

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 3 OF 2014 05/02/2014

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ExecCom Report. An ad-hoc emailed meeting was held last week, as several Committee members were away sailing, and others involved in the Homeowners AGM, at which our Vice-Commodore JoAnn R Dick was elected Secretary, and our treasurer Lawrie May elected JHHA Treasurer. Good for us the Yacht Club to have a voice in the greater Jolly Harbour management, and congratulations to both.

Saturday Sailing. A lovely day on Sat 1 Feb saw half a dozen boats entered for the pursuit race. In the absence of our rating secretary **Susan Wills**, a couple of late entries were given "guesstimated" handicaps by the ever-generous Commodore, who saw SunFast 22 **Miss Happy** (Trish Webster) set off almost half an hour ahead of the rest of the fleet. Had he known it was being helmed by an RYA Chief Instructor, the generosity might have been limited, as she romped home first, despite taking on water, three minutes ahead of an equally under-handicapped **Volare** (Terry Allan). Yesss (Commodore) was the only boat overtaken, finishing third ahead of **Ocean Harmony**.

Elethea and **Blue Peter** started together, had a battle royal round the course, and arrived at the harbor entrance together. Elethea to stbd called for water rather late, and despite Blue Peter responding by tacking away, oh dear! Elethea found the mud when she came upright during her tack. Fortunately no damage was seen when she was lifted, but a good lesson learned : call "water" early and clearly if you are concerned about the depth, the other boat **MUST** respond by either tacking itself or calling "you tack", taking the consequences should this result in a protest situation.

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 this Saturday** for the Winter Series race.

Valentine's Regatta

We now have around a dozen entries, with more promised. Racing will be in two classes, Racing and Cruising, with different courses for each.

Registration will be at the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre adjacent to West Point Bar on Friday 14th February between 12 noon and 6pm.

The "fun/practice races" on Friday afternoon can be undertaken before or after Registration.

Elapsed times for these races must be in the hands of the Race Organisers by 1700 Hrs.

Bow numbers are available for yachts with no sail numbers, as these are expensive items a returnable deposit of EC\$50 will be required.

Remember the entry fee is US\$3.00 per foot, payable at registration.

Please bring a copy of your latest CSA rating certificate, or some information regarding your yacht's LOA, LWL, beam, draught, tonnage and sail area & plan, so that a reasonable rating can be allocated.

John Coveney, an International Race Officer and Regional Judge who is visiting JH has kindly volunteered to chair the Racers protest committee, **Geoffrey Pidduck** (an International Judge) will do the same for the Cruisers.

Concerning “fun racing” on Friday 14th Feb (St Valentine’s Day) the Commodore proposed two formats in his last Newsletter. In the absence of any negative feedback, we will go ahead with the two different format races, one designed for visitors, to familiarize themselves with the new buoys in Five Island Bay, the other to generate interest among homeowners and visitors in the Regatta. It has now been decided to have a set course for the “find the buoys” race. A Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions for each race will be available on the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com shortly, hard copies will be available at West Point Bar on Thursday next. In particular, **we would like to see some lady helms** in the shorter round the harbor publicity race, a prize will be given for the first Lady Helm in that race..

Social. The ladies committee led by **Club Secretary Barbara Thomson** have chosen polo shirts to be available by the start of the Valentine’s Regatta, with embroidered Club logos, at EC\$ 75 each (EC\$ 85 for XXL). These will make a small profit for the Club. **WE HAVE TO ORDER THEM SOON, I.E. BEFORE THIS WEEKEND.** Please see my previous circular concerning these shirts, and order what numbers and sizes you want by clicking on: jollyyachtclubshirts@gmail.com .

Our team of match racers Kathy, Hans & Geoffrey took on some Olympic sailors and world champions representing Mill Reef YC, Harmony Hall YC, AntiguaYC, National Sailing Academy etc at Mill Reef last weekend. Results were disappointing for us, but not unexpected given the opposition. Your Commodore presented a Club Burgee to **Mill Reef Commodore Fuller Cowles**, then rather embarrassingly had to take it back again as it is the only one we have and it wasn’t his! We are trying to source new Club Bugees, le me know if you want one on jollycommodore@gmail.com .

Commodores Contemplations. I should tell you about the rum ration prizegiving after the pursuit race. First prize went to an ecstatic Trish Webster in her first rclub race in her new boat, but where were sailors from the second boat **Volare** (Terry Allan)? Consistent with the Club rules, their prize went to the fourth boat, **Ocean Harmony** (John Wills)(**Yesss** was third). When the **Volare** crew eventually made it to the Bar, it transpired that they had been helping a Boston Whaler which was sinking, getting it onto a hoist before its’ engines were submerged. As soon as he heard, John sportingly handed over his prize to Terry. I see this as the kind of Corinthian spirit we want to foster in our Club.

Fair winds!

Budgie Burge, Commodore, JHYC