

NEWS LETTER

1st Feb 2007

Dear Members,

A very happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

SAILING:

The J'24 winter racing series is under way. Results can be found on our website "www.stluciyachtclub.com". An international J'24 Regatta is planned to take place here during May. I will give more details of this in future newsletters.

KIDS' SAILING:

The Programme, administered by Lily Bergasse, goes from strength to strength. There are now 33 children in the "basic programme" and 24 in the International School programme. Lily has a waiting list but anyone interested in the programme should contact Lily via the Club or via the website. The Club is hoping to send eight boats, four lasers and four optimists, to the Schoelcher Regatta in Martinique from 16th to 21st February. The owners of yacht "Clara" and DSL-Yachting in the person of Ulrich Meixner have very kindly agreed to provide the mother ships for our sailors; our thanks to "Clara" and to Ulrich. We wish the kids taking part much luck and watch this space, as they say, for the results of that Regatta.

CHRISTMAS SAILING FESTIVAL: The 2006 Christmas Sailing Festival was a great success, despite the small number of boats that entered. Those that did enter enjoyed themselves hugely and our Manager, Duncan, tells me he has had very good feedback from third parties regarding the Festival. The small number of boats was undoubtedly mainly caused by the fact that, because of the ARC dates, (which are outside our control) the Club had to hold the Festival over the actual Christmas period when most potential participants had other plans. The Club is working, with World Cruising executives, on a scheme that will, hopefully, ensure a greater number of boats for future Festivals. The Club is more than grateful to those who sponsored the Festival and without whom, to use a cliché, the Festival would not have been possible. Main sponsors were: Sunset Harbour, Diamonds International, Heineken, Cable and Wireless, The Landings Discovery Marigot and the Marina at Marigot. Prizes were

donated by Island Waterworld, Johnsons Hardware, Rain-Forest Rides, Peter & Co. and St. Lucia Distillers. Nineteen individual Club members and companies owned and/or run by Club members put their hands in their pockets to buy cases of Heineken for the Festival. A list of those entities is given at the end of this newsletter. All profits from the Festival will go towards the Kids' Sailing Programme. Thank you everyone.

SQUASH:

There will be matches during the week of Independence Day. Cheryl Renwick is confirming teams, so please contact her if you are interested. Trinidadian players will be coming to our shores the weekend 23rd/25th February for a playing/social event. The Squash Association Annual General Meeting will be held during the week of Independence Day. The likely date is 21st February but this is yet to be confirmed. The OECS Junior Squash Tournament will be held in St. Vincent during April. The OECS Individual and Team Squash Tournament will be held here over Whitsuntide - more details in a later newsletter. The International School is increasing its involvement with the Club. In addition to the sailing programme which is well underway, pupils will be playing Squash on Tuesday afternoons with effect from 30th January.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM was held on the Wednesday 6th December at 6.00pm at the Club. Sadly, attendance was poor. However, I have circulated the Minutes to all members. If anyone has not received those Minutes please let me know and I will e-mail or post a copy to you. That's all for now. Keep safe and well until the next time.

Lindsay Harrison
Secretary.

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