

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 9 OF 2014 27/11/2014

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ExecCom Report. Much relief to have got the Club Annual Regatta over without major mishap. Now for the Valentine's Regatta! Expressions of interest have already been received from UK..

Membership. It is of great help to the Club to have your membership renewed before the festive season puts a strain on all our time. Would 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. A number of new members have joined in the past few days, it was a pleasure to announce at the regatta prizegiving that membership is now over 100.

Event Calendar. Attached is a revised calendar for the six months Nov 2014 to May 2015. There are still a number of gaps to fill in, would someone like to make suggestions (not too rude please) for Club activities?

Saturday Sailing/ Winter Series

The first race of the WINTER SERIES will be on Sat 29 Nov. **All yachts intending to take part** should indicate to the Race Officer either on Club Night tonight, on Friday night, or by VHF Ch 12 before the start of racing on Saturday the sail combination and CSA rating they intend to use **for the duration of the Series.**

Please note that we have reduced the number of races to count towards the series to nine, with two discards, so that they do not clash with events like the AYC High Tide series etc. On days where there is a conflict with other events we propose Saturday Sailing will still take place, with the usual rum prizes, but not be part of the Series.

Sat Dec 6th is the start of a long weekend (Heroes Day Monday 8th– public holiday- also full moon).

A **pursuit race** starting at the Club line and finishing in Falmouth Harbour is proposed.

Anchor/alongside at AYC, drinks & dinner at Club Sushi to thank Angie for her support of our regatta. Cruise & raft-up Sunday to Green Island, Club BBQ will be lit on the beach in the evening, back to Jolly at own pace (or Guadeloupe or Montserrat!) on Monday. Names of interested parties to jollycommodore@gmail.com as soon as possible please, so we can work out start times based on average speeds in the Regatta.

Marine: The Committee especially expressed thanks to Lawrie May, Iain Mellows, and Iain's two strong lads for relaying the Pelican Mark. This is a dirty and quite dangerous endeavour, and members should be aware that without the generosity of people who give up their free time to do this kind of job the Club could not function.

IT & Comms: All Club VHF communications will be on Channel 12 for the coming season. We are expecting to make a revision and update of the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com , any matters, comments or suggestions re the website should be sent to jollycommodore@gmail.com until further notice.

Club Membership Booklet I have had no comments to date concerning this item, would members please let me know what they think should be included. In the event of no returns, I shall assume that 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.**

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Annual Regatta Nov 22 & 23

Fifteen yachts took part in our Club Annual Regatta last Saturday and Sunday. Winds varied from a pleasant 12-14 knots to the occasional line squall with in excess of 30 Knots! Seven races were completed, six counted to the final results.

Saturday's conditions suited **Tanner Jones and Blue Peter**, with four firsts in four races. The next two places were taken in various order by **Elethea** (Rick Gormley), **Frolic** (Hans Lammers), **Cricket** (Sandy Mair), & **Taz** (Bernie Wong) showing the closeness of the racing in this Division. **Digicell Spirit** (National Sailing Academy) showed great spirit in hanging on to these leaders despite their penal handicap, but the schoolboys on **Digicell Valiant** (All Saints School) had a tough time in their first ever Regatta, losing a halyard in one race, and blowing out their spinnaker in a spectacular broach in another. Day two had more varied gusty conditions, **Elethea** managed two wins to break **Blue Peter's** dominance, and **Digicell Spirit** got a creditable second in testing conditions in the second race. Blue Peter won overall, and was voted best yacht in the regatta, Elethea was second, and Frolic third.

Division two was dominated by the giant Jenneau 44 **ChiliChili** (Tim Richards) who led the fleet around the wrong marks in race one, won by **Volare**, (Terry Allen), but thereafter was only beaten by **Yesss** (Commodore) in the very strong wind of race two on Sunday when she reefed. Really close racing between **Full Monty** (Grahame Williams), **Volare** and **Yesss** left the Commodore (**Yesss**) second overall in the division by one point, with **Volare** and **Full Monty** with equal points next. The result of the last race secured the third prize for **Full Monty**.

Prizes from first to fourth place in each division were graciously presented by former Governor-General of Antigua & Barbuda, **Sir James Carlisle GCMG**, who had praise and encouragement for the young sailors from the National Sailing Academy (4th Div one), as well as amusing anecdotes about the SNP!

Sponsorship

These Regattas cannot be mounted without the support in prizes and financial assistance from generous local organizations, Companies, and individuals. The Club is indebted to the **Jolly Harbour Homeowners Association** for their financial support, and to **Anjo Insurances, Budget Marine, Angie at Club Sushi, Adrian & mark at Melinis, Signpro & Townhouse** for prizes. And thanks to **George Kaersenhout and the West Point Marina Lounge Bar** ("Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club") for the musical entertainment from "Asher Otto & Itchy Feet" and the loan of their premises.

For those who didn't see the announcement of a few days ago, the Club 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.

Club polo shirts went on sale last week, with new **Club caps**. Many are already sold, Membership secretary Barbara Thomson has a new batch available at West Point Bar on Club Nights (Thursdays) and after racing on Saturdays. However we do not have the facility to store a large stock, nor can the Club tie up funds in unsold items, so if you want shirts or caps please place your order with Barbara.

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Club Xmas dinner at Akropolis will be on **Thurs 18 December** at around 7.30 after Club Night.. Please book directly with the restaurant with the number at your table, or if you are off island at present let me know your numbers at jollycommodore@gmail.com and I will book for you.

Commodores Contemplations.

A well known local character told me that as they drove home to English Harbour after the Prizegiving, his wife said to him “**Now THAT’s what I call a Yacht Club!**” Good to be appreciated, G.....y!

I remember reading Eric Twina’s famous book “Start to Win” many years ago in which he said “Fifty percent of all yacht races are won on the start line”. With a port biased line, the pin end was the place to be, as **Blue Peter** and **Yesss** showed this weekend. See you all at the pin next time (and the bar in the meantime)!

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