

## Cheryl A. "Cheri" Boynes-Jackson (1962-

by Wayne "Facts Man" Adams

- Was born on Thursday, April 19, 1962 on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands to Noel and Bernice Boynes
- Was crowned in June, 1977 Miss St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands for the occasion of the St. John Fourth of July Celebration
- Has served since January, 1980 as the vice-president of Boyson, Inc. which is an ocean transportation company which is headquartered in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands and provides barging services between Puerto Rico, the U.S.

Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands

- Graduated from St. Thomas' Charlotte Amalie High School in June, 1980
- Did receive in November, 1980 from the United States Coast Guard a 100-ton ocean operator's license, thus becoming the U.S. Virgin Islands' first black female licensed boating captain
- Was crowned in March, 1982 the first U.S. Virgin Islands Cherry Blossom Queen in Washington, D.C.
- Did receive in 1994 the Future Business Leaders of America (F.B.L.A.) Phi Beta Lamda Award at the National Leadership Conference held in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

• Did receive in 1995 the Lorna Webster Community Service Award in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands at the Hal Jackson

Talented Teen National Competition in recognition for her extensive community service

- Did receive in 1996 the Business and Professional Women's Club St. Thomas/St. John Chapter Woman Of The Year Award in recognition of her extensive community service at ceremonies in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Did receive in March, 1999 in New York the V.I. Freshwater Yankees Association Award in recognition of her extensive community service
- Was honored in 2001 by the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization Committee when the festival village in St. John was named in her honor
- Was inducted in May, 2005 into the International Association of Business Leaders which is headquartered in the United States

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