

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Newsletter # 7 of 2015 14/10/2015

A warm welcome to you all at the start of the new winter season, I trust you all enjoyed your breaks from Antigua and looking forward to returning. For those of you who are permanent residents on the island I hope it's also been relaxing.

Unfortunately for some it has not been so good. Our dear Past Commodore Budgie as not been well and will not be joining us until February. We all wish him a very speedy recovery and our thoughts are with him. To relieve Budgie of the pressure of writing the newsletter, for the time being I will try to fill his shoes. Wish me well.

Saturday Sailing. During this summer we didn't see many boats out on the water, occasionally there were none. It appears more people left the island than in previous years. With a new season regular sailing has started again. The usual 2 starts at 14:05 for Division 1 and 14:10 for Division 2 starting from the club line. Entry will be EC\$20 per yacht, Rum Rations to the winners! Results will be calculated on CSA and on Club handicap for those without a CSA Rating.

The intention of Saturday Sailing has always been to encourage boat owners to improve their sailing skills. Aggressive sailing is discouraged. We want to see cruisers, live-aboards, and fun boats on the courses we set. Downwind starts in the harbour reduce the risk of contacts, the marvellous sailing waters of Five Islands Bay give every opportunity for exciting sailing with enough marks to be rounded to keep a whole crew, or a husband and wife team, busy for a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon as well as the socializing in the West Point Marina Bar (Home of the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club).

A Crew Register is being instigated via Facebook and the website and there will also be an email informing everybody of crew requirements of skippers or crew looking for boats, or of course come along to the Club Nights on Thursdays at West Point Bar (Home of the JHYC)

Annual JHYC Club Regatta is scheduled for the weekend 21/22 November 2015, we will welcome all Antigua and visiting yachts to this friendly event. As in previous years, Registration will be on the Friday, there will be three races on each of the next two days. We will trial the "Day Prize" concept as well as overall regatta prizes. Racing will be under CSA, but we may have a fun class for unrated yachts.



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Annual Regatta

Races Saturday & Sunday
November 20 – 22, 2015

Skippers Briefing Friday, Nov. 20th
Music with live band Saturday Nov. 21st
Open to everyone! Beginners Welcome.
Never raced before? Now is your chance.
Join the fun. Make some new friends!

Friday Registration • Saturday 3 Races
Sunday 3 Races • Sunday Prize Giving

Info & Registration
www.jhycantigua.com

Winter Series. Within the regular Saturday Sailing some days are designated as races for the Winter Series. The first winter series race is 28th November. Please make sure the CSA rating you will be using for the series has been lodged with the Race Officer. This winter, nine races will be completed, with two discards being allowed.

Social Activities. Sally Davies has very busy putting a programme of events together for this season. All of the favourite activities are there and Sally has emailed the list to all members. You can also look on the website [www.jhycantigua .com](http://www.jhycantigua.com) and click on event & social calendar.

Valentine's Regatta 2016. Work is on-going with the organisation of the regatta. The plan is to have 3 days of racing, with a daily prize so that those who cannot for one reason or another do the whole Regatta still have a chance at some silverware, the final day will a passage to Redonda and back for ROC type yachts, and a shorter passage race for the smaller/slower yachts. Alongside the racing there will be Pico racing in the harbour based around Al Porto's. Regatta Director Rear Commodore **Gordon Cossar** (gordoncossar8@gmail.com) has been working hard to achieve this new format. Posters and other material have already been designed to inform people of the event.

Commodore's Thoughts: Last season saw some wonderful events and great social occasions. I am sure everybody enjoyed themselves. The Club has grown in stature and strength in the last couple of years. No doubt this will continue in the coming years. This is due to the members of the club supporting and participating in the events. I would like to thank all the executive and supporting members for their hard work and dedication in making the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club a great place to be in the Caribbean.

Fair Winds!

Grahame
Commodore Jolly Harbour Yacht Club

February 12th to 16th
2016

Valentine's Regatta



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2016 Schedule of Events

Saturday to Monday 3 Races Each Day and Daily Prizes!

Tuesday – 'Passage Race' to Redonda & Return
Shorter Passage Race for Cruisers/Smaller Yachts
Tuesday Evening – Prize Giving

More details to be announced.

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