March 28, 2020: Three ports of entry into St Vincent and the Grenadines, namely Union Island, Canouan, and Bequia were closed 7:00 p.m. on March 27, 2020, on the advice of the Commander of the Coast Guard Service until further notice. This decision was taken to redirect resources on specific border security matters, including but not limited to multiple incidents on Friday, March 27 due to the illegal entry into Cumberland by a yacht, the captain of which was advised by the Coast Guard to leave immediately.

As a consequence of the closure of these three ports of entry, following upon an earlier closure of the Chateaubelair port of entry, all yachts are required to enter at one of three ports on St Vincent, namely Kingstown, Blue Lagoon, and Wallilabou.

‘The government of St Vincent and the Grenadines urges all owners, operators, crew, and passengers of yachts to cooperate with the State authorities. If there is any attempt to circumvent the integrity and laws of St Vincent and the Grenadines, especially at the time of COVID-19, the government will take further action promptly.

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