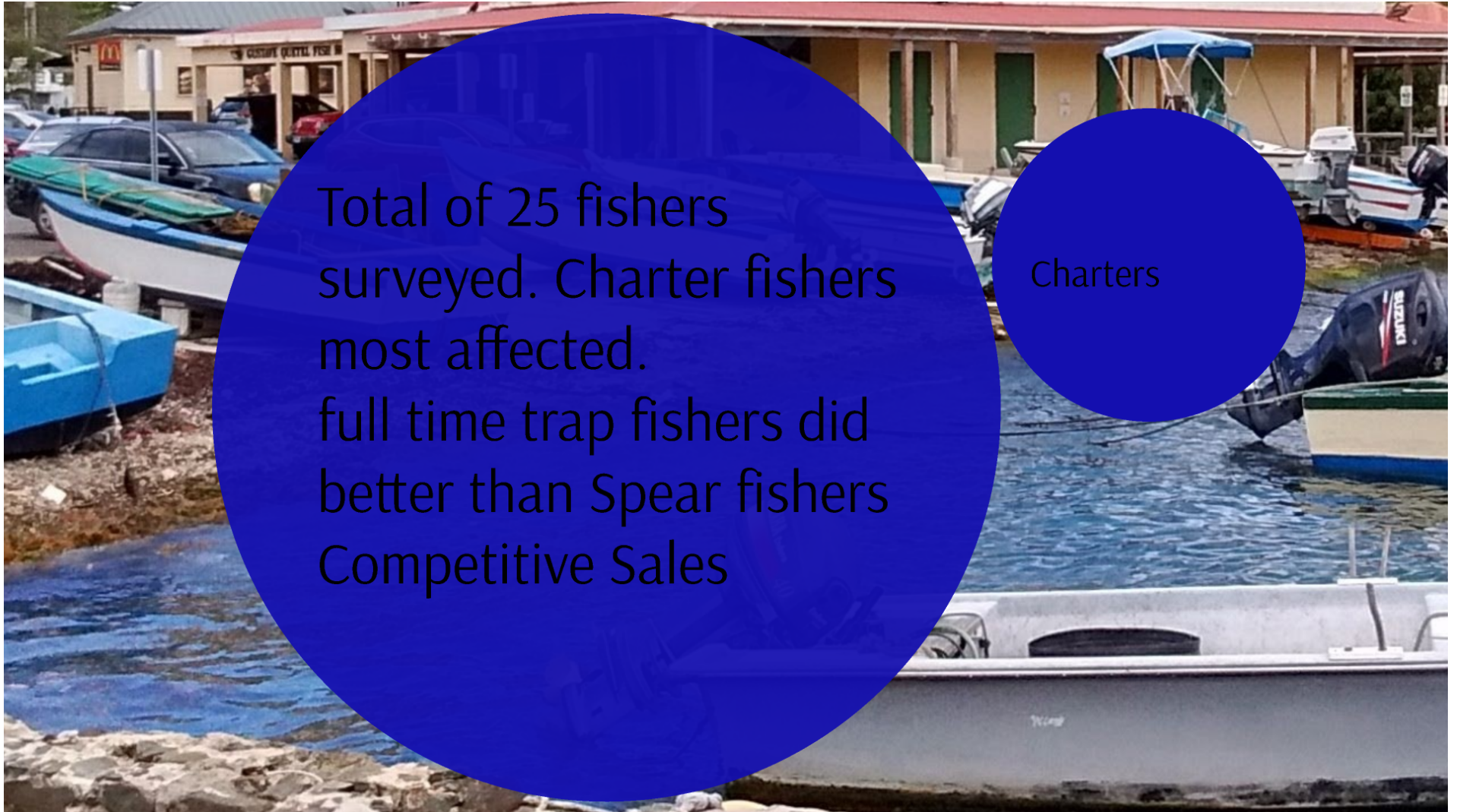


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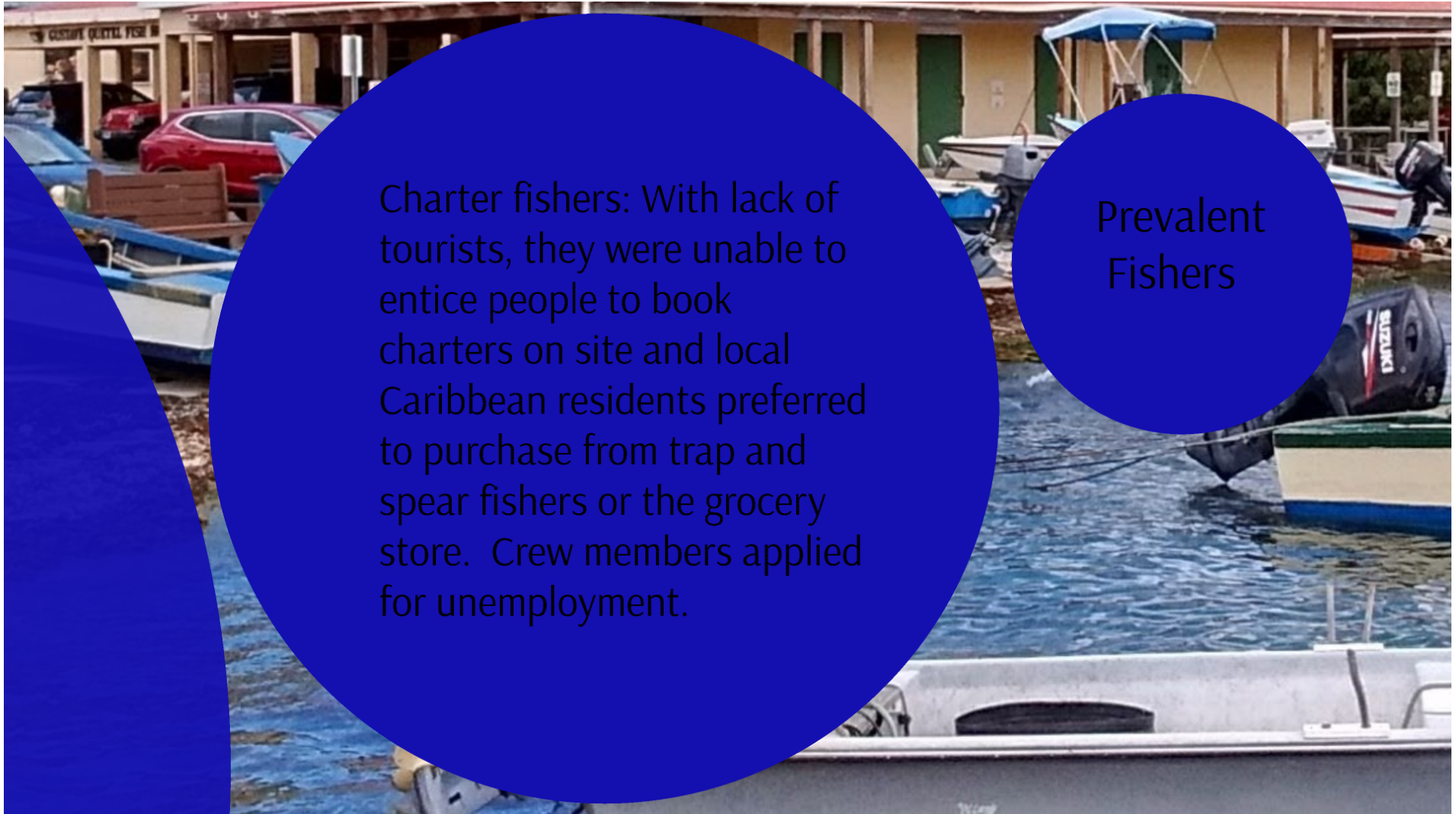
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