

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Newsletter #3 of 2015 25/01

These Newsletters are reaching about 200 persons & organisations worldwide who have an interest past or present in the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club and its' ongoing activities. If you know of anyone who might wish to receive them, or if you don't want to receive further newsletters, please contact the Club at jollycommodore@gmail.com.

THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE **BARBUDA EVENT** NEXT WEEKEND, AND FURTHER INFO RE **CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS** AND THE **VALENTINES REGATTA**.

ExecCom Report. A list of **Officers for 2015** with their telephone numbers and email addresses are attached for your information. Please feel free to contact any of them about any Club matters, we will be happy to assist.

Commodore Grahame Williams is happy to announce that thanks to CDAL the Club now has a **PERMANENT OFFICE**, located in the Commercial Centre in the corridor behind Akropolis Greek restaurant (along from Remax.). Furniture has been loaned by Club Members **Diane Wright and Brian Law**, transported by **Rick (the Skip) Gormley**, and more is promised from **Ron Chapman** of Remax. Please make a point of locating the office on your next visit to **West Point Marina Bar**, (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club). We expect the office to be open for an hour or so on Club nights (Thursdays) for sale of Club caps & polo shirts, Membership matters etc, and at other times for meetings, & Regatta registration.

Membership. We are now up to a hundred and forty with more expected as some off-island members return.

Saturday Sailing. With several of the Club regulars taking part in the AYC round the Island Race, only **Full Monty** (Commodore), **Yesss** (Budgie Burge) and **May** (Charles & Sheila Kenlock) took part in light air Saturday Sailing on 17 Jan. “**Monty**” pulled out a large lead, only for this to be closed up by **Yesss** flying an asymmetric kite for the first time. When they couldn't get it down again (!!!) **Full Monty** gleefully set off upwind for the finish line, only to be caught again when both parked in a windless hole a hundred yards from the finish line. “Here's our chance”, said **Sheila Kenlock** on **May**, coming up from way back and seeing the others stopped, only to be frustrated by being out of time! All three yachts were awarded a bottle of **Valentine's Regatta sponsors Mount Gay Rum** for their efforts.

More wind on Sat 24 saw eight boats out for Winter Series #4. New entrant J120 **Liquid** (Pamela Baldwin) came second in Div One when **Taz** (Bernie Wong) did an extra “leg” for practice, the CSA handicap winner was **Blue Peter** (Tanner Jones), **Elethea** (Rick Gormley) got the Club handicap rum. Div. Two was dominated by **Full Monty** with **Yesss** & **May** a long way back.

Cruising/Social Sailing. **The BARBUDA PURSUIT RACE AND CRUISE** will take place on Saturday Jan 31st, returning on Sunday 1st Feb. Forecast is 12 to 15 knots Easterly with a small swell, just about ideal. The **Club Barbecue** will be set up on the beach near Coco Point. A full moon should get the beach party going, Would yachts intending to take part in this open- to-all event please contact Budgie.burge@gmail.com, or tel 783 2021, or meet in the West Point Bar

Thursday. **Individual yacht Start times** (based on their known or estimated average speeds from our records) will be posted on the Club notice board and on the Club Website on Friday when the wind forecast is confirmed, the intention is for all yachts to arrive within a short time of each other while the sun is still high making navigation through the reefs safer. If you are happy to “Raft-Up” hang your fenders over the side! **Attached** is the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions.

THIS IS A GREAT FUN EVENT. Please encourage your cruising friends to join in. All yachts in the Antigua area are welcome. **You don't have to be a JHYC member to participate.**

Valentine's Regatta. It is of great help to the Organising committee if yachts intending or minded to enter this Regatta let the Committee know. Registration can be done on line at www.regattaguru.com or via the club website www.JHYCantigua.com . If you want advice informally please contact any Executive Committee member (details attached). Don't forget there is free dockage kindly sponsored by the Jolly Harbour Marina for participants for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the Regatta. We are looking forward to the **Mount Gay Rum Red Cap Party** with free rum for participants on the Friday night, **Banks Beer of Barbados** as the Official Beer of the Regatta, and dancing in the Square to **Rico and the Fourplay** sponsored by **West Point Marina Bar** (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club) on Saturday night. The Governor General of Antigua & Barbuda **His Excellency Dr Sir Rodney Williams** will present the prizes at approx 5.30 Sunday.

Social. Hooray! **Sally Davies** (yachtexceat@yahoo.com) tel 778 2031 has volunteered to be **Social Secretary** in response to my request in the last Newsletter. She has made a great start by organising a **Beetle Drive** on Monday 26 Jan at **De Underdog** in the Jolly Castle Hotel (6pm for drinks & food orders), **Beetling** (is there such a word?) starts at 8pm after dinner, entry is EC\$10 for JHYC Members, EC\$15 for non-members, 40 signed up already! The **Car Rally /Treasure Hunt** will be on Sunday March 1st. Other events to be announced.

Budgie's Burlblings. The generous provision by CDAL of an office for the Yacht Club is a significant milestone in the history of the Club. It recognises the contribution the Club makes to the quality of life in Jolly Harbour, and the advertising throughout the Caribbean and elsewhere of our unique situation and lifestyle here in Jolly via publicity of our events & Regattas. It gives the Club a focal point for our activities, and credibility as a proper Yacht Club. It also gets all the accumulated files, posters, polo shirts, caps, bow numbers, photos, posters etc out of my back bedroom! All we need now are a bookcase and a filing cabinet. Any offers?

Fair winds!

Budgie