



## Commodore's Log

Hi PCYC friends,

At the start of this 2nd edition of this year's newsletter, I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank some of our supporters who have demonstrated their commitment to our efforts in a very tangible way.



Firstly, we are very pleased to announce that Budget Marine is supporting our Junior Sailing this year. They will sponsor the upcoming Junior Regatta in May, help fund the construction of a new Boat Store on the beach at Le Phare Bleu, and help with our material needs, such as life jackets for the kids. It's an exciting collaboration that I know will benefit the growth of our junior programme.

We are also very fortunate to have been gifted some additions to our fleet. Turbulence Grenada Ltd and Island Water World have both donated a brand new O'pen Bic. These little boats are very popular with our juniors, as they are very fast and easy to handle, and from what I've seen, they give them plenty of practice of capsizing procedure! We have also been given a Laser to add to our other two, thanks to Robbie Yearwood, one of our members. I think these acts of generosity recognize the progress we are making with our junior sailing programme. We thank you all very much for these donations. They are very gratefully received, especially by the kids.

We continue our busy schedule of water and land activities. Apart from our regular junior programme, we held our first 'holiday school' for our juniors, which we hope can become a regular occurrence (see report).

We have also managed to get our adult sailing lessons up and running, with a class of 5-6 adults gaining confidence and experience.

This is a great example of members pitching in and helping get others onto the water to enjoy the fun of sailing.

We need more help from you across all our activities! I promise you will get as much out of it as the people you are helping.

The first in the J24 racing was held at the end of April and was a fantastic start to the series. (See full feature.) I have personally enjoyed this new J24 sailing experience and am looking forward to doing more of it!

On land, the quiz and limes continue to attract a fun crowd even though it is the quiet season.

We look forward to welcoming back old friends and making new ones as the boats start arriving for the hurricane season in this wonderful island many of us call home.

Carol Gorvett, PCYC Commodore

### Meet Your Fellow Members!

When you join PCYC, you join a family of fantastic, fun people of all ages, dedicated to celebrating sailing. Get to know your fellow members!

#### Tuesday Socials:

*Join us for a casual happy hour each Tuesday at Island Tavern, Le Phare Bleu. Look for the table with the PCYC flag!*

#### Friday Limes:

*One Friday a month, let's explore new spots together while sharing a drink and chatting about sailing! Venues are announced in advance; watch your inbox and PCYC social media for details.*

#### Committee Meetings:

*Sit in and learn the latest Club news and developments. These meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. on the Lightship at Le Phare Bleu.*

# Club Soundings

## New Building for Junior Programme

The land has been cleared and work is underway for a new Boat Store on the beach at Le Phare Bleu for the Junior Programme boats and gear.

The club previously used the pool shed for storage, but space was limited, making organization difficult. The new 30-foot building will include racks for proper storage of the boats, as well as sail lockers and shelves for equipment such as lifejackets. The store will also be more secure.

“This will make the programme even more official, and it will help the kids take more ownership of the equipment and its care,” says Devin Nelles, Le Phare Bleu Managing Partner and PCYC committee member.

Budget Marine is sponsoring the efforts, sharing the construction costs with Le Phare Bleu and PCYC. Progress has been slow due to a particularly rainy dry season, but the building is still slated to be completed by May 14<sup>th</sup>, just in time for the upcoming Junior Regatta.

## Relationship with Grenada Sailing Association



PCYC continues to foster a relationship with the Grenada Sailing Association, with PCYC Commodore Carol Gorvett serving as vice president for GSA.

The current focus is on training coaches to lead the PCYC Junior Programme. Noah Bullen, the current PCYC junior instructor, has been to Olympic House for safety coaching, and recently led a team of juniors to 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall at the April 30<sup>th</sup> J24 Regatta at Clark's Court Bay.

The shared goal is to make sailing more accessible and get more people out on the water.



## PCYC In the Process of Buying Frigate

Plans are moving forward for the purchase *Frigate*, a J24 you've undoubtedly seen rounding the marks at the club's J24 regattas each year.

The addition of this new-to-us boat expands our fleet, and in turn, our offerings to juniors and members. More details to come.

## 3-Day Easter Junior Programme a Big Success

During the Easter holiday break, PCYC hosted a Junior Programme event at Le Phare Bleu, led by Junior Instructor Noah Bullen.

The juniors gathered on the beach over the course of three days, with sessions on boat maintenance as well as race training.

A highlight was the teamwork and camaraderie that was further strengthened among this group of capable young sailors.

