

COMPASS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

JANUARY

- 1 Public holiday or "recovery day" in many places (New Year's Day)
- 2 Public holiday in Cuba (Victory of Armed Forces Day), Haiti (Founding Fathers' Day), and St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Grenada (Second New Year's Day)
- 2 Public holiday in St. Kitts & Nevis (Grand Parade of Carnival Troupes, St. Kitts). www.stkittsneviscarnival.com
- 3 Public holiday in St. Kitts & Nevis (Carnival Last Lap). www.stkittsneviscarnival.com
- 6 Public holiday in many places (Three Kings Day)
- 6 - 7 Crucian Christmas Festival Parades, St. Croix. www.stercoixtourism.com/christmas_festival.htm
- 7 Entre Mer et Lune Race, Martinique. CNN, www.clubnautiqueneptune.com
- 8 Start of WorldARC 2012-13 in St. Lucia. www.worldcruising.com/worldarc
- 9 FULL MOON
- 9 Public holiday in Puerto Rico (Eugenio Maria de Hostos Day)
- 10 - 29 St. Barts Music Festival. www.stbartsmusicfestival.org
- 14 Latitude 18 Halyard Challenge Race, BVI. RBVIYC. www.royalbvyc.org
- 14 - 21 Midwinter Regatta Week, Virgin Gorda, BVI. BEYC. www.beyc.com
- 16 Public holiday in Puerto Rico and USVI (Martin Luther King Day)
- 21 Public holiday in Barbados (Errol Barrow Day) and the Dominican Republic (Our Lady of Altigracia)
- 21 Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race. www.mountgayrumroundbarbadosrace.com
- 21 Around Antigua Race. AYC. www.antiguayachtclub.com
- 23 Public holiday in the Cayman Islands (National Heroes' Day celebrated)
- 23 Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon)
- 25 Public holiday in Aruba (G.F. Croes Day)
- 25 - 29 Budget Marine Spice Island Billfish Tournament, Grenada. www.sibtgrenada.com
- 25 - 8 Feb Mustique Blues Festival. tel: (784) 488-8407
- 26 Public holiday in the Dominican Republic (Duarte's Day celebrated)
- 26 - 28 Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival, Montego Bay. <http://jamaicajazzandblues.com>
- 26 - 28 Bonaire International Fishing Tournament. www.itrainfishesbonaire.com/p/15/116/international-fishing-tournament
- 26 - 29 Bequia Mount Gay Music Fest. www.begos.com/bequamusicfest
- 27 - 29 The Superyacht Challenge, Antigua. <http://thesuperyachtchallenge.com>
- 27 - 29 Exponáutica/Boat Show, Ponce, Puerto Rico. germaine.quinones@gmail.com
- 27 - 29 St. Barth Fun Cup (racing in Cul de Sac lagoon and St. Jean Bay)
- 27 - 31 Grenada Sailing Festival. www.grenadasailingfestival.com
- 28 Anguilla Dinghy Regatta
- 28 Governor's Cup Race, BVI. RBVIYC. www.royalbvyc.org
- 29 Coupe Feminine Race, Martinique. YCM. ycmq@wanadoo.fr
- 30 - 3 Feb Curaçao Tumba Festival. www.curacaoarnival.info

FEBRUARY

- 2 World Wetlands Day. www.ramsar.org
- 3 - 5 Club Náutico de San Juan International Regatta, Puerto Rico. CNSJ. www.nauticoandesanjuan.com
- 4 Junior Dinghy Sailing Championship, Grenada. www.grenadasailingfestival.com
- 4 - 5 Around Martinique Race. CNN, www.clubnautiqueneptune.com
- 4 - 5 Interlux One Design Regatta, St. Maarten. SMYC. www.smyc.com
- 4 - 6 Scotiabank Work Boat Regatta, Grenada. www.grenadasailingfestival.com
- 5 Decorated Horses Parade, Curaçao. www.curacaoarnival.info
- 7 FULL MOON
- 7 Public holiday in Grenada (Independence Day)
- 10 Tourism Week Horse Race, Nevis. www.nevisisland.com
- 11 - 12 Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta, Antigua. JHYC. www.jhycantigua.com
- 12 Children's Carnival Parade, Curaçao. www.curacaoarnival.info
- 17 - 19 Sweethearts of the Caribbean and Classic Yacht Regatta, Tortola. WEYC. (284) 495-4559
- 18 - 20 Martinique Carnival Regatta. CNN, www.clubnautiqueneptune.com
- 18 - 21 Semaine Nautique Schoelcher, Martinique. www.cnschoelcher.webou.net
- 19 Sailors' & Landlubbers' Auction, Bequia. www.bequiasunshineschool.org
- 19 Grand Parade, Curaçao Carnival. www.curacaoarnival.info
- 20 Start of RORC Caribbean 600, Antigua. www.caribbean600.rorc.org
- 20 Public holiday in Puerto Rico and USVI (Presidents' Day)
- 20 - 21 Carnival Monday and Tuesday in most Dutch and French islands, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Dominica, Carriacou, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, and other places
- 22 Public holiday in many places (Ash Wednesday)
- 22 Public holiday in St. Lucia (Independence Day)
- 23 Public holiday in Guyana (Republic Day)
- 23 - 26 South Grenada Regatta. www.southgrenadaregatta.com
- 24 - 25 Around St. Maarten Multihull Race. www.multihullregatta.com
- 24 - 26 Tobago Carnival Regatta. www.tobagocarnivalregatta.com
- 25 - 3 March BVI Kite Jam (kiteboards). BEYC. www.beyc.com
- 27 - 3 March Nevis Historical & Conservation Society House and Garden Tours. www.nevisisland.com
- 28 Budget Marine Match Racing, St. Maarten. www.heikenregatta.com
- 28 - 4 March St. Maarten Heineken Regatta. www.heikenregatta.com