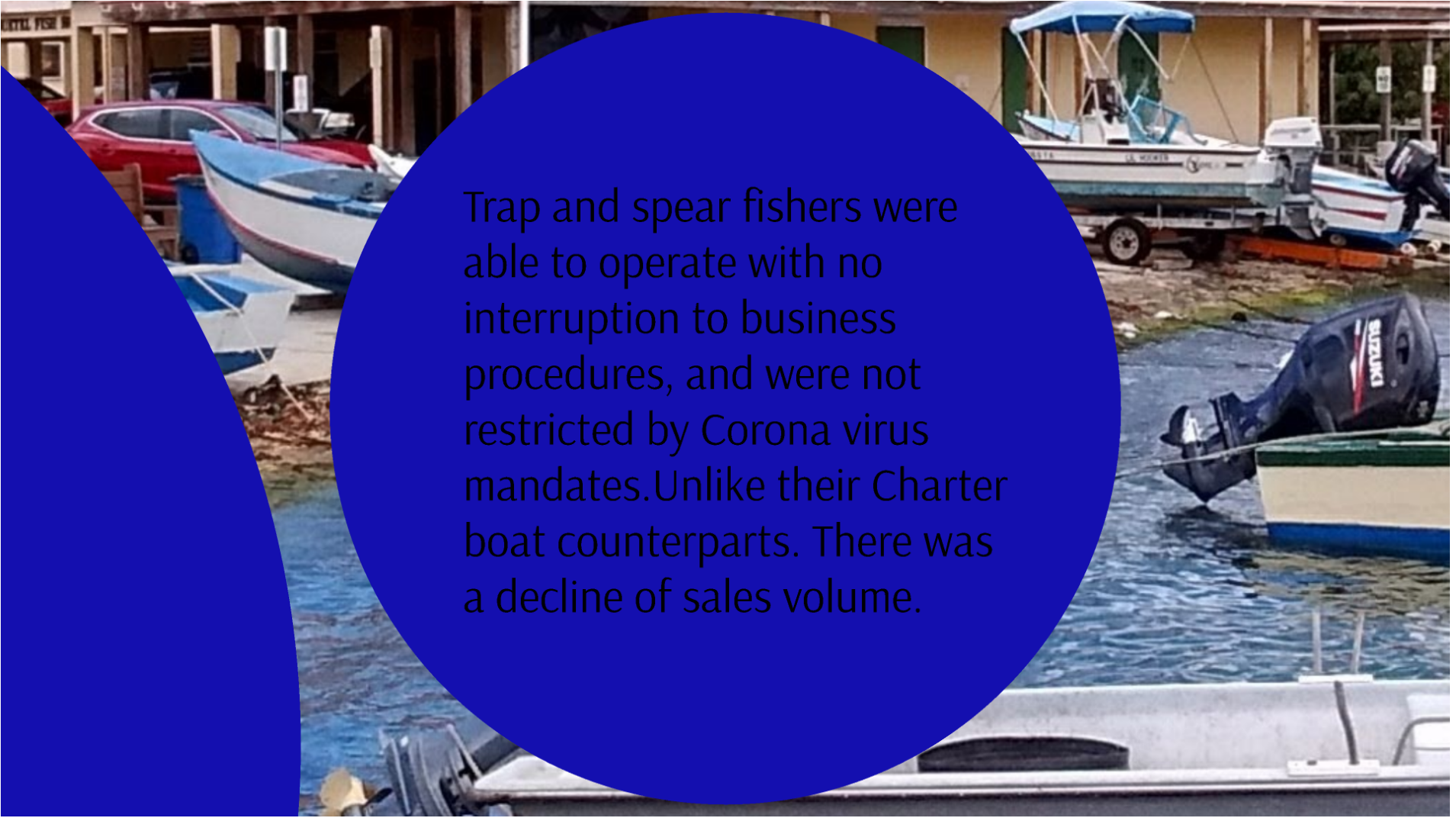
Total of 25 fishers surveyed. Charter fishers most affected.
full time trap fishers did better than Spear fishers
Competitive Sales

