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Newsletter March 2021

Note to Members - CARPHA TRAINING

Hello Members! I do hope all is well. YSATT has organized with CARPHA to do a training on COVID 19 protocols geared toward the safe reopening of the marine services industries. All members are urged to attend. The training will take place via ZOOM on the 27th, 28th, 29th April, 2021. Each session will be from 2:00PM to 3:30PM. These days are to facilitate ALL persons in the industry, so you can choose which day is best for you and your staff. You only have to do one day out of the three not all three days. PLEASE SEND IN **THE NAMES OF ALL STAFF MEMBERS AND YOURSELF** AS WELL AS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO I CAN SEND IT IN TO CARPHA **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. A certificate will be issued to each participant on completion of the training sent via the email address given. This training is to ensure that each person in this industry from the Managers to the doubles vendors are well educated on how to deal with our customers in this current COVID environment when they arrive.

Update

Our efforts continue as we press on for a safe reopening of our industry

On Wednesday 3rd March, YSATT sent a letter addressed to the Minister of Trade and Industry Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon, subject "TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MARINE SERVICES SECTOR – PROPOSAL FOR STAGED

APPROACH TO
This staged approach a filter destination to cruisers would have deemed COVID free. however, the protocols would quarantine for vessel.



REOPENING OF THE SECTOR." would entail initially using Grenada as ensure the safety of our population as already been quarantined there and Once arriving in Trinidad and Tobago would be implemented and the cruisers another two weeks on board their

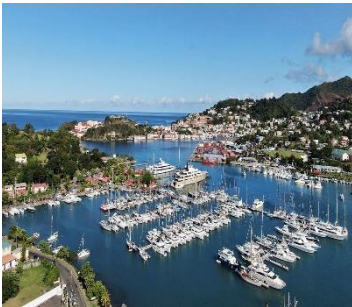


Figure 1- Port Louis Grenada

Synergy TV - Interview

An interview was done with Jesse and Carlos by Mr. Stephan Reis from Synergy TV on the 18th March. This was made possible by TTCSI (Trinidad & Tobago Coalition of Services Industries). We thank them for their efficient and timely response in organizing this for us. They were excellent! This interview was another very educational one as Mr. Stephan Reis himself was very enlightened as to the state and potential of this industry. He made an effort to speak to Mr. Stuart Young on our behalf after this interview.



Conversations with the Prime Minister

On March 18th Conversations with the Prime Minister was aired on TV. YSATT sent in a question as to whether any considerations are being given to the Yacht Services Industry. Our question was acknowledged by the Prime Minister and on the basis of his answer in which he replied that consideration was being given however it will be based on the COVID numbers decreasing and staying low, we wrote letters to himself, the Honorable Stuart Young and the Honorable Paula Gopee-Scoon requesting to meet with them.

TTCSI

TTCSI's 3Q's this month featuring YSATT. If you missed it see below.



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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COALITION OF SERVICES INDUSTRIES

3Qs

with Peter Peake, President
Yacht Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Tell Us About YSATT

Established in 1994, YSATT is a non-profit organization that aims to ensure the continued and sustained growth of our yachting Services Industry. YSATT's members include most organizations that have an active interest in the yachting industry. We work with the Tourism Development Company to increase yacht arrivals by promoting Trinidad and Tobago as a yachting destination. We are the private sector organization that liaises with Customs and Immigration to facilitate foreign yachts. We work with the Coast Guard, the Police and the CDA Police to create a safe environment for visiting cruisers.

How has being a member of TTCSI benefitted YSATT?

The Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries (TTCSI) is an umbrella, non government, business support organization, established to encourage the growth and development of the services sector. As such, being a member of TTCSI has benefitted YSATT's development in several ways including:

- They, being a part of the services sector as us, stand together for issues facing our sector.
- They help us reach out to various Ministries in resolving issues.
- They are currently helping us to lobby for the safe reopening of our Industry.
- They keep us informed about opportunities arising for the business community,
- In this current covid environment they keep us informed about new protocols which are being implemented by the different sectors.
- We look forward as a new member working with TTCSI as they help us in getting exemptions granted to our customers.

The Yachting industry remains closed due to the pandemic. YSATT has been actively lobbying for the re-opening of the industry, what measures has YSATT taken to ensure the safety of its members and visitors if the sector is able to re-open?

YSATT has implemented a Port Health Safety System (PHSS) which has been approved by the Ministry of Health for the safe reopening of the sector to our customers the cruisers. We are still awaiting exemptions to be granted to them, however, in the interim the Ministry of Tourism has added to their overall plan for the safe reopening of the Tourism Sector, our approved PHSS protocols. The Ministry of Trade has been actively lobbying on our behalf with the Ministry of National Security and the Ministry of Health for this cause as well. Our PHSS will be our long term system for the safety of our customers and our members when yachts are allowed to enter our island. As we are continually informed through TTCSI of new requirements being implemented by the various Ministries we will continue to update our requirements and inform our members, our customers and the Yacht services community at large, through our website, our facebook page and other social media avenues thus ensuring current safety measures are always in place and that we are ready when the Government grants exemptions to yachts.

YSATT would like to take this opportunity to thank TTCSI for helping us reach out to the Government as we strive to keep our industry alive and for keeping us up to date with current events affecting all of us as a country.



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YSATT Facebook and Instagram

Members, if you have anything that you wish to share on our Instagram and Facebook pages or our website please send it in via email and we will post it. Remember our website and social media pages are designed to facilitate and help you, so I do urge you to take advantage of it.

We are grateful for the support of the marine services and boating communities on social media. It has aided us in spreading relevant information. Thank you again for your continued support.

Covid protocol

Please make sure to adhere to the covid protocols – washing of hands, sanitizing and mask wearing for customers. If you need signs please call the office and we will arrange to get them to you.



Membership Fees

Just a reminder that membership fees for the first quarter is now due. You can now pay via direct deposit as our banking information is now on the invoice. For those who wish to pay the full year membership please contact me at the office and I will adjust the invoice.

YSATT is committed to serving our members and customers as always, please feel free to call or come in to our office. Office hours are from 8:00AM to 4:00PM Monday to Friday.

We thank you for your continued support!