MARINEMAX VACATIONS MAKES RECOVERY PROGRESS IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

CLEARWATER, FL (December 4, 2017) – <u>MarineMax Vacations</u> in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) has prepared their fleet and restored base operations to resume charter deliveries in December. Additionally, progress throughout the islands is strong through the resiliency, hard work and determination of the island residents and business owners with the goal of being operational for the winter season and to welcome tourists back to the islands.

As part of their efforts in supporting the recovery of the British Virgin Islands, MarineMax Vacations is donating 10% of all new charter booking fees to the BVI Relief effort. This donation offer is available for new charter vacation reservations for travel between December 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 aboard their charter fleet in the British Virgin Islands. Funds raised through this effort will go towards rebuilding the territory and assisting the island residents and business owners in the restoration of their homes and livelihoods.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to make this commitment to the residents and businesses of the British Virgin Islands. Tourism is an integral part of the economy of the islands and we are proud to be aiding in the restoration" stated Brett McGill, President and COO of MarineMax.

The British Virgin Islands are home to some of the world's premier travel destinations. The Baths at Virgin Gorda, the RMS Rhone National Marine Park, The Indians - these are some the top Caribbean hotspots and remain as gorgeous as ever, surrounded by the beautiful crystal waters and underwater sea life. Popular island watering holes are undergoing restoration as the island shores are preparing to welcome guests this season with island vibes and cold beverages that the BVIs are known for.

"We are dedicated to supporting the rejuvenation and economy of the British Virgin Islands and those that live there," stated Dave Bigge, Regional President of MarineMax. "We are all United by Water – our team, our guests, the islands are an extension of the MarineMax family and the boating passion."

To better serve the community, Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina, an Autograph Collection Hotel, will become the home base for <u>MarineMax Vacations</u> beginning December 5, 2017. The private island resort in the British Virgin Islands will serve as the hub of charter activity for MarineMax Vacations guests, offering a limited resort experience prior to embarking on a charter vacation.

"We are very excited to be able to host our guests from Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina for the 2017-2018 season," stated Dave Bigge, MarineMax Regional President. "This well-known destination is another component of our commitment to providing excellent vacation experiences in the islands with an award-winning private island retreat."

The destruction caused by Hurricane Irma in the British Virgin Islands was significant but the islands are in strong restoration mode evident through daily advances as they welcome visitors this charter season. Video updates about the

British Virgin Islands can be found on the MarineMax Vacations $\underline{\text{Facebook}}$, $\underline{\text{Twitter}}$, and $\underline{\text{Instagram}}$ pages.