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Hello Members! Another month is before us and we are faced with continued restrictions due to COVID, nonetheless we continue to educate the public about the Yacht and Marine Service Industry and the Government that quarantining on a Yacht is quite safe and that our neighboring islands are allowing yacht arrivals into their islands and there are no reported cases arising from the yacht communities in these islands. We have written numerous letters to our Government over the past months, have done interviews and press releases on these issues and will continue to do so until we get a meeting with the relevant Ministers.

We urge you as members of this industry to educate the public when the opportunity arises as to what the Yacht and Marine Industry is about as most of them are not aware. Due to the change in our Minister of National Security we are now in the process of getting him educated and informed of the industry and have written requesting a meeting with himself and the Minister of Trade and Industry. We will keep you updated.

Carpha Training

We would like to thank all who participated in the COVID training done by CARPHA. Certificates are being sent out via email. This was CARPHA's first training done outside of the hotel and tourism industry. We do commend them on their efforts.



St. Vincent Relief Fund

We would like to thank all who donated to the St. Vincent Relief Fund. Jesse, a special thanks to you for your time and effort in purchasing the items for the St. Vincent De Paul container at such short notice. Merryl, Jesse and myself all helped in getting the goods prepared for the container.



Article featuring Jesse - Ocean Cruising Club

Pete and Robbie from SV PR2 who attended the News Years Day Annual GAM which Jesse has hosted for the past 24 years on Jan 1st wrote this article and it made it into the March edition of their International newsletter which is circulated to thousands of their members around the world both hard copy and electronically. Pete and Robbie are members of the Ocean Cruising Club (OCC) and Jesse is the representative which is known as Port Officer for T@T for the OCC. Thank you to all the local businesses in Chaguaramas who supported with door prizes, they were all appreciated. The OCC is based in the UK and have thousands of members worldwide. They have Port Officers in countries around the world where their members sail to and we provide assistance to their members.



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Landscapes and Seascapes: *Our 2020 Photography Competition*



And the winner is Dolphins Jump for Sunset

Emily Winter writes:

The judges had an almost impossible task when choosing their favourite photographs in this photo competition, but we had to force them into making a decision, and the results are as follows:

1 st place: Glen Sansom:	<i>Dolphins Jump for Sunset</i>
2 nd place: Steve Brown:	<i>The Calm after the Storm, Deception Island</i>
3 rd place: Anne Hartshorn:	<i>Post Lockdown Escape to Mallaig Harbour</i>
3 rd place: Michael & Ronna Benjamin:	<i>Hiking the Quiraing Circuit on Skye</i>

Congratulations to the winners, and also to all the entrants, for making the judges' decisions so difficult

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New Year's Day in Chaguaramas, Trinidad

Robbie & Peter Nuttycombe PR2 report on a traditional New Year gathering (1st February 2021):

Cruisers in Chaguaramas celebrated the arrival of 2021 with a gathering at the Roti Hut in Power Boats yard on 1st January. Traditionally, this is the first SSCA* GAM of the year. Because of COVID-19, this year was a smaller event, although it was still a fine way to greet the New Year.

As Station Officer for the SSCA and POR for the OCC, Jesse James hosted the lunch and supplied truly delicious chicken (prepared by Sharon Rose), together with some of his daughter's baking for dessert. (She is an excellent baker!) It was a pot luck lunch and so there were finger-licking dishes to suit all tastes. Power Boats helped out by supplying drinks.

Jesse updated everyone regarding the long-awaited introduction of a single page immigration form. He also reported on the current policy on re-opening Trinidad's borders in which the government continues with a wait-and-see approach, and that YSATT** has a new chairman and management board to deal with government officials.

There were door prizes too. With much reduced numbers this year, it just happened that there were enough for everyone so no one went away empty handed.