MARCH

- 1 Gill Commodores Cup, St. Maarten. www.heikenregatta.com
- 2 Public holiday in Anguilla (James Ronald Webster Day)
- 3 Club Náutico de San Juan Club 420 Regatta. CNSJ. www.nauticoandesanjuan.com
- 5 Public holiday in the BVI (H. Lavity Stoutt's Birthday)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 8 Public holiday in Guyana and Suriname (Phagwah)
- 8 FULL MOON
- 9 Public holiday in Belize (Baron Bliss Day)
- 9 - 11 St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta. www.stercoixyc.com
- 9 - 12 Dark & Stormy Regatta, Anegada, BVI. WEYC. (284) 495-4559
- 9 - 14 Caribbean Arts and Crafts Festival, Tortola, BVI. dreadeye@surfbvi.com
- 9 - 18 St. Patrick's Festival, Montserrat. www.visitmontserrat.com
- 10 - 11 Banana's Cup Regatta, Martinique. YCM. www.ycm972.org
- 10 - 11 Annual Laser Open, Antigua. AYC. www.antiguayachtclub.com
- 10 - 11 Wahoo Tournament, Trinidad. <http://tgfa.com/events>
- 12 Public holiday in Commonwealth countries (Commonwealth Day)
- 12 - 17 ClubSwan Caribbean Rendezvous. www.nautorswan.com/ClubSwan
- 14 Public holiday in St. Vincent & the Grenadines (National Heroes' Day)
- 14 - 17 Caribbean Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous, BVI. www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com
- 16 - 18 Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta. www.prheikenregatta.com
- 17 Public holiday in Montserrat (St. Patrick's Day), St. Patrick's Day Festival, Grenada
- 20 Vernal Equinox
- 20 Sunshine School Annual Jumble Sale, Bequia. www.bequiasunshineschool.org
- 22 - 25 St. Barth's Bucket. www.bucketregattas.com/stbarths
- 23 - 25 International Rolex Regatta, St. Thomas, USVI. www.rolexcupregatta.com
- 24 OECS Open Water Swimming Championships, Nevis. windsurf@sisterisles.kn
- 26 - 1 April BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival. www.bvispringregatta.org
- 30 Public holiday in Trinidad & Tobago (Spiritual Baptist "Shouter" Liberation Day)

