

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 11 OF 2014 11/12/2014

These Newsletters are reaching about 200 persons & organizations 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 jollycommandore@gmail.com .

ExecCom Report. You are reminded of the **AGM on Monday 05 January 2015**. This will be held at **5.30pm** at **De Underdog**, the new bar in the **Jolly Castle Hotel**, (outside the main JH gate, where Akropolis used to be). If you are unable to attend, please nominate a member as your proxy. Drinks for Members will be served from 5.30 pm with canapés, the meeting will start promptly at 6.30pm and is expected to last no more than 1 hour.

*(For the interest of Members especially from the past, **De Underdog** is a new venture by **Mark** who used to have the **Dogwatch Tavern**, home of the JHYC for a number of years)*

As in last week's newsletter, the proposed Executive Committee for 2015 is: Commodore **Grahame Williams**, Vice Commodore **JoAnn Redick**, Rear Commodore **Gordon Cossar**, Past Commodore **Budgie Burge**, Treasurer **Lawrie May**, Rating Secretary **Susan Wills**, Press & Media Officer **Jody Sallons-Day** Any further or alternative Nominations or Volunteers for ExecCom are invited to contact jollycommandore@gmail.com .

As said last week and reiterated here, it is essential for the health of your Club and to maintain the momentum your Committee has generated over the past year that **new blood with new ideas and energy** is recruited to the management of the Club. Please indicate to any member of the Committee if you are willing to help the Club **in any capacity**, we will be sure to find you something contributory which matches your skills. You don't have to be a permanent resident of Jolly, your current Commodore is only here for six months of the year, and our Rating Secretary lives in Vancouver!

Membership. Keep **New Members** for 2015 coming by encouraging your friends and crews, you will have an opportunity at the AGM to join / renew but it helps enormously if the rush at that time can be minimized by your early renewal. **Current Members should renew for 2015** by contacting the Membership Secretary **Barbara Thomson** at the West Point Marina Bar ("Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club") on **Club Nights (Thursdays 5pm to 7pm)** or on her email barbara.thomson123@gmail.com before the AGM. **If you aren't a Member, you won't get a free drink at the AGM!**

Event Calendar. We have modified the Calendar for the Xmas period & early January to take note of the AYC change of date of the **first High Tide Series Race to Sun 21 Dec**, & for a proposed **Pursuit Race to Falmouth on Sun 11 Jan**, **Cruise to Guadeloupe (Deshayes) Mon 12th**, then on to **Les Saintes** in company, returning maybe via **Montserrat &/or St Kitts** to be back in **Falmouth Friday 16th** in time for the **AYC Round the Island Race on Sat Jan 17th**. Expressions of interest in this Race /cruise (with some social events TBA included) should be to jollycommandore@gmail.com as early as possible. See attachment. And don't forget **Xmas on the Beach. Xmas Day**, 2pm onwards, BBQ, South Beach, next to Read's Point.,

Saturday Sailing/ Winter Series Winter series 2 will take place on Saturday 13th, let us have as many yachts as possible on the start line to welcome a new entrant "**Ossenfeffer**" (ex Sleeper IV) a J39 sailed by Robbie Ferron.

Please note: The Committee has decided that where a yacht finishes first (or last) in three successive races in which she has competed she may be moved to the other Division at the Committee's entire discretion - see sailing instructions on the Club Notice Board.

Cruising: Representatives of eight yachts met on Friday last on a wet and miserable evening to decide to cancel the proposed pursuit race to Falmouth because of a Windguru forecast of no wind (gusting 2 knots). However, the group decided to continue with the proposed **Green Island Cruise**, in the event **Full Monty, Imagine of Falmouth, Yess, Volare, Ocean Harmony and Elethea** sailed/motored to English Harbour, had a communal table at Papparazzi Italian restaurant, and had a riotous evening. **Elethea** returned to Jolly next day, the remainder went on to Green Island and Nonsuch Bay where several groundings and encounters with coral heads caused some damage. **The mooring buoy in Tenpound Bay** (*which says on it "Not suitable for boats over 60 (sixty!) feet"*) **is in dangerously shallow water**, and in a SW swell **Yess** and **Full Monty** grounded, Yess got off with some loss of keel antifouling but Full Monty damaged her rudder. The fleet was a lot happier when it motored into **Nonsuch Bay** to find a number of free mooring buoys in calm, deep, clear water. **The Club BBQ** was set up on an idyllic beach under a palm tree, much drinking and scoffing ensued! The next morning **Volare** attempted the narrow **Bird Island passage** northwards from Nonsuch Bay, but found the Navionics electronic chart so unhelpful that they got wedged between coral heads, fortunately getting free without apparent damage. As a consequence, the fleet took the wise course of the long way round, outside the reefs & islands, Yess southabout, the rest northaround back to Jolly. (See Commodore's Contemplations below)

Marine: See above, don't use the mooring buoy in Tenpound Bay if you draw more than 5 feet..

IT & Comms: Revision and updating of the Club website www.JHYCantigua.com continues, your comments or suggestions re the website are welcomed and should be sent to gwleopard1@gmail.com

Club Membership Booklet: I have been underwhelmed by the response to this suggestion. Would someone like to take it on? Talk to me in the Bar.

Valentine's Regatta 2015. I hope you have all printed the **Valentines Regatta poster** and displayed it prominently. We are working on **Laser Pico racing** as part of the Regatta, and some **special challenges for crews** during the Friday Registration period. Watch this space! We also have had some encouraging early interest from overseas yachts to add to our growing fleet, and hope the reignited interest in big boat sailing at the Other Place generated by **Sandy Mair** will result in more of their boats on the start line. . *Sandy has caused a flurry of emails among AYC members with the intent of regenerating AYC Thursday evening racing, long a feature of their Club. This can only be to the good of all Antigua sailing.* And don't forget our **Valentine's Regatta** will be sponsored for the next three years by **Mount Gay Rum** with their world-famous **red cap party**, and **Banks Beer of Barbados**, who will be the **Official Beer of the Valentine's Regatta**.

Social : The **Club Xmas Dinner** at Akropolis on **Thurs 18 Dec** has around 35 booked so far. Please let **Barbara Thomson** know if you are coming, at the Bar or on barbara.thomson123@gmail.com .Menu is now on the Club Notice Board. 3 X Courses, EC\$110 inc ABST, Service, etc, drinks extra.) We hope to see as many **New Members as possible attending**, with families & friends, to listen to our guest of honour **Robbie Ferron**, CEO of Budget Marine, with his long experience of Caribbean sailing.

Commodores Contemplations.

The increased reliance on electronic navigation has had a rather larger consequence than the minor grounding of **Volare** (see above). **Team Vestas Wind**, one of the contestants in the Volvo Round the World Race was wrecked on a reef in the Indian Ocean **because it was not shown on the electronic plotter used by the navigator!** (It only showed up at higher zooms than he was using). The paper Admiralty chart of course showed it clearly.

For a graphic account see Google-Volvo Ocean Race Crash – A Twentyfirst Century Shipwreck – The New Yorker – to see how a twelve million dollar campaign with a six million dollar, sixty-five foot state of the art racing yacht can come unstuck electronically!

Sailors have been picking their way through the Caribbean reefs for hundreds of years. Rather than sailing between waypoints, they used **RANGES** (lining up visual features and keeping them in line, or sailing down the line between them) to keep themselves safe. Bit like finding your way to the Bar!

And talking of the Bar, please also find attached an invitation to the West Point Xmas Party.

Fair winds! ***Budgie Burge, Commodore, JHYC***