



ST. LUCIA YACHT CLUB

NEWS LETTER 27TH MAY 2006.

Dear Members,

My first news letter, so please bear with me.

SAILING:

The J'24 programme has been quiet, caused by illness and absence. This is about to be rectified. There will be match racing this coming Sunday and thereafter a regular schedule will be drawn up. As soon as I have that schedule I'll let you all know.

The J'24 sailors were very successful at the recent Bequia Easter Regatta. The boat skippered by Mike Green, our Olympic sailor, was placed first in that class and that skippered by the Club Sailing Captain, Nick Forsberg, was placed third.

Congratulations to those two gentlemen.

KIDS' SAILING:

Our coach, James, has been away for three weeks or so but the programme has continued thanks to the valiant efforts of Ulrich Meixner, Lily Bergasse and Charles Devaux, together with some of our senior junior sailors who have been coaching those less experienced than them. We expect James back next week.

The Club is making moves to obtain a permanent coach or two for next season and we may be asking for your help with accommodation – but more of that in a later news letter.

THE CLUB:

I am sure you have all noticed that, for your comfort and safety as they say, we now have some new chairs. More are to follow, which will make a total of 52 new chairs. Successful social events have been held over the past month, including a "Golden Oldies" evening and an evening of live music with "Honky Tonics". Both were well attended, so much so that by popular request there is to be another "Golden Oldies" this evening, Saturday 27th May. Please come along and support your Club.

SQUASH:

A St. Lucian Squash Team is going to the BVI for a tournament from 31st May to 4th June, we wish them every success.

The St. Lucia Open Squash Tournament will be held at the Club from 26th June to 6th July.

MEMBERSHIP:

Bill Jackson, the Membership Secretary, has already e-mailed all of you asking for your subscriptions for next year, 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007. To those of you who

have already paid, thank you, and to those of you who have not, please do so. I would remind you that there is a 10% discount for subscriptions received before 30th June. The Committee has asked me, through this news letter, to clarify the position regarding Overseas Members as there exists some confusion. Overseas Membership was instigated with visiting yachtsmen in mind, that is to say those who visit us, often for an extended stay, and normally over the winter months. ("Snowbirds" as the Americans call them).

Overseas Membership costs EC\$100 per person, and that rate reflects the limited time such members are here.

The situation is that Overseas Membership is open to anyone who spends less than three months in any year in St. Lucia and, of course, you do not have to be a yachtsman, or woman. The EC\$100 buys one year's membership and that year runs from July to June, the Club's financial year.

Because there has been confusion and we should have clarified the situation earlier, the position of all current Overseas Members who have been accepted for membership, but who do not fit the criterion above, will be honoured for the coming financial year. We hope very much to welcome those of you who spend more than three months here as full members as from 1st July 2007.

CLUB WEBSITE:

The gentleman who set this up for us has left the Island and as a result it is now very out of date and needs to be updated and maintained. Does anyone out there have the skills and time to volunteer to do this for the Club? If so, please let Duncan know. The Club would be extremely grateful. Out of pocket expenses will, of course, be met.

That's all until the next time. Take care of yourselves.

Lindsay Harrison.
Secretary.