Charters



Charter fishers: With lack of tourists, they were unable to entice people to book charters on site and local Caribbean residents preferred to purchase from trap and spear fishers or the grocery store. Crew members applied for unemployment.

Prevalent Fishers

A photograph of a boat dock at a pier. In the background, a red car is parked on a wooden pier. A white boat with a blue canopy is on a trailer. A white boat with a blue stripe is in the water. A black outboard motor is visible on a boat in the foreground. A large blue circle is overlaid on the image, containing text.

Trap and spear fishers were able to operate with no interruption to business procedures, and were not restricted by Corona virus mandates. Unlike their Charter boat counterparts. There was a decline of sales volume.

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What adjustments were created?

Some Fishers cut back fishing days, Number of traps hauled were decreased, Fish were pre-cleaned before purchase, four fishers lowered fish per pound pricing(lobster included), Bait collecting was at a minimum to obtain freezer space.

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Determined & Innovative

Fishers on ST.Thomas and ST. John have shown amazing resilience in spite of this pandemic. A few fishers have used forums on Facebook or clients and friends will post as advertisement. The Art of "marrying fish" during sales is back and so is home deliveries. Fishers on the East Side of ST. Thomas have created Made to Order Spearfish and hand-line lists. Some Fishers have even outsourced their sales due to more people wanting to avoid grocery store and Restaurant restrictions

**AND
FINALLY**



Conclusion

Most Fishers were surprised that some one came around to hear how they were coping and had a lot to say. There was a significant decrease in sales for a majority of the Spear and Trap fishers directly related to the Corona Virus. The Charter Fishing Vessels took the brunt of the economic loss this time, However, the lack of Visitors to our Islands was felt by all Stakeholders.

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