

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 1 OF 2015 02/01/2015

These Newsletters are reaching about 200 persons & organizations worldwide who have an interest past or present in the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club and its' ongoing activities. If you know of anyone who might wish to receive them, or if you don't want to receive further newsletters, please contact the Club at jollycommandore@gmail.com .

ExecCom.

You are reminded of the **AGM on Monday 05 January 2015.**

This will be held at **5.30pm** at **De Underdog**, the new bar in the **Jolly Castle Hotel**, (outside the main JH gate, where Akropolis used to be).

If you are driving, suggest you use the Epicurean car park & walk across the road.

Drinks for Members will be served from 5.30 pm,

Bring your 2015 Membership card for laminating.

The meeting will start promptly at 6.30pm and is expected to last no more than 1 hour.

*(For the interest of Members especially from the past, **De Underdog** is a new venture by **Mark** who used to have the **Dogwatch Tavern**, home of the JHYC for a number of years)*

The proposed Executive Committee for 2015 is: Commodore **Grahame Williams**, Vice Commodore **JoAnn Redick**, Rear Commodore **Gordon Cossar**, Past Commodore **Budgie Burge**, Treasurer **Lawrie May**, Rating Secretary **Susan Wills**, Press & Media Officer **Jody Sallons-Day**

Any further or alternative Nominations or Volunteers for ExecCom are invited to contact

jollycommandore@gmail.com .

Nominations may be accepted from the floor.

Membership.

THE MEMBERSHIP DESK WILL BE OPEN FOR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FROM 5.30PM

Keep **New Members** for 2015 coming by encouraging your friends and crews.

Current Members CAN renew for 2015 by contacting the Membership Secretary **Barbara Thomson** at the West Point Marina Bar ("Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club") on **Club Nights (Thursdays 5pm to 7pm)** or on her email barbara.thomson123@gmail.com. before the **AGM**.

If you aren't a Member, you won't get a free drink at the AGM!

Saturday Sailing

The first race of the New Year will be a pursuit race using Division 2 Course 3 (9.6 nm) as the course.

Start times will be available on the Club notice board, and the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com later today.

(Rating secretary **Susan Wills** has been in London for Xmas and only got back to Vancouver today!)

Recent Results. JHYC boats **Full Monty**, **Yesss**, **Volare**, **Taz**, **Cricket**, took part in the High Tide series at AYC, making the return journey several times in a week which involves much extra Xmas activity. Might I suggest that AYC alter the format of this mini-regatta to make it easier for visitors? Hold it on two or three consecutive days? And maybe a start line with an upwind mark? **Taz** and **Full Monty** won their respective divisions in the **Nelson's Pursuit Race** on New Years Eve, and **Volare** did well despite being in the Racer as opposed to the Cruiser division

Cruising: The **3 Pubs Race** scheduled for Sunday is a FUN event intended for cruisers (NOR and Sailing Instructions on the website with a timesheet), it takes quite a lot of shoreside management, so PLEASE inform the Commodore on jollycommodore@gmail.com if you intend to take part as soon as possible after you read this.

We are organising a **cruise in company to Guadeloupe and Isles des Saintes**, leaving Jolly for Falmouth on Sunday 11 Jan, returning Fri 16th in time for the Round the Island Race (AYC) on the 17th. **Please let me know ASAP** on jollycommodore@gmail.com if you will be participating. And please note that **any AYC yacht is welcome to join us – let me have your name and boat name.**

IT & Comms: We will be using channel 12 for all communications this year. Also, remember **it is an international requirement** that all boats equipped with VHF have it on and monitoring Channel 16 whenever they are under way. Use the dual watch facility if you have one.

Club Membership Booklet:

Would someone like to take this on? Talk to me in the Bar or at the AGM.

Valentine's Regatta 2015.

I hope you have all printed the **Valentines Regatta poster** and displayed it prominently at your home Club.

Laser Pico racing for youngsters is being arranged in conjunction with the **National Sailing Academy** as part of the Regatta, with a course in Jolly Harbor waters.

Entries from overseas yachts include a Humphries One Design being shipped in from Lyminster UK, to be sailed by well-known Solent sailor Peter Scofield and an Army crew.

And don't forget our **Valentine's Regatta** will be sponsored for the next three years by **Mount Gay Rum** with their world-famous **red cap party**, and **Banks Beer of Barbados**, who will be the **Official Beer of the Valentine's Regatta.**

Social : The **Club Xmas Dinner** at Akropolis on **Thurs 18 Dec** had nearly sixty Members and guests sitting down to a great evening of Greek starters, traditional turkey carved to your liking, and Xmas pud and chocolate log with Brandy Butter (the latter thanks to **Barbara Thomson!**) followed by an illuminating talk from **Robbie Ferron** (CEO of **Budget Marine**) on his experiences of Caribbean Sailing, and some raucous singing!

Commodores Contemplations.

This is my last Newsletter as your Commodore, but I may continue to clutter up your inboxes on occasion in the future with the permission of your new Commodore **Grahame Williams** (if, of course, he is voted in at the AGM!).

I won't cover here all I wish to say at the AGM, but, briefly, it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Commodore for the past fifteen months (is that all, seems much longer!!) and I am happy that the Club is now on a steady course, financially and activity-wise, to look forward with confidence to the next few years.

Fair winds!

Budgie Burge, Commodore, JHYC