

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 2, 2026

Media Contact: Jo Ann Carr

Tel: (340) 774-8588 ext. 5112

Email: joann.carr@dop.vi.gov

**Division of Personnel Announces the 2026 Battle of the Agencies – Beach Edition**

U.S. Virgin Islands — The Division of Personnel’s GVI Wellness Program, in collaboration with the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR), is bringing the action to the beach **on March 7, 2026, at John Brewers Bay in St. Thomas**, and again on **March 21, 2026, at Cramer’s Park on St. Croix**. This isn’t just another day at the beach, its wellness, teamwork, and bragging rights all rolled into one unforgettable showdown.

All eyes will be on the defending champions. On St. Thomas, the Big Money Team returns to protect its crown. Over on St. Croix, Team Resilient is ready to prove its name says it all. But challengers are coming in strong, determined to shake up the scoreboard and claim the title.

Seven high-energy challenges stand between the teams and victory: starting with the Morning Relay Race, followed by the Three-Legged Race, Tire Flip Relay, Kayak Race Relay/Run, Swim Water Relay, Ski Challenge, Agency Head Challenge, a Surprise Challenge, and the ultimate test, the Obstacle Course. Speed, strength, strategy, and stamina will all be put to the test in this battle on the beach.

At exactly 7:00 a.m., the starting signal sounds for our first activity, the Morning Relay, and you’ll want to be there, loud and proud, backing your team from the very first stride!

Fans and participants, take note: vehicles are not permitted on the beach or near the Reichhold Center parking lot. All parking will be available exclusively at UVI’s Sports and Fitness Center and the 13D Innovation Center (formerly Westbay Supermarket) with shuttle service available.

Arrive early, bring the energy, claim your spot, and get ready to cheer loudly as the action unfolds on the beach. One thing is certain: while only one team will take home the title, every participant wins when wellness, camaraderie, and community come together. The 2026 Battle of the Agencies promises big moments, bold moves, and beachside bragging rights.

For inquiries about participation, registration, rosters, or event details, contact Nakisha Young, Associate Chief of Group Health Insurance and Wellness, at [nakisha.young@dop.vi.gov](mailto:nakisha.young@dop.vi.gov) or (340) 774-8588 ext. 4040.

Get ready, Virgin Islands! The teams are gearing up, the stakes are rising, and the competition is about to heat up at the 2026 Battle of the Agencies – Beach Edition. It’s almost time to see who will rise, who will rally, and who will reign supreme!