

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 2 OF 2014 01/01/2014

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ExecCom Report. The last meeting on 20 Jan was combined with the Valentines Regatta subcommittee. A lot of ground was covered concerning posters, sponsorship, race management (to be organized by George Bridger) and the social side of the Regatta with local restaurants to be approached to provide promotional canapés and “small eats” to advertise their premises and menus. Arrangements for the **Rum Festival** were also discussed. The format for “fun racing” on Friday the 14th has yet to be decided, see below.

The Commodore was absent, attending the opening ceremony of the **National Sailing Academy** at Falmouth Water Sports Centre. The Academy has been a tremendous achievement for **Elizabeth Jordan, Karl James,** and their dedicated team of staff and volunteers. See more below in Commodore's Contemplations.

Saturday Sailing. There has been a disappointing drop in activity on Saturdays with some of our regulars away cruising, others involved in preparing for the RORC 600 and other overseas regattas, and several doing the AYC Round the Island Race (in which **Elethea** (Rick Gormley) lost to AYC's **High Tide** by 50 seconds after a 7 hour, 50 mile race!). However, **Elethea** (skipped by the irrepressible **Daniel**) managed a CSA win on Saturday from **Blue Peter** (Tanner Jones), Roger Hutchison's **Hobie 33** and others. .

I trust that with the Valentines Regatta coming up, a bit of crew training on Saturday afternoons will be required and we will see **more boats out on the water!**

Concerning “fun racing” on Friday 14th Feb (St Valentine's Day) the Commodore proposed two formats.

1. A race **especially for those from outside Jolly Harbour** who are unfamiliar with the new buoys we have laid, (GPS positions published on the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com).

All participating **yachts start together** on the Club line (2 white posts in line on “The Island” at 1400 (warning signal at 1350). Each yacht may sail **any course** which will take them round **each mark**, in any order, but all marks **MUST** be rounded (left to) Starboard except Dog Leg Red to Port exiting the Harbour. The Marks will be Outer Distance Mark (Red/White), Irish, Pelican, Hermitage, Pinching, Maiden, & possibly Cook. Finish back at Club line, **take own finish time.**

2. A **“time trial” or lap time race** familiar in cycling, Formula One, and other sports. Any yacht participating may start at **any time between 1300 and 1500** (but should avoid those starting at 1400). Yachts **take their own start time** as they cross the Club Start line in the harbor, then sail a course Dog Leg Red (P), ODM (P), Irish (S), ODM (S) Dog Leg Red (S), between red & green channel markers at Harbour entrance, turn to Port to a mark in the Harbour to the South of “The Island”, (called “HummingBird”) to Stbd, leave “The Island” to Port to a mark in the North channel (The Causeway”) (S), along the shore past the Boatyard to a mark opposite the fuel dock (“Rubis”) (S) and back through the Club line. Second circuit the same except round ODM(S)

(missing out Irish), finish at the Club Line after rounding the 3 harbour marks as above, where yachts **take their own finish time**. Prizes for best-dressed crew, yacht, lady helm etc. Yachts are expected to make as much noise as they can when sailing in the Harbour, Vuvuzelas, Boom Boxes, Ghetto Blasters, whistles, bells etc to publicise the Regatta and call attention to it. White sails only in the Harbour, engines on but not in gear for safety reasons.

Elapsed times for both races to be passed to the timekeepers before 1500.

Let me know what you think of these suggestions ASAP on jollycommodore@gmail.com

Social. The **Three Pubs Race** was abandoned because of the swell and risk of injury when beaching. Proposed new date is **Sun 9 Mar** (good practice for the **Barbuda Cruise/Pursuit Race/Beach party** on 15/16 March to be organized by **Rick Gormley**).

A Joint BBQ with AYC was held on Sunday 12th Jan at Morris Bay (Next to the Curtain Bluff Hotel). The Club BBQ was taken by road, lit and used, and earned another EC\$100 in fees! The Bay was a bit rolly, deterring some on **JoAnn Redick's** powerboat from coming ashore, but a large party from AYC on **Frolic** with **Hans & Kathy Lammers, Alison Sly-Adams, Clare Cupples** and others joined **Tim & Malcom** who swam ashore from **Chili Chili**, and **Joe & Clare** who rowed ashore from their **Nonsuch 34. Budgie & Barbara** & their UK visitors came by road with **Adrian & Jane Fearnley**. The venue was delightful (after a bit of beach cleaning) with shade from trees. A pleasant relaxing day, to be repeated, maybe in 5 Islands Bay next time?

Commodores Contemplations. The AGM at Il Giardino was well attended, over 40 Members came along. I wish as many sailed on Saturdays! A report of the AGM is on the website www.JHYCantigua.com under News. The temporary Executive Committee was elected en bloc for the year 2014 and Gordon Cossar & Susan Wills added. We still need a year-round Antigua resident as Sailing Captain to encourage weekly sailing, especially in the Summer months, and a Social Director to keep the party spirit up year-round. Volunteers please!

I was impressed by the facilities, layout & plastic floating dock of the new National Sailing Academy premises in Falmouth. Not only is there accommodation & a social/bar area, but a wide lawn & stage (presented I was told by **Paddy Prendergast of Itchy Feet**) offer facilities for all sorts of events. I recommend recipients of this newsletter call in and look around.

Two new racing boats matching Digicell Challenger and six Laser Picos have been donated to the Academy by **Pete Townsend** of “**The Who**” (he was at the opening by **Governor General Dame Lake-Tack**) in addition to the Lasers, Optimists, Hobies etc. I was particularly pleased to meet **Bob Bowker** from Peterborough who has brought in two “**Sailability**” trimarans specially adapted for the disabled.

Don't forget we have an active branch of the Academy here in Jolly. I hope to introduce events which will allow us as a Club to support this most worthy cause.

Fair winds!

Budgie Burge, Commodore, JHYC