



## ***Annual CoastWeeks Beach Relay/Beach Cleanup... Competitive Race...Beach is Clean...***

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The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee became an official community organization participant in the annual CoastWeeks beach clean-up activities with eleven teams of two runners each entered the annual relay race run over the one mile length of Ha Penny Beach on St. Croix's south shore.

St. Croix Dolphins swimmer **Johnathan Thomas** took the early lead in the race and was in first place after the first leg ahead of **Randall Neilsen**; Thomas's teammate **Mathew Mays** held the lead in the race to beyond the third mile and the turn-around ahead of a charging **Juan Robles** who was forced to make up the distance. Robles caught and passed Mays with three quarters of a mile to go to win with a V.I.Pace Runners team time 27:34; Mays/Thomas, St. Croix Dolphins was close second in 28:09; The St. Croix Track Club brother and sister team of **Makaela Smith** and **Malique Smith** finished third in 29:49.

Medals were presented to the top five teams. Following the race the participants and volunteers participated in the beach clean-up

Results:

Place:	Name:	2Miles	Name:	2Miles	Team Time	Club/Org.
1.	Randall Neilsen	15:03	Juan Robles	12:36	27:39	V.I.Pace Runners
2.	Jonathan Thomas	14:18	Mathew Mays	13:51	28:09	St. Croix Dolphins
3.	Makeala Smith	16:24	Malique Smith	13:25	29:49	St. Croix Track Club
4.	Rodney Griffin	15:25	Jack Ramssdell	14:35	30:34	St. Croix Track Club 2
5.	Shevron Phillips	15:49	Juwan Gonzales	18:46	34:35	St. Central High School
6.	Deanna Roumo	20:55	Bart Peter	14:28	35:23	St. Croix Track Club 3
7.	Phillip Francis	20:05	Kevin Mathew	18:16	38:21	Central High School 2
8.	Valance Modeste Jr.	16:36	Valance Modeste	23:39	40:15	
9.	Daniel Joseph	20:16	Nkkoya Cromwell	21:52	42:08	St. Croix Track Club 4
10.	De Andre George	21:21	Shawan Brewster	21:57	43:18	St. Croix Track Club 5
11.	Matt Hoover	24:21	Paul Beaner	21:10	45:31	UVI

This FREE event was sponsored by The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee who's president Angel Morales extended an invitation to the community and VIOC member federation to

join in partnership on both the relay and the beach clean-up with The Virgin Islands Pace Runners the organizer of the Beach Relay; V.I., Waste Management Authority; University of the Virgin Islands; Marine Advisory Service and the V.I. Track and Field Federation which sanctioned the race. This activity saw the participation of other local and federal agencies including the Ocean Conservancy. With over 100 countries participating, these cleanup events are coordinated to remove debris from marine areas and tally items collected according to type of debris. The data collected for each beach is entered into the 2014 Coastweeks data.

Runners, parents, volunteers and officials removed approximately a half-dozen bags of trash from the beach following the race.

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