APRIL

- 1 Montego Bay Yacht Club Easter Regatta, Jamaica. www.mobayyachtclub.com
- 1 - 9 Easterval celebrations, Union Island, Grenadines. www.unionislandeasterval.com
- 2 - 7 Oyster Regatta, BVI. www.oystermarine.com/events/77/Oyster-Regatta-BVI-2012
- 2 - 7 Les Voiles de St. Barth. www.lesvoilesdesaintbarth.com
- 5 - 8 Around Martinique Race. www.cn-windforce-robert.com
- 5 - 8 Around Guadeloupe Race. www.triskellcup.com
- 5 - 8 Virgin Gorda Easter Festival (Carnival). www.bvitourism.com
- 5 - 9 Bequia Easter Regatta. www.begos.com/easterregatta
- 6 Public holiday in many places (Good Friday)
- 6 FULL MOON
- 7 - 8 Jet Ski Race, Havana Waterfront, Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 9 Public holiday in many places (Easter Monday)
- 9 - 10 Goat Racing in Tobago
- 14 - 15 Kayak and Canoe Races, Marina Hemingway, Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 18 - 21 Marlin Tournament, Tobago. <http://tgfa.com/events>
- 19 - 24 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. www.antiguaclassics.com
- 21 Virgin Queen Pizza Pursuit Race, BVI. RBVIYC. www.rbviyc.org
- 21 - 29 Tobago Jazz Experience, Speyside. www.facebook.com/tobagojazzexperience
- 22 International Earth Day
- 22 - 29 St. Mark's Day Festival, Grenada. www.grenadagrenadines.com
- 25 - 30 St. Barth Film Festival. www.stbarthff.org
- 26 - 27 Conference: "80 years of nautical relations USA-Cuba", Marina Hemingway, Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 26 - 27 20th anniversary of the HIYC of Cuba Regatta, Havana, Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 27 Guadeloupe to Antigua Race. www.sailingweek.com
- 27 - 29 Carriacou Music Maroon & String Band Festival. www.grenadagrenadines.com
- 28 Yachting World Round Antigua Race. www.sailingweek.com
- 28 Public holiday in Barbados (National Heroes' Day)
- 28 - 29 BVI Dinghy Championships. RBVIYC. www.royalbvyc.org
- 29 - 4 May Antigua Sailing Week. www.sailingweek.com
- 30 Public holiday in Dutch islands (Netherlands Queen's Birthday)
- TBA St. Lucia J/24 Open Championship. www.stluciyachtclub.com



MAY

- 1 Public holiday in many places (Labour Day)
- 3 Start of Atlantic Cup Rally, Tortola to Virginia. www.worldcruising.com/atlanticcup
- 4 - 7 West Indies Regatta, St. Barth's. www.westindiesregatta.com
- 5 Start of ARC Europe, Tortola to Portugal. www.worldcruising.com
- 5 Public holiday in Guyana (Arrival Day)
- 5 - 6 Round St. Barth's race (windsurfers and beach cats)
- 5 - 6 Race to Bitter End YC from Tortola. RBVIYC. www.royalbvyc.org
- 5 - 7 Paddle Board Race from Havana to Key West. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 5 - 13 St. Lucia Jazz Festival. www.stluciazjazz.org
- 6 Round Booby Island Regatta, Nevis. Nevis Yacht Club, tel (869) 662-9403
- 6 FULL MOON
- 7 Falmouth to Falmouth Race, Antigua. AYC. www.antiguayachtclub.com
- 7 Public holiday in Nevis (Labour Day)
- 7 - 16 St. Barth's Theatre Festival. www.saintbarth-tourisme.com
- 11 - 12 Grenada Drum Festival. www.grenadagrenadines.com
- 11 - 13 Anguilla Sailing Festival. www.anguillaregatta.com
- 12 - 13 Captain Oliver's Regatta, St. Martin. www.coyc-sxm.com
- 12 - 13 Shore Fishing Tournament, Havana seafont, Cuba. Cuban Sport Fishing Federation
- 14 - 15 International Workshop: "90 years of Hydrography in Cuba". CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 17 - 19 Combat des Coques Regatta, Martinique. www.clubnautiquedumarin.com
- 17 - 20 Mount Gay Rum Barbados Regatta. www.sailbarbados.com
- 17 - 20 Curaçao Challenge International Windsurfing. www.curacaochallenge.com
- 18 Public holiday in Haiti (Flag Day)
- 18 - 19 Conference "Cuban nautical recreational industry, present and future developments". CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 19 - 20 Lowell Wheatley Anegada Pursuit Race, BVI. RBVIYC. www.royalbvyc.org
- 21 Public holiday in Cayman Islands (Discovery Day)
- 21 Reception for the 20th Anniversary of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu
- 24 - 28 Canouan Regatta, Grenadines. Canouan Sailing Club, cmclaurean@hotmail.com
- 25 - 27 Foxy's Wooden Boat Regatta, Jost van Dyke, BVI. www.foxysbar.com/woodenRegatta.html
- 25 - 27 Antigua & Barbuda Fishing Tournament. www.antiguabarbudasporthfishing.com
- 26 Public holiday in Guyana (Independence Day)
- 26 - 28 Martinique to St. Lucia and Return Race. www.clubnautiquedumarin.com
- 27 Public holiday in Bonaire (Pentecost)
- 28 Public holiday in many places (Whit Monday)
- 28 Petite Martinique Whit Monday Regatta, Grenadines. www.grenadagrenadines.com
- 28 Conference: "Climate Change and the migration of billfish species", Havana, Cuba. CNIH, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu



