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Dear Members,

Just a short Newsletter this month with the main purpose being to remind you all that the AGM is very nearly upon us.

AGM. As previously advised this will take place in the Club premises on Wednesday 21st November 2007, at 1800 hours. The Notice & Agenda were sent out sometime ago to all members whose contact details are known, but if anyone has not received it please let me know and I will forward it again.

As I mentioned last month only fully paid up members may attend and vote at an AGM so if you are one of the very few who have still not managed to force entry to your cheque book or wallet, I would urge you to do so with utmost haste.

Sailing. In September I mentioned that there might be another J24 coming to St. Lucia and I am now pleased to be able to tell you that this has in fact happened, bringing the island's fleet to 6. Very encouraging for the future of J24 racing. The Sailing Captain tells me that it is hoped to start the winter series at the end of November and so once the date is confirmed it will be placed on our website in the new Sailing Calendar (see below under the Website paragraph).

As I'm sure most of you will know, the ARC leaves Gran Canaria on Sunday 25th November but what you may not know is that in the fleet will be one of our members, Sean Fuller in his Sovereign 400, 'Kaiso'. His progress, along with all the others, can be followed on the ARC website, www.worldcruising.com/arc/ We wish him a safe and speedy crossing.

Last year on the day of the ARC's departure, St. Lucia held an ARC Flotilla from Castries to Rodney Bay Marina. It is hoped to repeat the event again this year and once confirmed will be placed on the Clipboard of our website.

Prime Minister's Cup. This annual event is always held on National Day, the 13th December. However, unfortunately this too has yet to be confirmed. As with the ARC Flotilla, confirmation will be published on the website Clipboard once a final decision is made.

Fun Racing Day Lasers & Optimists. At least this event is now confirmed and will take place on Sunday 16th December 2007. It is open to members and ARC participants who have suitable Laser experience. Racing will start at 0930 with a Sail-Off at 1600, followed by Fun Prizes at 1700. Breakfast will be available at cost from 0830 at Spinnakers and Pig-Roast-in-a-

Bun will be served on the beach from 1200 at a cost of EC \$10.00. Entry fee for sailors is EC \$75.00 for adults and EC \$40.00 for kids which includes a free T-shirt, supplied by the sponsor of this event, Ferrands. For more details and registration, please contact Ted the Bosun at 452 8177, Danielle at 718 5010 or by email to secretary@stluciayachtclub.com Come and support your Club, it will be great fun.

Kids sailing program. The program proper was started on 27th October under the leadership of our new instructor, Teresa Aylott from the UK, who is an RYA Certified Dinghy Instructor and joined us after spending the summer teaching in Sardinia, for Mark Warner. Our junior sailors Luis Meixner and Fredric Sweeney are both assisting her. There are already 35 kids registered which is a very promising start. More news of the Program can be found in the Dinghy section of our website.

Website, <http://www.stluciayachtclub.com> With all the changes and updates we have been making over the past few months I hope you visit the site on a regular basis. However, as always I like to point out the latest changes in these Newsletters. This month we have placed a poster advertising the kids sailing program on the Home page and added Club T-shirts to the Merchandise page. The Dinghy Sailing section has been updated with text supplied by Lily our Dinghy Sailing Administrator and photographs by Danielle. Finally we have created a Sailing Calendar that we will expand further as and when events and dates become available.

Rule of the Month. Rule 44 Penalties For Breaking Rules of Part 2.

44.1 Taking a Penalty.

A boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while RACING may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a TWO Turns Penalty unless the sailing instructions specify the use of the Scoring penalty or some other penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty will be to RETIRE.

44.2 Two Turns Penalty.

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a TWO TURN penalty by promptly making two turns in the same direction, including two tacks and two gybes. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall not sail completely to the course side of the line before Finishing.

As regular readers of these Newsletters will know, when our elected Secretary left St. Lucia earlier in the year I was co-opted to the position until such time as a suitable candidate could be put up for election. With the impending AGM on the 21st November, that time has now come. This therefore is my last Newsletter and so in this capacity at least, I bid you farewell and wish you all safe and happy sailing.

Peter M. Gibbs,
Secretary.