

Commodore's Log

Hi PCYC friends,

2023 was a banner year for PCYC, with lots of action on the water.

As a club, we are growing in the right direction. We have gone from a small club to a club that is entering its juniors into international competitions. We have also been very happy to see our juniors enter their own teams or be taken on as crew during many of our keelboat regattas held throughout the year.

In the first quarter of 2023, the junior sailing regatta with the Grenada Sailing Association on Grand Anse Beach was the first intra-island competition of the year between participating sailing clubs: Gouyave Sailing School, PCYC and the Woburn Wind Warriors.

Throughout the year, we held three J24 Racing Series events and collaborated with Clarke's Court Boatyard and Marina for an Anniversary Regatta, which included a J24 race day and a 'Race Around Glover Island' to celebrate the marina's anniversary. The event was so successful, we decided to hold a 2nd 'Round Glover Island' Race later in the year.

The Motts Memorial Hobie Cat Racing in July was well attended, followed by the Round Grenada Regatta at the end of August.



The regatta received considerable sponsorship from Budget Marine and Spice Island Marine Services, as well as other smaller sponsors. Las Iguanas in Carriacou and Island Fever Tropical Tavern at Le Phare Bleu Marina put on great parties and despite the light winds, the event saw its highest-ever entries, with 20 boats registered (10 of which were catamarans).

In October, PCYC held another Regatta Weekend to round out the season. The event included the final race day of the J24 Series and another Round Glover Island Offshore Race. The juniors also attended Beach'o'rama in Gouyave at the end of the month, competing against the Gouyave juniors.



Monthly Limes have filled out the club's social calendar, with our Rum Shop Crawl Lime on the magical mystery bus a definite highlight. The Dinghy Poker Runs continue to be a favorite among members and supporters, and the PCYC Christmas Quiz was a festive way to end the season.

The first few months of 2024 have naturally been quiet, but plans are already underway for another exciting season!

Richard St. John, PCYC Commodore

Club Soundings

Thank You to Our 2023 Sponsors

The club's success in 2023 is in large part due to our amazing sponsors. Thank you for your generosity this year!

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Palm Tree Marine
Pasta Vino
Renegade Rum Distillery
Seahawk
Spice Island Marine Services
Vibe/Blue Light Gin
Westerhall Estate

Here's to exciting partnerships in 2024!

Record Turnout for the Budget Marine Round Grenada Regatta

The annual Budget Marine Round Grenada Regatta in September featured two days of racing and shore parties, with 20 entries – 10 monohulls and 10 catamarans – showing how much the race has expanded.

The wind filled in just enough for boats to race both days, with some exciting finishes.

Prizegivings on both days were a rousing success, with great photos from Arthur Daniels Creative throughout the event.



The fleet of racers during the Round Grenada Regatta

Double Events for the PCYC Regatta Weekend in October

Twelve teams competed in the final J24 racing on Saturday. A big thank you to Race Officer Mike Dye and his assistant, Karen Jackson, as well as all the dinghy drivers. The overall winner for the 2023 J24 fleet racing was Robbie Yearwood.

Eight boats participated in the Round Glover Race on Sunday in the monohull and multihull divisions. Special thanks to Race Officer Niki Elenbaas and assistants Cindy and Kareena, along with Pete and Jane's *Coco de Mer* as committee boat.

Committee Members Participate in Women Only Regatta Management Course

Two junior sailors and three PCYC committee members attended this two-day course in October, organized by the Grenada Sailing Association and held at the Grenada Olympic Center. The course had 16 attendees, a testament to the growing number of women sailors around the island.

PCYC Christmas Party

We ended the year with a festive members-only feast at Le Phare Bleu Marina. The event raffle raised \$1,175 xcd and an extra \$1,665 xcd was raised by Tim and Myumei's Olympic Clothing auction.

PCYC Juniors Visit MOD70 Trimaran *Limosa*

Words and pictures by Felicitas Gerlach

A whole new world opens up when you meet famous female sailors who just took 3rd place in the trimaran class of the RORC Transatlantic Race in Grenada! Around-the-world skipper Dee Caffari; Alexia Barrier, skipper of *Limosa*; and their youngest crew member, Arianne Van de Loosdrecht, welcomed our juniors on board, giving them a full tour of this impressive yacht and answering questions. They also explained the trimaran's complex sailing structure. Truly an inspirational event!



Dee Caffari's adventure stories captivated everyone!



Steering the boat



Question time with Alexia Barrier



Girls grinding away



Arianne Van de Loosdrecht explaining the boat



Question time



Anita Sutton from PCYC in conversation with *Limosa's* skipper, Alexia Barrier

Upcoming Events

Ongoing

Thursday and 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 Friday of Every Month – PCYC Sunset Lime, Locations TBD

Last Sunday of Every Month – Hobie Cat Racing

Adult Sailing Lessons: Available Upon Request. Email us at pcycgrenada@gmail.com



Last Call! Calabash Cocktail

Punch isn't the only way to enjoy Grenadian rum! Sip this cocktail while watching the sunset, or, mix up a pitcher and head to the beach!

Ingredients:

White rum

Grenadian nutmeg syrup

Freshly squeezed lime juice

Caster sugar

Blue Curacao

Grated nutmeg

Mix the white rum with the Grenadian nutmeg syrup and the fresh-squeezed lime juice. Add a spoonful of caster sugar and a bit of Blue Curacao for color. Top it off with nutmeg.

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