

# Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Newsletter # 4 Of 2015 03/02

**THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VALENTINE'S REGATTA, THE VALENTINE'S LASER PICO REGATTA, AND CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS.**

**VALENTINE'S REGATTA.** This important INTERNATIONAL event, sponsored by major sponsors **Mount Gay Rum**, and **Banks Beer of Barbados, Official Beer of the Regatta** takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 13, 14, & 15 of February. **All yachts in Antigua and adjacent Caribbean islands** are invited to take part. Registration (intention to take part) can be made online at [www.regattaguru.com](http://www.regattaguru.com) or via links on the Club website [www.JHYCantigua.com](http://www.JHYCantigua.com) . The **attached poster** says it all, please print it off if you can, and display!

**VALENTINE'S LASER PICO REGATTA.** In conjunction with the main Valentine's Regatta, this **open to all event** will be staged in the calm waters of the Harbour by kind permission of CDAL. **Twelve Laser Pico** dinghies will be provided by the National Sailing Academy. **Entries are invited from dinghy sailors of any age, sex, or nationality**, (*you don't have to be a Club member!*) Racing will be on Saturday and Sunday, entry fee will be EC\$60 for one day, EC\$100 for both days. Registration on a first come basis can be made online at [www.regattaguru.com](http://www.regattaguru.com) or to Elisabeth Jordan at National Sailing Academy 001 268 562 8060. **Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions** are attached to this newsletter, and are on the Club website [www.JHYCantigua.com](http://www.JHYCantigua.com) . **Spectators** can enjoy watching exciting sailing from the Jolly Harbour "Island", or from vantage points such as the Customs dock or Superyacht terminal. **The Crows Nest Restaurant and Bar** (adjacent to the dinghy sailing centre and park) have generously provided a **special discounted menu for lunch** on both days for **participants and supporters** (vouchers will be provided at Registration).

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES.** Yacht Skippers and Laser Pico entries should visit the **Jolly Harbour Yacht Club office** (follow the signs in the JH Commercial Centre) between the hours of **12 noon and six pm on Friday 13 Feb** to pay entry fees, collect information packs, food vouchers, and **identification wristbands** to allow crew members to collect **Mount Gay Rum Valentine's Red Caps**, and enjoy free **Mount Gay Rum** and **Banks Beer of Barbados** at the **Mount Gay Rum Valentine's Red Cap Party**. Tickets for other drinks will also be on sale.

*Remember to get all your crew wearing their **Mount Gay Valentine's Red Caps** when racing, your yacht won't feature in the publicity photos if they don't!*

**Social activities** associated with the **Valentine's Regatta** include fun **Crew Racing** (see below) on Friday afternoon from West Point Marina Bar, the **Mount Gay Valentine's Red Hat Party**, dancing in the Jolly Harbour Square on Saturday evening to **Rico & the 4 Play**, and the **prize-giving** by the **Governor-General His Excellency Dr Sir Rodney Williams GCMG** on Sunday evening at **West Point Marina Bar** (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club). Even if you are not taking part in the Regatta itself, come along and enjoy these fun activities, in the **Jolly spirit of Jolly Harbour!**

**Crew Racing.** The format and Sailing Instructions are on the Club website [www.JHYCantigua.com](http://www.JHYCantigua.com) Would skippers intending to enter their **three-person crew team** please let **Past Commodore**

**Budgie Burge** know as soon as possible (*but in any case before 1300 hrs on Friday 13 Feb*) on (001 268) 783 2021 or [budgie.burge@gmail.com](mailto:budgie.burge@gmail.com) . First come, first served, **only eight yachts can take part** so enter early to ensure a place in this fantastic fun event, with the chance to win **A CASE OF BANKS BEER OF BARBADOS, THE BEER OF THE REGATTA**. Briefing will be on the dock in front of West Point Marina Bar at 1330, racing will start at 1400. Entry EC\$20 per crew member, proceeds to **Sailability**, the charity bringing sailing to disabled and disadvantaged people of Antigua. (*Come and see their special trimaran adapted for the disabled*).

**SOCIAL JHYC** Social Secretary **Sally Davies** ([sallydaviesuk@hotmail.com](mailto:sallydaviesuk@hotmail.com) ) has organised a **Beach Barbecue** and fun & games afternoon on South beach adjacent to Reads Point for next **Sun Feb 8**. from 12.00 noon. All are welcome, salads provided, bring your own drinks, meats, plates, cutlery chairs etc. The Club BBQ will be lit at 1.00 pm. Tickets from Sally, EC\$25 for JHYC Members, EC\$30 for non- members. Rounders, volleyball, boule, beach golf etc. are being organised. The annual **Car Rally/Treasure Hunt** will be on **Sunday afternoon March 8**, more info later. And a **pudding club** (don't ask me!) is being arranged, Sally has details to be published later.

**CRUISING / SOCIAL SAILING. The Barbuda Pursuit Race & Cruise** last weekend saw six yachts with around twentyfive crew members set off in 5 knots of wind at intervals of approx twenty minutes. By the time they got to Five Islands the wind was gusting one knot so several decided to quit and motor. **Full Monty** (Commodore Grahame Williams) and **Yesss** (Budgie Burge) kept sailing to the Diamond Passage through Salt Fish Tail Reef. When the wind died completely, they too put their engines on and motored to Coco Point beach on Barbuda, a lovely sweep of fine white powder sand. The BBQ was taken ashore through a large swell, which caused a couple of dinghies to be swamped, but everyone enjoyed a marvellous evening with a spectacular sunset framed by the massive masts of **Athos** (*196 ft schooner, not a Club member ... yet!*). A full moon allowed everyone to get safely (albeit a bit wet) back to their yachts.

A brisk fifteen knot wind the next morning allowed the pursuit race to take place in reverse, **Full Monty** caught **Yesss** just off Antigua, **Yesss** held off **Volare** (Terry Allen) until she took an (illegal) short cut through Five Islands passage, a short handed **Liquid** (J122 Pamala Baldwin) could not catch these three, and **Quatsino II** (Lorna & Mike Saunders) and **Traveller** (Mike Morgan) had other business so didn't race back.

**N.B.** If anyone has **photos of the sunset and Athos** would they send them to Grahame Williams at [jollycommodore1@gmail.com](mailto:jollycommodore1@gmail.com) for inclusion in our **JHYC Facebook page**.

**SATURDAY SAILING.** Our signature weekly sailing programme will continue with **Winter Series Race # 5** (of 9) on Saturday Feb 7. Lets have a good turnout, a great way to get your yacht & crew sorted out and tuned up before the Valentine's Regatta. Sailing is in two Divisions (see notice board at W. Pt. Bar), start for Div one at 1405, Div two at 1410, courses (find them on the Club website [www.JHYCantigua.com](http://www.JHYCantigua.com) ) will be announced on VHF Ch12 for each Division before the start.

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS.** *I would very much like to thank everybody for their support at the AGM. I hope the Club will be as successful as last year when Budgie was at the helm.*

*It is getting close now, the executive team have been working very hard to ensure we have a fantastic Valentine's Regatta. I would like to thank every member of the team for their efforts.*

*I would also like to thank Sally for volunteering to run the social programme. Already she has made her mark with a very successful beetle drive. Well done!*

*I look forward to seeing you all during the Regatta. **Commodore Grahame Williams***

Fair winds! Budgie

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