# Fast and Furious Racing from Juniors and Adults at the April 30th J24 Regatta

(See next page for more event photos)

After a week of no wind and heavy rain, the skies cleared for a beautiful day of racing in Clark's Court Bay this past Saturday for PCYC's J24 Regatta, with a steady 15-20 knots from the southeast.

Eleven teams competed, including three junior teams for the first time, consisting of students from the PCYC Junior Sailing Programme. Each junior team was captained by an adult. "It's a testament to their hard work, and to the success of the program," said Commodore Carol Gorvett, who along with Island View Sailmaker Bronwyn McKiever, captained the all-female junior team PCYC Women Warriors.

Karina, age 15, has been in the PCYC junior programme for just more than two years, and Saturday was her first time participating in a J24 regatta. "I enjoyed the competitiveness the most," she said. "Getting across without getting hit by the jib during the race was hard, and the boat healing so much was surprising." She said good communication among the team is the key to a successful race.

While most of the adults cheered on their competitors from the terrace at Cruiser's Galley, the juniors huddled up under the race tent out on the dock. Race Officer James Benoit got them involved in the process, giving them jobs such as handling the flags, sounding the horn, and timekeeping.

"When you get new people, young people, I like to get them involved and flood them with information," he said. Benoit also explained some of the tactics and race maneuvers they were seeing out on the water.

As the race day progressed through nine heats, the competition became even more exciting, as Ineffable, a team of adult racers, and Noah's Wind Warriors, a team of juniors led by Noah Bullen, the PCYC junior programme sailing instructor, each could have three first place finishes for their respective heats, requiring a tiebreaker race.



With the juniors already locking in three wins, Ineffable then competed in their third race. As the boats rounded the marks, the juniors cheered for Ineffable to win, rather than lose, simply because a tiebreaker would mean they could get back out on the water for one final race. They got their wish.

The two boats jockeyed for best position at the start of the 10<sup>th</sup> race. At the sound of the horn, Ineffable was first over the line, and continued their lead to overall victory.

Ojish, 14, cheered on his fellow junior sailors to the end. "Seeing my club actually get into the tiebreaker was so fun," he said. "Sailing is like something out of a superhero movie – switching tacks, adrenaline pumping. It's just a riveting experience."

## ***Final Standings***

1st	Ineffable	3 pts
2nd	Noah's Wind Warriors	3 pts
3rd	Die Hard	5 pts
4th	North Yacht Shop	7 pts
5th	PCYC Mike Junior Sailing	11 pts
5th	Incognito Adventures	11 pts
7th	Boo Crew	15 pts
7th	On the Spot	15 pts
9th	PCYC Women Warriors	17 pts
9th	Scrappy	17 pts
11th	Coat Hanger	22 pts



Junior sailors running the start sequence



Race Officer James Benoit addresses the junior sailors



Junior Sailing Programme Instructor Noah Bullen picks which J24 boat his team will sail in the tiebreaker race for overall first place



Ineffable takes first place in the tiebreaker race, and therefore, first place overall.



Ineffable accepts their first place prize



Noah's Wind Warriors celebrate their second place overall finish

## Save The Date!

THE NEXT J24 REGATTA WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JULY 16.

# Forthcoming Schedule of Events

## May

14<sup>th</sup> – Junior Regatta and Fun Day at LPB  
17<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night at LPB  
27<sup>th</sup> – Friday Lime (Venue TBA)  
29<sup>th</sup> – Mott Memorial Hobie Cat Match Racing

## June

21<sup>st</sup> – Quiz Night at LPB  
24<sup>th</sup> – Friday Lime (Venue TBA)  
26<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Hobie Cat Racing

## Ongoing

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m. – Adult Sailing Classes  
Fridays, 2-4 p.m. – Semi-Private Junior Sailing Lessons  
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Junior Sailing Programme, 5-11 Years  
1:30-4 p.m. – Junior Sailing Programme, 11-17 Years



## Last Call! Island Fever's Ultimate Banana Daiquiri

In the first installment of Last Call, Le Phare Bleu Managing Partner and PCYC Committee Member Devin Nelles offers his tried and true recipe for this classic cocktail, perfect for cockpit sundowners or post-race celebrations, in a serving size fit to share.

### Pre Mix:

1 x 750 ml bottle dark rum  
1 x 750 ml bottle white rum  
1 x 750 ml lime juice  
2 ¼ cup simple syrup (equal parts water and sugar dissolved)  
⅓ cup banana liqueur

Add pre-mix to the blender, along with fresh banana and ice.  
Blend until thick and creamy.  
Garnish with a lime wedge, banana slice, or both.

