

# Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Newsletter #2 of 2015 12/01

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At the request of your new **Commodore Grahame Williams** I am continuing to send these occasional Newsletters, though you will no doubt be glad to hear they won't be so frequent! I have a new word processing programme called LibreOffice (my ancient computer won't support Microsoft Office any more) which produces documents in .ODF format. I hope this will not cause you any difficulty.

**ExecCom Report.** A most successful AGM was held at **De Underdog Bar** on Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. Over fifty Members attended, for an hour of pre-meeting drinks and socialising during which many new members were enrolled, shirts and caps sold, and the new Club laminator (operated by your new **Commodorable Liz Williams**) was put to good use laminating all the new Club membership cards.

The Executive Committee for 2015 elected at the meeting were

Commodore	<b>Grahame Williams</b>	<a href="mailto:jollycommodore1@gmail.com">jollycommodore1@gmail.com</a>
Vice Commodore	<b>JoAnn Redick</b>	
Rear Commodore	<b>Gordon Cossar</b>	
Rear Commodore (marine)	<b>Festus Isaacs</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Lawrie May</b>	
Membership Secretary	<b>Barbara Thomson</b>	
Rating Secretary	<b>Susan Wills</b>	
Press & Media Secretary	<b>Jody Sallons-Day</b>	
Past Commodore (ex officio)	<b>Dr Alan (Budgie) Burge</b>	

A brief precis of the minutes of the meeting are appended to this Newsletter.

**Membership.** We are now up to a hundred and forty with more expected as some off-island members return.

**Saturday Sailing.** A gusty and blowy (up to 30 knots) pursuit race on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> saw **Yesss** (Commodore Budgie Burge) hold off the challenge of **Taz** (Bernie Wong) **Full Monty** (Grahame Williams) and **Blue Peter** (Tanner Jones), these three finishing within a minute of one another, a tribute to our **Rating Secretary Susan Wills'** skills. Six boats took part in Winter Series # 3 on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. **Taz** blew the fleet away, with **Ocean Harmony** (John Wills) first in Div 2.

**Cruising/Social Sailing** The three pubs race (something dear to your correspondent's heart) was again postponed due to a lack of interest and weight of wind. It seemed that most skippers did not want to have to drop and hoist their sails at each "pub". I hope we will re-run this event, maybe

yachts can keep mainsails up while anchored? (SIs are on the website [www.JHYCantigua.com](http://www.JHYCantigua.com) ).

The **Cruise to Guadeloupe** has also been postponed due to strong winds and a heavy 3M NE swell.

**Valentine's Regatta.** This prestigious event has had a boost with a most generous personal donation from **Mr Albert Hartog**, and the support of **CDAL** in provision of office space etc. It is good to see that the efforts of the Yacht Club to increase the exposure of **Jolly Harbour** to the worldwide yachting fraternity are recognised and appreciated. We are looking forward to the **Mount Gay Rum** red cap party, **Banks Beer of Barbados** as the Official Beer of the Regatta, and dancing in the Square to music sponsored by **West Point Marina Bar** (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club).

**Social.** A number of Yacht Club members were fortunate to be at the private viewing of wonderful, original and exciting paintings at "Boom" in English Harbour by one of our members **Sarah Jane Allen** (Volare) ([coloursofsarah@aol.com](mailto:coloursofsarah@aol.com)), the exhibition to be repeated at Sugar Ridge later. And **Sheila Kenlock** is opening a new art gallery in the **old Budget Marine premises in the JH Dockyard**, and has generously donated one of her special driftwood collages to the Club. See, we are not just a bunch of alcoholic yotties!

The Club is still in need of a **Social Secretary**, to help organise off-the water events like the car rally, evening talks and other events. Contact any member of the Committee (see above). And all at the AGM were impressed by the facilities at **De Underdog** and the generous help offered to the Club by **Mark** the owner. It would seem the ideal venue for some activities which require reasonably quiet indoor seating, but still convenient for JH residents.

Fair winds!

## ***Budgie***

### Abbreviated minutes of the AGM of Monday Jan 5 2015

The meeting opened at 6.30pm. Commodore Budgie Burge made opening remarks concerning the year-long activity of the Club, and the numbers enjoying sailing every saturday. He introduced the minutes of the last AGM which were passed without dissent, and gave a report of the Club's activities in the past year. He stressed the contribution of the Membership Secretary in growing the membership from eleven paid up members in 2013 to the present 140. He gave thanks to all the ExecCom members who have worked so hard to grow the Club and increase it's activities, and paid particular thanks to Vice Commodore JoAnn Redick for keeping the Club going during the slack summer months, and to Rear Commodore (now Commodore) Grahame Williams for his efforts in obtaining sponsorship for the next three years from Mount Gay Rum and Banks Beer of Barbados for the forthcoming Valentine's Regattas. Treasurer Lawrie May gave a favourable financial report and the Accounts were passed by a show of hands. The Executive Committee for 2015 (see above ) were elected, and Commodore Grahame Williams gave a short address thanking the outgoing Commodore Dr Alan "Budgie" Burge for his work in 2014. The latter then gave a maudlin farewell speech in which he reiterated his belief that the Club should be seeking enthusiastic younger members to take forward what he as a seventysix year old had begun. The meeting closed at 7.15 after thanks to Mark of De Underdog.