



Notice of the 2011 Annual General Meeting, July 26th



Members are advised that the Marine and Yachting Association of Grenada will be hosting the 2011 Annual General Meeting on July 26th from 4:30pm to 6pm at the True Blue Bay Resort Conference Room offered to us compliments of Russ and Magdalena Fielding. The meeting will focus on highlighting the activities undertaken on behalf of the MAYAG Membership in promoting Grenada as a yachting destination using funds provided by the Centre for the Development of Enterprise, and Membership revenues.

The meeting will also focus on our planned activities for 2012 using funds provided by the British Government through the Caribbean Development Bank. Activities in the coming year will be aligned with MAYAG's Strategic Plan, to include improving trans-boundary clearance procedures for yachts, employee assessment and certifications, an economic impact study and more.

In light of the significantly increased programming activity on behalf of the Membership and MAYAG's need to generate matching revenues for these grants, please be advised that fees will be increased by 10% this year. If anyone has an objection to the increase in fees or needs to schedule payments, please contact Jennifer Alexis by phone at 416-3552 (during business hours) or mayagadmin2@gmail.com to discuss.

Three Grenadian Citizens Receive RYA Certification



MAYAG Member, Bluewater Sailing reports that three Grenadian Citizens have received official training recognized by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA). The certification for these Grenadian yachting professionals is a welcome opportunity, as RYA certification is globally recognized as an industry

standard. Christopher Alexis and Sabina Belmar both of whom are originally from the Sister Isles have earned their Day Skipper Certificates. Serrant Edwards, who is from St. Patrick's, entered the yachting industry as trainee in the Youth Upliftment Programme in 2010, has earned his Competent Crew Certificate.

A few years ago, RYA certification meant a costly trip overseas for anyone based in Grenada - having Bluewater Sailing and other RYA Sailing Instructors based here is a great step forward for Grenada, and offers the opportunity for the development of professional sailing skills and internationally recognized qualifications to Grenadians.

MAYAG would like to congratulate Christopher, Sabina and Serrant for their achievement! Anyone who knows of other Grenadians obtaining training and certification in their areas of expertise (outside of MAYAG project programming) is encouraged to let MAYAG know so we can keep track of the positive impact our sector is having on Grenada's skilled labour force.

MAYAG grows by 7 new Members in 2010-11

MAYAG has grown by 7 Members in 2010-11 adding the following businesses to our friendly little community: Jeff Fisher, Dr. Adams, Bluewater Yacht Services, Bluewater Training, Moorings Charters, Palm Tree Marine and Sail Ionian. MAYAG is very pleased about these new Members as they not only represent growth for MAYAG's Membership, but they also represent growth within the sector.

Welcome Members!

MAYAG's Destination Marketing Website Under Construction

Development work has begun on MAYAG's marketing website www.grenadgrenadinesyachting.com. The website isn't live yet, but it will be in a couple of months. This website will be dedicated entirely to destination marketing for the yachting sector, and will become the official public face for our marketing efforts, with MAYAG being positioned out of sight as the hosts of the site. The site will feature visitor travel video competitions, feature articles, photographs, news, events and lots of cross promotional opportunities for MAYAG Members, the Grenada Board of Tourism and other support service industries.

July 2011 Endorsed as "National Coastal Awareness Month"

July 2011 has been endorsed by the Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Tourism as "National Coastal Awareness Month." The Coastal Awareness activities will commence with an address to the nation by the Minister for the Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development, Senator Denneth Modeste. The MAYAG Board of Directors has decided to support this event with the donation of garbage bags for coastal cleanup activities.

Retirement Wishes for Mr. Hooper

Well Mr. and Mrs. Hooper are retiring from their beloved store, located at Prickly Bay Marina. 'Essentials Mini-Mart' has served us for 20 years with all kinds of yachting essentials from bread and bananas to books. The Marina will be taking over the management of the store and customers can be assured that there will be no big changes. The store will continue to operate and it will even keep its name.

Allan Hooper was a founding Member of MAYAG, and he served on the MAYAG Board of Directors for many years. Their plan is to move inland, but we're trying to persuade Allan to stay involved with MAYAG since he is a founding Member of our organization and we know we can guarantee an exciting year!

Retirement Wishes for Jonathan Q. Fisher

MAYAG would like to extend retirement wishes to Jonathan Fisher, who has been a Member of the MAYAG community for quite some time, while working for Island Water World at the Lagoon Rd. location. Jonathan was a well known personality locally through the hosting of the Cruiser Net Radio; a popular morning radio programme broadcast on VHF between 7:30 and 8 am.

Jonathan, the MAYAG community would like to thank you for your contribution to our community and we sincerely wish you the greatest happiness in the future!

Condolences

MAYAG extends deepest sympathy to the family of Shirley Maloney as well as all of her friends and colleagues at Spice Island Marine, during their time of sadness following the sudden loss of 60 year old Shirley Maloney due to a tragic vehicular accident on the Maurice Bishop Highway. Shirley was faithful and popular employee at the boat yard for ten years and was known to brighten people's day with her jovial spirit. Her fellow employees are still shaken by the shocking news, and she will be missed by all.