



Commodore's Log

Hi PCYC friends,

Welcome to our summer season! Things are starting to heat up but rest assured – we've already been hard at work, with successful events for both our junior and adult sailors.



Grenada Sailing Week at the end of January was a huge success. A big thank you to everyone who came to Le Phare Bleu Marina on the lay day to see PCYC's efforts for the Junior Program in action. The donations were much appreciated. As a former member of Brighton Marina Yacht Club, it was great to see many of you here and I would like to say a big thank you for your support.

In February, we hosted the Juniors Dinghy Sailing Regatta on Grand Anse beach as part of the annual Grenada Workboat Regatta. After a three-year hiatus, it was rewarding to see these events return and witness the joy they brought to participants and spectators. The event was a great collaboration between PCYC and the Grenada Workboat Committee.

J24 racing was back in action the first Saturday of June as part of the Clarkes Court Marina 8th Anniversary Celebration. On Sunday, sailors participated in an offshore race around Glover Island.

The number of juniors participating in both events showed the growth of our junior program. Congratulations to Coach Noah Bullen and his team of juniors for placing 2nd overall in the J24 fleet racing. On Sunday, Mike Bingley's junior team placed second in the offshore race.

We've also seen an increase in event participation from both female sailors and local

families in general: two groups that are an ongoing focus for PCYC. Stay tuned for more women-only events this summer.

Our sailing programme for the rest of this year is very exciting and I'm sure we will be offering members and friends many activities to help promote the growth of our club. As the PCYC saying goes, "Be prepared to get wet."

On behalf of the PCYC Committee, I thank our sponsors, including:

- Budget Marine
- Island Water World
- Turbulence Ltd.
- Clarkes Court Boatyard & Marina
- North Yacht Shop
- Driftwood Fine Yacht Woodwork
- Westerhall Rums
- Cruisers Galley Restaurant and Bar
- Palm Tree Marine
- Island Dreams Yacht Services
- Coca-Cola
- Clarke and Carter Caribbean

Their ongoing support allows us to thrive and build our reputation as a Grenada Sailing Club for the next generation. I will do my utmost to help that happen and with the support of my team/our club, may we continue to be a happy club that runs events for all.

Keep an eye out for upcoming Friday limes and poker runs, not to mention lessons, racing and more. Each event is a great way to meet members, make new friends and share our love for this incredible sport.

And don't forget to save the date for the Around the Island Race, August 26-27. Always highly attended, this regatta brings you up to Carriacou and back, with daily and overall prizegivings.

We'll see you out on the water!

Richard St. John, PCYC Commodore

Club Soundings

Spirited Junior Sailing Regatta on Grand Anse Beach



In February, our junior sailors and Woburn Wind Warriors participated in a lively regatta on Grand Anse Beach, along with the Gouyave Sailing School.

Participants competed in three classes: Mosquito, Optimist and Laser.

The Grenada Coast Guard supported the event's chase boats throughout the day and the Ministry of Sport provided transportation to the sailors from Gouyave.

Overall, the event was a wonderful collaboration and laid a promising foundation for future events.

Adult Sailing Lessons Now Offered

The Club is encouraged by the increased participation of local adults and families, and as a result, semi-private lessons are now offered on the third Sunday afternoon each month from 2 p.m. until dark.

The lessons are \$20xcd per person and all experience levels are welcome! The lessons are also a wonderful opportunity to empower our junior coaches to get more adults out on the water.

Curious but not ready to commit? Feel free to drop by to meet our coaches and see what it's all about.

Blud Fiah Joins the J24 Fleet

The return of PCYC's J24 racing brought with it a new boat – Josh Meyerer's *Blud Fiah*.

Meyerer purchased the boat for \$1xcd and spent the last two years getting it ready for racing, including building a new deck and ensuring the boat followed the specifications for the fleet.

All teams who participated in this month's J24 racing agreed that the boat felt great out on the water. Congratulations to Josh on his accomplishment, and for expanding the fleet!



Make a Difference

Help support our ongoing programs! PCYC has a few current needs that provide a great opportunity to give back.

We are looking for dinghy hardware and running rigging, as well as a sponsor for rash guards for our junior sailors.

We value your support! Please contact Former Commodore John Whitsett via WhatsApp at (473) 403-9296 to get involved.

Clarkes Court 8-Year Anniversary Regatta Provides a Fabulous Weekend of Racing

PCYC participated in a jampacked weekend of racing as part of the Clarkes Court Boatyard & Marina 8th Anniversary Regatta earlier this month.

The two-day event included J24 fleet racing on Saturday and an offshore race around Glover Island on Sunday. Twelve teams participated in Saturday's races; sunny skies and steady winds at 15-20 knots from the south-southeast made for some spirited maneuvering.



Saturday Race Officers Mike Dye and Karen Jackson

Our juniors were out in full force on Saturday, with Noah Bullen's Woburn Wind Warriors taking second place overall.

Most Saturday participants were back out on the water on Sunday, with some new sailors joining in for the Glover Island Race. The race began and ended just off committee boat *Coco de Mer* in Calivigny Cut, Woburn Bay.

Of the 10 boats that took part, many carried junior crew with little experience, but a desire to get out on the water and experience the joy of sailing.

Both days ended in festive prizegivings at Cruisers Galley Restaurant and Bar at Clarkes Court.

PCYC was proud to be an integral part of this event and we look forward to making the anniversary regatta an annual celebration.



Sunday Start Line and Committee Boat Coco de Mer

As always, it takes a village to pull off these events, and we are thankful for our race officers, committee boats, and volunteers who laid the courses and transported teams to the J24s between races on Saturday.

To our "shore team" committee members, enthusiastic spectators, and of course, our sponsors, thank you.

View photos from the two-day event, including our winners, on the following page, or visit the PCYC Facebook page for more details.

Save the date for our next round of J24 racing on Saturday, July 15th!

Final Standings

Saturday J24 Winners

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| 1st | Team Die Hard |
| 2nd | Noah and the Woburn Wind Warriors |
| 3rd | PCYC A Team |

Sunday Glover Island Winners

Main Fleet

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| 1st | Category 5 |
| 2nd | Galatea |
| 3rd | Crazy Love |

J24s

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| 1st | Die Hard |
| 2nd | Fadeaway |
| 3rd | Shakin |



Saturday J24 Winners, Team Die Hard



Upcoming Events

June

18th – Adult Sailing Lessons at Le Phare Bleu
25th – Hobiecat Racing at Le Phare Bleu
30th – Friday Night Lime, venue TBD

July

15th – J24 Racing at Clarkes Court
22nd – Dingy Poker Run
30th – Mott Memorial

August

26-27th – Round the Island Race

Ongoing

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



Last Call! Calabash Cocktail

The rums made on island are the best option for this local libation, but any white rum will do. The nutmeg syrup, though – you'll have to source that here in Grenada!

Ingredients:

White rum
Grenada nutmeg syrup
Lime juice – freshly squeezed, if possible
Spoonful of caster sugar
Blue Curacao
Grated nutmeg

Mix the white rum and nutmeg syrup with the lime juice over ice. Add the caster sugar and a dash of Blue Curacao for color. Top it off with grated nutmeg.



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