

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Newsletter # 8 of 2015

26/11/2015

The season is now well underway with lots of familiar faces returning to the warmth of the Caribbean and especially Antigua. To those of you that have returned recently a very warm welcome and enjoy your stay.

Saturday Sailing has been continuing over the past few weeks with a small number of boats. This has been due to a people returning later than usual. Let's hope the numbers will increase over the next few weeks. Unfortunately, there will not be JoAnn on the start line this season. Over the last 10 or so years she has always been on the start line sending us on our way. Alas she has decided to retire from the role. I would personally like to thank her for doing a wonderful job and wish her well. I am pleased to say we have a couple of volunteers that are going to help with the starts. A big thank you to Carol Cossar and Sarah Allen. We are also looking for a third person to help, allowing people to do the starts every two or three weeks. Susan Wills has also been hard at work looking at a new club class formula, we will how it works over the next few weeks. Prize giving will be 6pm at West Point Marina Bar (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club).

Annual JHYC Club Regatta took place 21st and 22nd November 2015. The entry level was low but did not stop the enjoyment on the seas around Jolly. Two glorious days racing saw Blue Peter once again in First place in Division 1 followed by Taz in second place and Biwi Magic in third. Division 2 saw Cricket in first place followed by Ocean Harmony in second place and Full Monty in third. Prizes were presented by Sir James Carlisle and thank him for his on-going support of our regatta. Most importantly we should thank to all our wonderful members that help and support our club during the regatta. A special thanks to Susan Wills for the documenting and presenting the results. JoAnn Redick for

providing the chase boat. George Bridger for providing the Committee boat and timekeepers.

Winter Series. The first winter series race is 28th November. Please make sure the CSA rating you will be using for the series has been lodged with the Race Officer. This winter, nine races will be completed, with two discards being allowed.

Social Activities. We had our first BBQ of the season which saw 40 people attending and having a very enjoyable time. We were very fortunate the rain stayed away on the Sunday. Our next event is the Christmas Dinner at the Akropolis restaurant on December 17th. Tickets are on sale at the West Point Bar most days during happy hour. We will also be holding a New Years' Eve Party at a location yet to be decided. If anybody has any suggestions for a venue please contact Sally or myself. You can also look on the website www.jhycantigua.com and click on event & social calendar.

Valentine's Regatta 2016 will start on February 12th with prize presentations on the 15th. The 16th will be a separate race to Redonda for ROC type boats starting around the Cades Reef area and finishing off English Harbour. Prize giving will be in the grounds of Admirals Inn. We are fortunate to have a couple of members joining the regatta team. Bob Bowen is a very active sailor from Eastbourne and Terry Sands who has plenty of enthusiasm

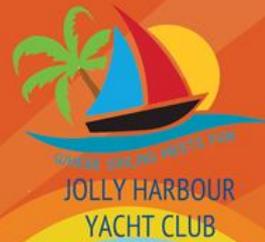
Commodore's Thoughts: This will be the last newsletter before Christmas. So would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would also like to thank our members for their generosity at the auction for Jules Mitchell the youth sailor going to the world championships. We raised \$3500.

Fair Winds!

Grahame
Commodore Jolly Harbour Yacht Club

February 12th to 16th
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Valentine's Regatta



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2016 Schedule of Events

Saturday to Monday 3 Races Each Day and Daily Prizes!

Tuesday – 'Passage Race' to Redonda & Return
Shorter Passage Race for Cruisers/Smaller Yachts
Tuesday Evening – Prize Giving

More details to be announced.

Info & Registration: www.jhycantigua.com