



ST. LUCIA YACHT CLUB,
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NEWS LETTER
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Dear Member

Apologies for the gap since the last news letter. The Club Committee has not been able to meet since the end of August, until now.

SAILING:

J'24 racing every other Sunday has started up again. Two of our J's ("Banana Wind" and "Jabal") are going to represent us at Carriacou this coming weekend We wish them luck.

KIDS' SAILING:

The Programme goes from strength to strength. The Club now has two coaches who are teaching 53 children. This includes students from the newly opened International School who go sailing on Tuesday afternoons. Some of our kids will be sailing in the Trinidad Christmas Regatta and at the Schoelcher event in Martinique in February.

One of the coaches, Andrew Thomas, will be leaving us shortly. The organisers of the Kids' Programme, Lily Bergasse and Ulrich Meixner, are in active talks with potential replacements. The Programme stops for a short Christmas break on 16th December and Lily is organising a mini regatta for that day.

ARC EVENTS:

The ARC boats leave Gran Canaria on 26th November and we should see the first of them arriving around 11th/12th December, the exact date depends, of course, on the conditions of the crossing. The Club will host a Press Launch for the ARC (with plugs, we hope for our Christmas Sailing Festival) on 9th November at 7.30pm. It would be good to see members there. The Club will host three other events for the ARC: an Early Arrivals Party on 14th December; a new event to be sponsored by Bounty and named "Bounty Aqua Action" on the 16th December and the Heineken New Moon Party on 20th December. I will endeavour to notify you of exact times of these events when details are finalized.

CHRISTMAS SAILING FESTIVAL:

Preparations for the 2006 Christmas Sailing Festival are well advanced under the leadership of Michael Green.

As mentioned in the previous News Letter Martin Lawless, a member of the Club and representative of one of the main sponsors, Sunset Harbour, will be in Gran Canaria to talk to the ARC crews with a view to obtaining entries.

The Festival will follow almost the same pattern as that of previous years. Skippers' Briefing will be on Friday 22nd December at the Yacht Club. On Christmas Day, at the Yacht Club, there will be Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, music, Santa Claus and games. Racing starts on Boxing Day with the race down to Marigot, followed by an evening function in Marigot. On the 27th the boats will race back to Rodney Bay.

For the Fun Class the race down includes the popular Treasure Hunt and the race back to Rodney Bay starts with the Frozen T-Shirt Competition, which has caused much merriment in previous years. After racing on the 27th there will be an evening event at the Yacht Club.

On the final day (28th December) there will be a race in Rodney Bay for the racing class and the Fancy Dress Sail Past for the Fun Class. On that day sailing will be followed by a BBQ, music and games at the Yacht Club, prior to Prize Giving, with entertainment continuing into the evening.

The Club is firming up arrangements with sponsors. So far The Landings and Sunset Harbour are confirmed main sponsors; Rodney Bay Marina, Island Waterworld and Johnson's Hardware have agreed to donate prizes. The Club is grateful to all of them.

Any profits from the Sailing Festival are used to support the Yacht Club's Kids' Sailing Programme.

WEBSITE:

As a result of the departure of Ronan MCDermott, who was our Webmaster, the Website deteriorated temporarily. The Club is happy to announce that Chris Gardiner, a member of the Club, has agreed to take over the job of updating and monitoring the site. Chris is a professional at this and looks after many corporate websites (see www.cgslu.com), we are lucky to have his services. The Website is now up to date again and looks good. Thank you, Chris.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM will be on Wednesday 6th December at 6.00pm at the Club. Attached to/enclosed with this News Letter please find official Notice of AGM, together with two Resolutions that the Committee will be putting to the Meeting.

The Resolution regarding Ted Bull is, I think, self-explanatory. Ted has worked very very hard over many years to promote sailing in St. Lucia and his contribution to sailing and to the Club has been and continues to be invaluable. It is time to publicly acknowledge this.

As to the Resolution regarding Committee Posts: the reason for this is that currently, under the Club Rules, the Committee has to come to the full membership each time it wishes to create a new or suspend a superfluous Committee Post. The original posts set out in the Rules were decided before the Club had a full time Manager. Duncan now does the work previously carried out by the House and Grounds secretary and the Social Secretary and these posts are not needed. The intention is to suspend them so they can be immediately reinstated should circumstances change.

A notice of the AGM and a form for Committee nominations will be posted at the Club.

Nominations must reach the Club at least two weeks before the AGM. Members can make nominations either on the form provided at the Club, or by post to the Club at PO Box 764, Castries or by e-mail to “secretary@stluciyachtclub.com”. Nominations can also be made at the AGM itself. All nominations must have the consent of the nominee, a proposer and a seconder (all three must be Club members).

SOCIAL EVENTS:

There will be a karaoke fund raising event for the Trident Swimming Club on the evening of 11th November, start time 7.30pm.

See also ARC and Christmas Sailing Festival above.

CLUB SIGN:

The sign at the entrance to the Club has been repainted. Paint and labour were donated by DSL for which the Club is grateful to Ulrich Meixner – thank you, Uli.

FINALLY:

The Committee would like to give a public thank you to Randy, Dion and Shantele for the way they ran the bar and restaurant while Duncan and Michele were on holiday recently. It all appeared to go swimmingly – thank you, team, we do appreciate what you do.

That’s all for now. Keep safe and well until the next time.

Lindsay Harrison
Secretary.