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"SOUNDINGS" NO: 12

RORC CARIBBEAN 600

Last season's major Regattas all went off extremely well – starting with the RORC Caribbean 600, which had a record entry of 35 yachts for its fourth edition. The overall winner was Rán – Niklas Zennstrom's JV72. Once again the AYC team of volunteers did an excellent job of making this regatta such a success. The 2013 edition will start on 18th February and we are expecting another good year for entries - both in quantity and quality.



CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA.

Celebrating its 25th year, this Regatta was, again, a great success with some 55 yachts entered. The overall winner was 'Lone Fox' chartered by Don Ward (seen here at the helm) who won the coveted Panerai watch.

ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK by Kathy Lammers.

After a few years during which it was felt that Antigua Sailing Week had lost direction, there is no doubt given the feedback from both skippers and the media following Antigua Sailing Week 2012, that it is back on the map as a 'must do' event. *Some of the most memorable quotes are:*

From El Ocaso's Richard Wesslund, winner of the 2012 Lord Nelson Trophy: 'This has been the most competitive regatta by far; we have been pushed hard in every race, often winning by just a few seconds. Every year the crew votes on the events we will compete in and Antigua Sailing Week was top of the list. The race management and shoreside has been absolutely first class, which is so important. I would like to offer my congratulations to the management team of Antigua Sailing Week - they have put on a fantastic event.'



From Yachting World's editor David Glenn: 'Antigua Sailing Week is the 'Cowes Week of the Caribbean.' He goes on to say: 'This event, certainly in my experience, has successfully re-positioned itself and bodes well for the future.'

And the notoriously honest website Sailing Anarchy wrote: 'After a recent revamp on pretty much everything about their regatta Antigua Sailing Week has quickly become one of the best 'real' race weeks anywhere in the world. The parties, the racing, the island, the conditions and the competition are all pretty damned special Book your 2013 trip today. You won't regret it.'

Certainly moving Antigua Sailing Week's administrative centre to Antigua Yacht Club in 2012 worked very well for the organizational team, the race committee and the participants, leaving all of the 'big' parties to take place in Nelson's Dockyard. The racing conditions were excellent and with a 10% increase in numbers to 105 boats, it appears that continued growth in boat numbers is likely in 2013 and future years.



Antigua Yacht Club looks forward to once again hosting the administrative centre of Antigua Sailing Week in 2013.

CARIBBEAN DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Once again AYC hosted this event - and five teams (of 6 sailors) in five different classes of dinghies competed for the honours. This year the weather co-operated and we had some great sailing with Class winners coming from Barbados, Trinidad and Antigua. We are



please to say that the Antigua 1 team held onto the Team Trophy they won in 2011. The social events were enjoyed by all - particularly the Pigeon Beach BBQ and games both on & off the water. Thanks to all the Volunteers who helped out and to Cary Byerley and her team from the CSA for helping make this such a fun event.



CONGRATULATIONS

are due to the Class 40 yacht 'Concise' on winning the prestigious Normandy Channel Race - flying the AYC burgee. The (youngest) two man team of Ned & Sam raced a high class fleet of 23 boats to win first prize in this gruelling race.



OPTIMIST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AYC sent a team of young sailors with coach Karl James to the Optimist World Championships in the Dominican Republic in July. The 230 competitors came from 5 continents and 52 countries to compete. Whilst our team did not win any prizes they gained very valuable experience and, as Rocco Falcone & Louis Bavay are only 11 years of age, they still have several years in the class as they can compete in Optimists right up to 15 year of age.



Pico Regatta – 21st October 2012



Last Sunday saw our fleet of Pico's on the water in great conditions for this popular event. Each boat has one adult & one junior sailor racing as a team and this has proved to be a popular format. The eventual winners were: 1st Place – Greg Athill & Rhone Kirby; 2nd place Bettina & Louis Bavay; 3rd Place – Shawn Ambrose & Jalese Gordon.

AYC SAILING CENTRE

Phase 2 (of 3) is now complete with the showers and toilets operational; the instructors office, the ABSAR storage facility and the AYC Dinghy storage all functioning. The old toilets, showers and dinghy sheds have been demolished. The Upper floor is constructed and secure, with all doors and windows fitted, and the roof is watertight but awaiting tiling. Additional car parking for 7 vehicles has been created on the roadside of the building.

During the coming season, it is hoped to complete the final phase of the project i.e. internal flooring, suspended ceiling, toilets, AC, decorating, etc.etc. It will also be necessary to provide hard standing for the dinghy park in front of the new building.



