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## Seaborne Airlines Adding Over 240 Percent More Capacity to U.S. Virgin Islands With Increased Flying from San Juan to Both St. Croix and St. Thomas

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San Juan, Puerto Rico (December 19, 2018) – <u>Seaborne Airlines</u> is making a significant investment and commitment to the Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands by adding over 240 percent more capacity, including up to 29 more weekly departures, which is nearly 1,000 additional seats.

The following Seaborne routes increase from twice daily to three times daily on December 20, 2018:

- San Juan's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU) St. Thomas Cyril E. King Airport (STT)
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On January 8, 2019, Seaborne's service between San Juan (SJU) and St. Croix (STX) increases from three to five daily flights.

In addition, Seaborne will be adding a second seaplane to its operation.

"As part of the new Silver/Seaborne operation, we are committed to growing our operations in the U.S. Virgin Islands and providing our customers with safe, reliable and friendly service," said Seaborne Airlines CEO Steve Rossum.

"The demand for both leisure as well as business travel to St. Croix in the months ahead justifies the addition of air seats and we would like to thank Seaborne for its partnership and commitment to our territory," said the United States Virgin Islands Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty.

The Puerto Rico Tourism Company's Executive Director Carla Campos welcomed the increased services between the U.S. Territories as she underscored the ties between Puerto Ricans and Virgin Islanders. "Puerto Rico connects most of the Caribbean to the continental U.S.," said Campos. "Seaborne's increased capacity to St. Croix and Santiago, Dominican Republic is a testament to the fact that leisure and corporate travelers are looking to explore the wonderful attractions and shopping opportunities in our destination." Campos also thanked Seaborne for its commitment to the Caribbean and to Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, in particular.

Seaborne is currently working with airline partner JetBlue to accommodate passengers previously booked on JetBlue flights that are being discontinued.

Seaborne also this week announced it is returning to the Dominican Republic with nonstop service between San Juan's Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU) and Santiago de los Caballeros Dominican Republic's Cibao International Airport (STI) starting February 14, 2019. The initial service will operate three days per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and will increase to daily service May 23 – September 3, 2019.

For new schedules and to make reservations, visit www.seaborneairlines.com.

## **About Seaborne Airlines**

<u>Seaborne Airlines</u> has been operating in the Caribbean for over 25 years and is one of the largest regional carriers in the Caribbean with over 1,500 monthly flights. Seaborne serves San Juan's Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport, St. Thomas airport and seaplane base, St. Croix airport and seaplane base, Anguilla, Antigua, Tortola, Dominica, Saint Maarten, St. Kitts and Nevis with convenient online check-in and TSA precheck offered in most destinations.

Earlier this year Seaborne was acquired by <u>Silver Airways</u>. The acquisition has brought together the two strongest independent regional airlines with similar Saab 340B fleets, complementary route networks, and common codeshare and interline partners. With the upcoming deployment of Silver's new fleet of state-of-the-art ATR-600s across both networks, the combined airline will have an expanded range, allowing it to better serve passengers and markets.

The combined airline continues operating Silver Airways' route network in Florida, the Bahamas and beyond under the Silver Airways brand and Seaborne's route network throughout Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean under the Seaborne name. The total fleet consists of Saab 340s and de Havilland Twin Otter seaplane aircraft. Silver is also the North American launch customer for the new eco-friendly ATR-600 aircraft in the U.S. For additional information, visit www.seaborneairlines.com.