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Dear Members,

The period since the last Newsletter has been a very quiet one that does not really warrant another this month. However, if for no other reason than to remind you of the date change for the 2007 AGM to Wednesday **21st November**, I felt it was nevertheless worthwhile to do so.

Kids/Junior sailing program. The program recommenced in a limited way on Saturday 22nd September, with a small number of the more experienced sailors from the previous season and has been running each Saturday since. Two of our most accomplished juniors, Luis Meixner and Frederic Sweeney, have been instructing under the overall supervision of Ulrich Meixner. The program proper will commence on Saturday 27th October. For registration or information please contact Lilly Bergasse on 716 2517 or email raina_thalia@yahoo.com

AGM. I hope you received the revised Notice & Agenda for the AGM sent out on 17th October to all members whose contact details are known, showing the change of date to **Wednesday 21st November**. However, if anyone has not received it, please contact me at secretary@stluciayachtclub.com and I will forward another copy. The Nomination sheet for Committee positions is displayed on the Club notice board.

Don't forget only fully paid up members can attend and vote at an AGM, so if you are one of the few who have still not renewed your membership this year, please prise open your cheque book or wallet with some urgency.

ARC 2007. As in previous years the Club will be hosting some events for the ARC participants. This year it will be the Early Arrivals Party and the Full Moon Party. Actual dates are not yet known but when they are, will be published on our website as well as in a future Newsletter. Of course between now and then many of our Overseas members will be arriving back in St. Lucia and so we look forward to greeting you all once again.

Laser/Optimist Fun Racing Day & Barbeque. This event is being organized to take place in December. In addition to members, experienced dinghy sailors from the ARC will also be invited. Once the actual date is set all members will be notified.

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. One of our members has requested me to mention this worthy event in order to encourage our membership to participate. It is scheduled to take place on Sunday 21st October, starting at 0600 hours from JQ Motors with the route taking the walkers to Sunbuilt and back to JQ. Registration fee is EC\$15.00 which includes one of the t-shirts provided by sponsors. Register through the Cancer Society, Renwick & Co. or JE Bergasse Document Centre.

In recent Newsletters I have been keeping you posted on changes we have been making to our website www.stluciayachtclub.com This month is no exception with a number of changes having been made. First, we now have a day/date/clock on the Home page with a link to a seven-day weather forecast. Then, also on the Home page there is a link in the Commodore's Welcome, to a map showing the location of the Club. The ARC page has been rewritten and a photograph added showing the ARC finishing line taken from the Club. Finally, Club Caps have been added to the Merchandise page. Thanks must go to Chris Gardiner, our Webmaster, for implementing all that we keep throwing at him.

Rule of the Month.

20. STARTING ERRORS; PENALTY TURNS; MOVING ASTERN.

20.1. A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions after her starting signal to *start* or to comply with rule 30.1 shall *keep clear* of a boat not doing so until she is completely on the prestart side.

20.2. A boat making a penalty turn shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

20.3. A boat moving astern by backing a sail shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

That is all I have this month so until next time, safe and happy sailing to you all.

Peter M. Gibbs,
Secretary.