SOCIAL EVENTS;

QUIZ NIGHTS - A SERIES OF QUIZ NIGHTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE COMING SEASON - THESE WILL BE ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. SEE BELOW FOR DATES.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL QUIZMASTERS - PLEASE HELP OUT BY VOLUNTEERING TO RUN A QUIZ EVENING.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER. THIS YEAR'S THEME WILL BE **"NAUTICAL BLUE"**

COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTIES

FORMAL DRESS EVENTS TO BE HELD DURING THE SEASON - DATES, TIMES AND DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

WALKING QUIZ TRAIL

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON STARTING/FINISHING AT AYC. THIS WILL BE A FAMILY EVENT DESIGNED TO ENGAGE ADULTS AND JUNIORS. DATE AND DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

FINANCES

The club has had another excellent financial year ended 31ST August – income from various sources e.g. Marina, Restaurant, Membership and Sailing programme has all increased. The accounts will be ready for members inspection from 1st December. If you have any queries of a purely financial nature, please feel to visit/email the office when we can answer these in detail.

CASH FLOW

Whilst the club has had a very good year financially, it is not unusual for us to have a cash flow challenge at this time of year. We are, again asking you if you would help out by paying your 2013 dues early in November/December. You will have seen from the Notice of the AGM that we propose to increase fees for 2013 by 20% for dinghy sailing members so, if you pay your dues prior to the AGM they would still be at the existing rate. For non dinghy sailing members we offer a bottle of wine for early payment.

Additionally, we are offering a 10% discounts on Christmas Party tickets for anybody paying their dues early.

BRICKS IN THE WALL

Last December we asked members to purchase a 'Brick' in the wall of the new Sailing Centre. We are now much closer to installing these and will be asking those who have pledged, but not yet paid, to honour their pledges. The 'bricks' will actually be bronze/silver/gold plaques, approx: 7" x 4" and we will be asking you to let us know what inscription you would like.

We do have space for more, so if you would like to sponsor a brick, please let us know. Bronze are U\$100, Silver U\$200 and Gold U\$500.

BUPA DISCOUNTS FOR AYC MEMBERS

Last season we set up a scheme with BUPA to provide AYC members with special rates for their worldwide medical insurance. A 10% discount is now available to club members, and for most people, that's worth more than their annual club subscription. The plan is based on BUPA'S 'Lifeline' range of policies. You can choose between three levels of worldwide cover, from hospital treatment only to fully comprehensive. Cover is also available for emergency evacuation or repatriation to your home country. Participants become direct private members of BUPA International. There is also a dedicated Maritime plan for professional yacht crew. This has recently been extended to provide individual rather than boat-based policies, making it a lot more flexible.

To get more information call the Antigua Yacht Club or get in touch direct with AYC member David Cadogan, who has the details.

David's phone is 1-268-561-1527 Email: davidacadogan@gmail.com

*IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW –
Our esteemed Office Manager, Nesie, was
married in July to Mica Gore and I am sure all
members wish her and her family every
happiness for the future.*



BLOG PAGE ON WEBSITE – Earlier in the year it was suggested by a past Commodore, that we have a mid-year meeting of the members but there are so few on Island during the summer months that we feel this would not be practicable. We do suggest, however, that we add a ‘Blog’ page to the AYC website so that members can have a open forum to air their views on any club topic they choose, make suggestions, and provide comments – be they brickbats or bouquets. Please let us know if you think this would be a good way to go.

Calendar of Events

- 2012 – Quiz Night - Saturday 3rd November**
Jolly Harbour Annual Regatta 10th, 11th November
Quiz Night - Saturday 1st December
A.G.M. – Monday 10th December
Christmas Party - Saturday 15th December
High Tide Racing Series – 22nd, 26th & 29th December
Nelsons Pursuit Race - 31st December
- 2013 - Quiz Night –Saturday 5th January**
Round The Island Race – 19th January
Superyacht Challenge - 25th – 27th January
Quiz Night Saturday 2nd February
Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta 7th -10th February
RORC Caribbean 600 Race – 18th – 22nd February
Quiz Night - Saturday 2nd March
Antigua Laser Open - 9th & 10th March
Quiz Night – Saturday 6th April
Classic Yacht Regatta -18th – 23rd April
Guadeloupe to Antigua Race - 26th April
Antigua Sailing Week - 27th April – 3rd May

*Elizabeth Jordan
Commodore*

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