

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 10 OF 2014 04/12/2014

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 jollycommodore@gmail.com .

ExecCom Report. Your Committee is approaching the end of its' term of office, and a new Committee will need to be elected at the upcoming **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). More details later.

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

Your Commodore **Budgie Burge** is retiring, after eighteen months of service, but will continue to sit on the ExecCom as ex-officio Past Commodore. Rear Commodore **Grahame Williams** is proposed by him (seconded by Membership Secretary Barbara Thomson) for **Commodore**. Vice Commodore **JoAnn Redick** has indicated her willingness to continue, as has Treasurer **Lawrie May** and Rating Secretary & Handicapper **Susan Wills**. Nominations for ExecCom are invited to jollycommodore@gmail.com .

It is essential for the health of your Club and to maintain the momentum your Committee has generated over the past year that **new blood with new ideas and energy** is recruited to the management of the Club. Please indicate to any member of the Committee if you are willing to help the Club **in any capacity**, we will be sure to find you something contributory which matches your skills. You don't have to be a permanent resident of Jolly, your current Commodore is only here for six months of the year!

Membership. Renewals for 2015 are coming in steadily, and nearly twenty New Members have been signed up. Would **current Members please 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.

Event Calendar. The last Newsletter had a revised event calendar attached, with a call for some ideas for social activities So far we have had a Cribbage evening, and a Whist Drive suggested, maybe indicating the average age of our members? How about the younger, fitter members organizing **Hobiecat racing** off Jolly Beach, or a **canoe/paddleboard race** in the harbor? The Committee are standing ready to assist any such events with logistical support, marks, start/finish boat etc..

Saturday Sailing/ Winter Series

The first race of the WINTER SERIES in lighter airs on 29 Nov. saw a gratifying turnout of twelve yachts (eight in Division one, four in Division Two). Close racing between Blue Peter (**Tanner Jones**) and Biwi Magic (**Geoffrey Pidduck**) resulted in them finishing seconds apart, Biwi first on the water and on Club handicap, BP first in CSA, with Taz (**Bernie Wong**) third in both. ChiliChili retired with a broken halliard, Frolic 4th, Cricket 5th, Augustine 6th and Elethea (with a bizarre rig) 7th & last.

In Division two Yesss (**Commodore Budgie Burge**) took both Club and CSA honours (but only one bottle of rum!) Volare (**Terry Allen**) was 2nd on CSA, Full Monty (**Grahame Williams**) 2nd on Club handicap, Ocean Harmony 4th in both. Results in full on the website www.JHYCantigua.com .

Please note: The Committee has decided that where a yacht finishes first (or last) in three successive races she may be moved to the other Division at the Committee's entire discretion - see sailing instructions on the Club Notice Board.(Also see Commodore's Contemplations)

Ten yachts have indicated interest in the Dec 6th **pursuit race to Falmouth, overnight in English Harbour**, followed by a **cruise to Green Island and beach BBQ on Sunday**. Anchoring has been arranged in EH **and tables booked at Papparazzi** Italian Restaurant on the Slipway side. Cruise & raft-up Sunday to Green Island, Club BBQ will be lit on the beach in the evening, back to Jolly at own pace on Monday/ Tuesday. **Start times** for yachts who have so far expressed interest are on the Club notice board, with sailing instructions, & as attachments to this newsletter. Briefing 6pm Friday W.Point

Marine: Our long-term partner **Budget Marine** have indicated they will purchase three new inflatable buoys for our use in the Valentine's Regatta, to allow the setting of more interesting and varied courses.

IT & Comms: Revision and updating of the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com is in hand, your comments or suggestions re the website are welcomed and should be sent to gwleopard1@gmail.com

Club Membership Booklet I have had no comments to date concerning this item, would members please let me know to jollycommodore@gmail.com what they think should be included. In the event of no returns, I shall assume all are happy to have their name, name of spouse/partner, address in Antigua, email, telephone no & boat name included. . **Distribution will be restricted to Club Members only.**

Valentine's Regatta 2015 The poster for this event is attached. **Please print it off**, and put it up somewhere where it can be seen, in your **car, home or Club Notice Board** wherever you are! (*Prints are best on photo quality paper, if you have any*)

Sponsorship We cannot emphasise too strongly the debt we owe to our constant local sponsors **Anjo Insurances, Townhouse Megastore, Melinis Restaurant, Budget Marine, Signpro, Club Sushi at AYC, Epicurean, Jolly Harbour Marina, and West Point Marina Lounge Bar** ("Home of the JHYC").

And don't forget our Valentine's Regatta will be sponsored for the next three years by **Mount Gay Rum** and **Banks Beer of Barbados**, who will be the **Official Beer of the Valentine's Regatta**.

Social We urgently need the numbers likely to attend the **Club Xmas Dinner** at Akropolis on **Thurs 18 Dec** at around **7.30pm** after Club Night. Let **Barbara Thomson** know if you are coming, at the Bar or on barbara.thomson123@gmail.com. Menu and cost to be announced soon. (3 x courses, turkey & all the trimmings, Xmas pud, etc w/wine, approx EC\$110 inc ABST, Service etc)

We hope to see as many **New Members as possible attending**, with families & friends, to listen to our guest of honour **Robbie Ferron**, CEO of Budget Marine, with his long experience of Caribbean sailing.

Commodores Contemplations.

Giving yachts of vastly different sizes and speeds the chance to have close exciting racing is a handicappers' nightmare, especially in a small Club. Hence our decision to have yachts move from one Division to another if they are consistently last or first, taking their accrued scores with them. It will be interesting to see how this turns out at the Series prizegiving!

Fair winds! ***Budgie Burge, Commodore, JHYC***