

JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER # 7 OF 2014 30/10/2014

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ExecCom Report. At a meeting on 20 Oct your Committee expressed sympathy with all Members whose yachts or property were damaged by Hurricane Gonzalo. For those who don't know, this was forecast as a Tropical Storm with winds of 40 Knots, in the event gusts in excess of 100 Kts were experienced in JH, enough to lift boats like Mumm 36 **High Tension** right out of their boat lifts, smashing others against piles and docks. **Bernie Wong** had damage to all 3 of his boats, as did **Geoffrey Pidduck**. Sadly **Colin Jones' Cydia** was badly damaged, sank, and is a total loss. Never again will we see that extraordinary profile and sail combination in our Regattas. **The Jacksons** also had damage to **Aftica**, & **Rick Gormley** lost his motorboat **Lady Antigua** (though the motor was saved & is for sale).

Your Commodore **Budgie** spent some of the Summer sailing with the Lymington Town Sailing Club (when he wasn't undergoing surgery!) and will be introducing new ideas for midweek and weekend sailing (cruising) to improve the Club experience for Members, and to encourage interest in crewing. Rear Commodore **Grahame Williams** has been very active arranging sponsorship for the Valentine's Regatta 2015 and beyond, an announcement will be made soon.

Treasurer **Lawrie May** reported a fairly healthy financial position for the time of year. Registering the Valentine's Regatta as a Club trademark is expected to be the greatest anticipated forward expense. Thanks were expressed to **CDAL** and **Mr Albert Hartog** for their kind donation of EC\$2,000 toward the expenses of the Valentine's Regatta of 2014.

Commodore (**AB**) & Rear Commodore (**GW**) attended the Annual 2-day **Caribbean Sailing Association** conference and learned a great deal about the admin and management of regattas. Considerable alterations have been made to the **CSA Rating** rule, we hope yachts will get fairer ratings for 2015

Saturday Sailing. This was poorly attended this Summer, though took place most weeks. We are still attempting to collate the results. Vice Commodore **JoAnn Redick** faithfully attended starts even when no boats turned up. Last week, **Slingshot** took line honours ahead of **Blue Peter** and **Elethea**

The Committee decided that only one series (**The Winter Series**) will be run this year, because of so many competing events. This will run from after the Annual Club Regatta until the ASW in May. Dates will be published shortly with a draft calendar of other events, both Club, Island and Caribbean.

Competition will be in two Divisions, as set out on the Club notice board in the Commercial Centre. Prizes will be for CSA and Club handicaps in both Divisions, weekly and Series overall. Pursuit racing proved popular last season, and will be arranged on an ad hoc basis. This may be on Saturdays, these races will not count towards Winter Series results but will have their own results. **The Three Pubs Race**, postponed from last season, will be run this year – a fun event especially for families & visitors.

Marine: Gonzalo removed the Pelican mark and others may be out of position, new marks will be laid asap if we can get volunteers for a working party.

IT & Comms: All Club VHF communications will be on Channel 12 for the coming season. A **Club Membership Booklet** is proposed, to contain all members names and as much information as they would like publicized, (e.g address in JH, e-mail, phone no, boat name etc.) as an adjunct to better

socializing and crew management It will also include useful numbers & contacts e.g.ABSAR, Marine Dept, and might be financed by advertising.

Club & Valentine's Regattas

Planning is well advanced for both Regattas. Posters for the Annual Regatta are up, look out for them.

Major sponsorship details will be announced to the Press shortly.

The Club Annual Regatta will be Sat/Sun 22/23 November 2014. Skippers briefing Fri 21 Nov 6pm.

Valentines Regatta 2015 will be on Fri 13 (Registration & Social), Sat 14 & Sun 15 (Racing).

We hope to include **Multihull** and **Sportboat** classes as well as the usual **Cruiser** classes. **Hobies** and **Wetas** (trimarans) might also form a Class, and it would be good to see the Harmony Hall **Dragons**, and the Nonsuch Bay **Elites** out too.

Regattaguru.com have kindly offered to sponsor the event with a results and media package, **Paul Miller** will be Race Officer bringing a wealth of experience and professionalism to the Regatta.

A **fun competition** with spectator appeal is planned for the afternoon of the 13 Feb, details later.

Laser Pico racing off the beach in conjunction with the Regatta is being considered.

The RORC Caribbean 600 starts the week after our Regatta, efforts are being made to get "600" participants to race in our Regatta again.

Social.

Club polo shirts were a great success last season. The quality of the 50/50 cotton & acrylic is good.

Mine (**AB**) has been through a dozen washes without distortion or colour loss.

A limited initial order has been placed, so that some will be available to purchase over the counter at West Point Bar on Club Nights (Thursdays) and after racing on Saturdays. However we do not have the facility to store a large stock, nor can the Club tie up funds in unsold items.

If you would like to obtain shirts, caps or burgees, please contact Membership Secretary Barbara Thomson (barbara.thomson123@gmail.com) to order for yourselves. Shirts are available in Mens sizes XXL (EC\$90), XL, L, M (EC\$80), Ladies XL, L, M, S (EC\$80) The Ladies small size is really suitable only for children. Club caps are EC\$ 50 each. Club burgees will be made available soon. We will collate all orders between now and 1 Dec, then place a block order with our supplier. Items will be available usually one week after the order is placed, so will be in time for Xmas!

A number of social events were voted a success last season and bear repeating. **Club Xmas dinner** at Akropolis is planned for late December. The **Car Rally** was good fun and another is in preparation. A couple of **beach barbecues** using the Club's portable BBQ were enjoyed by many members, as was the **pursuit race and overnight stay to Barbuda**. We will try for a cruise in company to **Guadeloupe** early in the season, and a fleet visit to **Montserrat for St Patrick's Day** is planned. Midweek "**midnight cruises**" will be another way to get more use for your boas, and a chance to get more members out on the water.

Commodores Contemplations.

The start to our season has been delayed due to the damage to yachts caused by Gonzalo, but as you see from the above your Committee are hurrying to make up time, and intend to make this the best season ever for the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club. In particular, we hope to increase our Membership beyond the present 98, and extend participation in all our events for the better enjoyment of our wonderful Jolly Harbour.

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