

## Newsletter no 2.

It is six months or so since our last Newsletter, and the Academy is still progressing towards its goal of 500 children a week learning to sail.

**SAILING PROGRAMME** - This takes place at the Antigua Yacht Club which is operating at capacity with 150 children per week having sponsored lessons. We now need, therefore, to move ahead with the installation of our two planned satellites at Parham Fisheries on the East Coast and Jolly Harbour on the west coast.



**JOLLY HARBOUR** - permission has been given by the development company C.D.A.L. and Mr Charles Kenlock of Jolly Harbour Marina for us to create the necessary infrastructure. The piles have been driven to support the launch ramp for the dinghies and the boats will be housed in a fenced compound provided by C.D.A.L. We have still to construct the launch ramp and plans for this are in hand

**PARHAM** - At Parham we also need to construct a launch ramp and a secure compound for the boats. We will be renovating and extending the existing shelter for storage of ancillary equipment. We are hopeful of receiving funding to cover the construction costs of both satellite projects from a generous supporter of the Academy. More details to follow.



## DONATED VESSELS

Our thanks go to M.Y. Leander for the donation of two 'Sea Cadet' -four-man plus coxswain - rowing boats - rowing is a very useful skill for youngsters to learn and we are very grateful for this addition to our fleet.

We are also planning to use these boats in an Oxford / Cambridge type rowing contest where teams of five from various yachts enter heats leading up to a championship.



S.Y. NAHLIN has donated a couple of awesome 2 man dinghies - complete with carbon rigs and spinnakers.

The Academy fleet has grown with the addition of brand new Laser-Picos. Our thanks go to the following sponsors:-



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Photos of each - with their logo-ed plain white mainsails - are on the academy website.

These boats were used to run the successful Hi-Ho Fun regatta in November when we introduced the 'Rent-a-Brat' scheme where several of our cadet sailors were partnered with adults and had their first racing experience. The pair's class was won by Paula Victoria and Rocco Falcone. Rocco also won the junior single handed.



**OPTIMIST SAILING** - we have some really exciting prospects - Rocco Falcone & Louis Bavay went, in January, to the Fort Lauderdale Boomerang Optimist Regatta. Rocco came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 28 and Louis came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class of 27. We are planning for them, along with Rhone Kirby (age 13) to attend the St. Thomas Optimist Regatta in June and the Optimist World Championships in Santo Domingo in July 2012.

## DIGICEL CHALLENGER

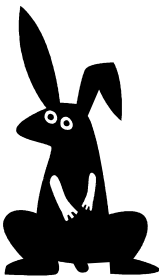
Our only keel boat so far, the Cork1720, donated by Mr Richard Matthews has now been named 'Challenger' by Digicel who have agreed to sponsor the boat for 3 years. It is being sailed by a team of Cadets aged 12 to 19 years. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young sailors to progress from dinghies to Keel Boats. Their first racing event was at the Jolly Harbour Annual Regatta in November where they performed credibly but did not make the podium. They were the only boat in the entire regatta however flying a spinnaker. They also raced in the Hightide series achieving a second place in one of the races and entered the Nelson's Pursuit race - they were doing really well until they were forced to retire due to rigging failure..

All came good, however, at the Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta in mid February where, after six races, they achieved first place overall in racing class - incidentally beating High Tension which has just finished racing in the RORC Caribbean 600.



**SWIMMING** - Swimming lessons are also operating at capacity at Swalings Swim Club, Jolly Harbour with 600 children per week learning to swim. The Academy has previously sponsored 260 of these and we will be looking to fund more lessons this year.

## CHARITY SWIM



Note for your diary **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February - 2:00pm**, the Hare and Tortoise swim is this year in aid of the Academy. A new team class has been introduced for teams of three swimmers from your yacht, club or group.

This is a fun event, with competitors swimming from the Cat Club to Pigeon Beach, which is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. If this sounds too daunting, remember you can wear fins, mask and snorkel. Even small children manage to complete this course in well under 1 hour.

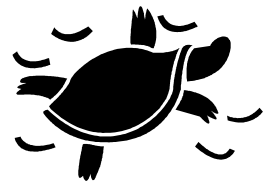
There is a new 'Dinosaur' class for



swimmers 70 & over

There are lots of super prizes as well as Anchorage from 3pm. Contact for or the Yacht Club 460 1799

a party and prize-giving at the info/entries: The Anchorage 785 1302



## DINNER & CABARET - "WELCOME TO BURLESQUE" - SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

Under the stars, on the lawn behind the Copper & Lumber Store Hotel in Nelson's Dockyard. This is a fundraising event for the Academy and will feature a 3 course French menu, with French wines. The Cabaret will be "Welcome to Burlesque"

Tickets are U\$70/EC180 each available from the Copper & Lumber Store Hotel (460 1058) or the Antigua Yacht Club (460 1799) from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Now we are mid season and, again support from the visiting yachts has been fantastic. So far, over 70 yachts have donated to the programme and two more Pico dinghies have been promised - by 'S/Y Gloria' & Schooner 'This Is Us'. Our Thanks to the sponsors.

All of our Friends & Sponsors are listed on our website and we are very grateful for their support - without which the Academy could not exist. We hope that we can count on future support. Donations can be made by cash/cheque/wire transfer/credit card etc. and details for this can be found on our website.

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