* Seven Seas Cruising Association is based in USA and describes itself as a 'worldwide organization supporting the liveaboard cruising lifestyle'

** Yachting Services Association of Trinidad & Tobago is an NGO representing most facets of the yachting industry in that country. POR Jesse James is a member of its Board and runs the Members Only Maxi Taxi & Tour Services. He is something of an institution among the members of the Chaguaramas cruising community. Ed.

We toasted 'absent friends everywhere', with a special toast for our good friend Eian Middleton (Leila) who passed in September.

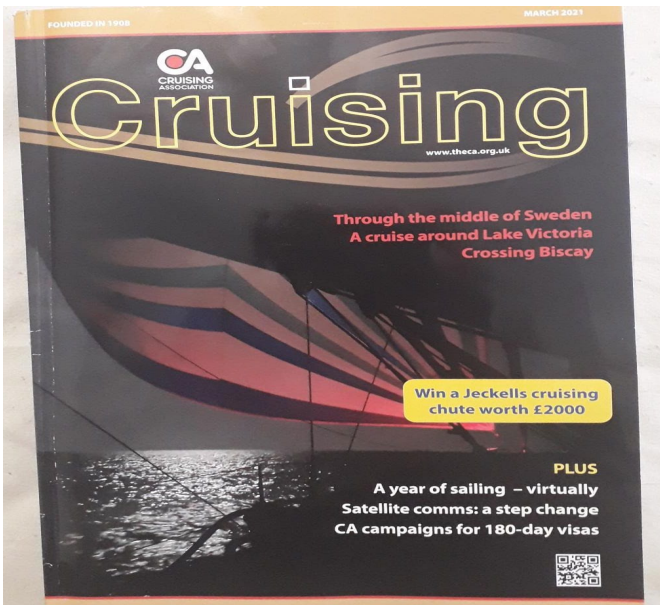
On behalf of all who attended, thanks go to Jesse and his family, and to Power Boats for their continuing support of cruisers. Thanks also to Power Boats Marina, Peakes Marina, Superb Canvas, Maxwell Dinghy & Bicycle Repairs, Budget Marine, Alpha Canvas, Wheel House Restaurant, and Members Only Taxi & Tour Services, all of whom contributed door prizes.

Happy New Year to all! ▶



POR Jesse James takes a selfie with Chaguaramas cruisers celebrating the New Year

Congratulations Jesse!



Congratulations to Jesse James on his nomination for an award from the Cruising Association of which he is the Honorary Local Representative for Trinidad and Tobago. The Cruising Association is another UK based International Cruising Association based in the UK which comprises of thousands of members worldwide. The responsibilities are similar to the OCC. Members who have received assistance nominate HLRs for this award from around the world and a committee then selects the ones who receives most nominations.

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HLR news



Challenge award for Trinidad & Tobago HLR

The HLRs group is delighted by the award of the Michael Manton Commemorative Plate to **Jesse James**, our HLR for Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean. He is a good friend to many Blue Water Section members and ensures those visiting receive a warm welcome. Throughout the Covid crisis he has been working to assist members who had expected to leave their boats in Trinidad & Tobago during the hurricane season. He has also run a campaign to try to persuade the island's government to re-open to cruising yachts – a key income sector for marine and tourist businesses on the islands. Thank you Jesse for all you have done.

to help us to secure a place in marina, find local suppliers and the general local sailing info. I would like to publicly thank Valerio for being so welcoming. Nothing is too much trouble for him and he has a vast knowledge of the area! Thank you for all your help! We are so happy to be members of the Association – the support of the forums/HLRs is absolutely invaluable and the discounts offered on a lot of sailing goods/services is a super bonus.

If you are able to cruise this summer, don't forget that our HLRs are often best-placed to advise on local Covid restrictions. They look forward to meeting



Above, Jesse James, HLR for Trinidad & Tobago. Below, Picton Hay pictured in 2015 aboard his wooden yacht Beyond



Membership Fees

Please be reminded that first quarter membership fees are now overdue. For those who have not yet paid please contact the office.

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.



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!