needy animals of St. Croix AWC.”

Tickets are \$25 in advance and can be purchased at any of the participating bars, St. Croix AWC's animal shelter or online at www.vibartenderolympics.com.

VI Bartender's Olympics is sponsored by Absolut, Cruzan Rum, Miller Light, Finest Call, Fiji, Angostura, Miss Anna's hot sauce and JKC Communications, Metro Motors, Princess Veterinary, Bartner Group, Denali Asset Management.

Premier Wine & Spirits is the exclusive liquor sponsor and supplier of the 2008 VI Bartender Olympics.

For more information contact Terri Wunschel at 340-514-8226.

Founded in 1973, the St Croix Animal Welfare Center promotes the humane treatment of animals in the St. Croix community through education, encouragement, and enforcement. We work to improve the safety and quality of life on St. Croix by increasing compassion and respect.