

NEWS LETTER

1st SEPTEMBER 2006

Dear Members,

With so many away and so little activity there is a paucity of material for this newsletter, but here goes:

SAILING:

Thanks to many skippers and crew members being off Island not much sailing has taken place, although a few lasers have been out. With the end of the summer approaching it is hoped to start regular J24 sailing again next weekend.

KIDS' SAILING:

The new season's programme is scheduled to begin shortly after the kids return to school. The Club believes the search for new coaches has been successful and hopes to be able to announce the final appointments shortly. The Kids' Sailing organizers are still desperately looking for accommodation for the coaches. If anyone out there has, or knows of, any accommodation in the Rodney Bay area that could be made available please let the Club know. You can do this by contacting Duncan at the Club or e-mailing me at "secretary@stluciayachtclub.com", or by getting in direct touch with Lily Bergasse, our Kids' Sailing Programme Administrator.

SQUASH:

All ladies out there please note that Wednesday evening from 6pm is now Ladies' Squash Nite. All lady members are very welcome and please pass this on to anyone (female) who might be interested and/or bring them along with you.

CLUB LAPTOP:

As you are aware you can now go online at your Club if you have a wireless enabled laptop. At the moment this service is free and we hope to keep it that way, at least for members. The Club has now acquired a wireless enabled laptop of its own and that is in the Club whenever Duncan is there. It is available for members to use.

CHRISTMAS SAILING FESTIVAL:

The dates for the annual Christmas Sailing Festival will be 25th to 28th December inclusive. The Festival will open with a big event at the Club on Christmas Day itself and the sailing will take place on the 26th to 28th inclusive. Michael Green has agreed to organize this again this year (thank you Michael) and so we hope for a repeat of previous years' success. Michael and his Festival sub-committee need volunteers to get involved and help with the Festival. If you are willing to do this please let the Club know either by getting in touch direct with Michael, or Duncan at the Club, or by e-mail to secretary@stluciayachtclub.com and I will pass your message on to Michael. Very good news for the Festival is that the Club has a new Gold Sponsor this year. Sunset Harbour, in the person of club member Martin Lawless, is to be a major sponsor of the Sailing Festival. Among other things he is doing, Martin will travel to Gran Canaria at his own expense, armed with 100 DVD's of last year's event, to promote the event directly to the ARC participants before they set out.

SOCIAL:

The Club held a very well attended 70's/80's evening last weekend. Three people were celebrating their birthdays and that made for a great evening. I suspect you have all seen this in the newspapers anyway, but I am asked to let all members know that on September 17th there will be an ICC Cricket "fun walk" from Colony House on the John Compton Highway to the ground at Beausejour. There will be a "f?te" at the ground, with a chance to meet the World Cup mascot, Mello. The walk starts at 6.30am.

MANAGER'S HOLIDAY:

Duncan and Michelle will be away from 24th September to 15th October. Duncan tells me that the Club will run as normal in his absence save that the weekend lunch menu may be limited. That's all for now. Keep safe and well until the next time.

Lindsay Harrison
Secretary.