

# C C M P A S S



## CARIBBEAN COMPASS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

Where initials are given after an event listing (e.g. AYC), see Key to Contacts at the end of this calendar

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day. **Public holiday** or "recovery day" in many places. Junkanoo parade and food festival in Abaco, Bahamas
- 2 **Public holiday** in Cuba (Victory of Armed Forces Day), Haiti (Founding Fathers Day), St Kitts & Nevis (Carnival Day), St. Lucia and Grenada (Second New Year's Day)
- 2 - 3 St. Croix Christmas Festival Parades. [www.stxfestival.com](http://www.stxfestival.com)
- 6 Three Kings Day. **Public holiday** in many places
- 8 - 22 St. Barts Music Festival. [www.stbartsmusicfestival.org](http://www.stbartsmusicfestival.org)
- 11 FULL MOON
- 12 Eugenio María de Hostos Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 12 - 18 16th Barbados Jazz Festival. [www.barbadosjazzfestival.com](http://www.barbadosjazzfestival.com)
- 14 - 17 Carriacou Sailing Series (first leg of SoCa Circuit). [www.sailingcarriacou.com](http://www.sailingcarriacou.com)
- 15 - 18 Food and Rum Festival, St. Lucia. [www.foodandrumfestival.com](http://www.foodandrumfestival.com)
- 16 - 18 7th Caribbean Laser Midwinter Regatta, Cabarete, Dominican Republic. [www.caribwind.com/lrc](http://www.caribwind.com/lrc)
- 19 Martin Luther King Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI
- 20 - 21 Spanish Water Lagoon Regatta, Curaçao. [www.cyc2009.org](http://www.cyc2009.org)
- 20 - 23 40th Annual Spice Island Billfish Tournament, Grenada. [www.sibtgrenada.com](http://www.sibtgrenada.com)
- 21 Errol Barrow Day. **Public holiday** in Barbados
- 21 Our Lady of Altigracia. **Public holiday** in the Dominican Republic
- 21 - 4 Feb 14th Annual Mustique Blues Festival. [www.basilsbar.com](http://www.basilsbar.com)
- 22 - 24 Jamaica Jazz & Blues Festival, Montego Bay. [www.airjamaicajazzandblues.com](http://www.airjamaicajazzandblues.com)
- 22 - 25 St. Maarten-St. Martin Classic Yacht Regatta. [www.ClassicRegatta.com](http://www.ClassicRegatta.com)
- 22 - 25 Bequia Music Fest. [www.bequiatourism.com/bequiamusicfest](http://www.bequiatourism.com/bequiamusicfest)
- 24 - 25 Around Antigua Race, AYC
- 25 G.F. Core's Day. **Public holiday** in Aruba
- 26 National Heroes Day. **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands
- 26 Duarte's Birthday. **Public holiday** in the Dominican Republic
- 30 - 31 Abaco Art Festival, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. (242)-367-2158
- 30 - 3 Feb Port Louis Grenada Sailing Festival (second leg of SoCa Circuit). [www.grenadasailingfestival.com](http://www.grenadasailingfestival.com)
- 31 - 1 Feb Anguilla Dinghy Regatta. [aysc@sailanguilla.com](mailto:aysc@sailanguilla.com)
- 31 - 1 Feb Zion Cup Race, Guadeloupe
- TBA Around Barbados Race. [www.sailbarbados.com](http://www.sailbarbados.com)

### FEBRUARY

- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 6 Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race, Jamaica. [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com)
- 7 Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Grenada
- 7 - 8 Necol One-Design Regatta, St. Maarten. SMYC
- 7 - 8 Around Martinique Race. CNN
- 8 - 17 Havana International Jazz Festival, Cuba. [www.jazzcuba.com](http://www.jazzcuba.com)
- 9 FULL MOON
- 10 - 14 Tobago Carnival Regatta (final leg of SoCa Circuit). [www.sailweek.com](http://www.sailweek.com)
- 12 - 15 8th International Club Náutico de San Juan Regatta, Puerto Rico. [www.nauticodesanjuan.com](http://www.nauticodesanjuan.com)
- 13 - 15 Budget Marine Valentines Regatta, Antigua. JHYC
- 14 Sunshine School Fundraising Auction, Bequia. [nicola@begos.com](mailto:nicola@begos.com)
- 14 Man-o-War Cay Craft Fair, Bahamas. (242) 365-6049
- 14 - 16 31st Annual Sweethearts of the Caribbean and 27th Annual Classic Yacht Regatta, Tortola. WEYC
- 14 - 24 La Route du Carnival rally, Martinique to Trinidad. [www.transcaribes.com](http://www.transcaribes.com)
- 16 Presidents' Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI
- 19 - 22 Grenada Classic Yacht Regatta. [www.grenadaclassicregatta.com](http://www.grenadaclassicregatta.com)
- 20 - 22 16th St. Croix International Regatta (first regatta of CORT). [www.stcroixregatta.com](http://www.stcroixregatta.com)
- 20 - 22 6th Annual Optimist Valentine Regatta, St. Croix. SCYC
- 20 - 22 Sir John Compton Memorial Trophy & Diamond Dash Race, St. Lucia to Martinique and back. SLYC
- 20 - 24 20th Semaine Nautique Schoelcher, Martinique. [www.optiworld.org/09norMartinique.pdf](http://www.optiworld.org/09norMartinique.pdf)
- 21 - 23 Carnival Regatta, Martinique. CNN
- 22 Independence Day. **Public holiday** in St. Lucia
- 23 Eid-ul-Azah, **Public holiday** in Guyana
- 23 - 24 Carnival Monday and Tuesday in most Dutch and French islands, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Dominica, Carriacou, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, and other places
- 23 - 27 RORC Caribbean Offshore Race, AYC
- 25 Ash Wednesday. **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- 27 Independence Day. **Public holiday** in the Dominican Republic
- 27 - 1 March South Grenada Regatta. [www.southgrenadaregatta.com](http://www.southgrenadaregatta.com)

### MARCH

- 3 Budget Marine Match Racing, St. Maarten. SMYC
- 5 - 8 29th St. Maarten Heineken Regatta. [www.heinekenregatta.com](http://www.heinekenregatta.com)
- 6 - 7 10th Blues & Rhythms Festival, St. Vincent. [www.svgtourism.com](http://www.svgtourism.com)
- 6 - 9 12th Annual Dark and Stormy Regatta, BVI. WEYC
- 6 - 11 Caribbean Arts & Crafts Festival, BVI. [www.caribbeanartisan.net](http://www.caribbeanartisan.net)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Commonwealth Day. **Public holiday** in some places
- 9 Baron Bliss Day. **Public holiday** in Belize
- 11 FULL MOON, **Public holiday** in Suriname (Phagwa)
- 13 - 15 Grenada Round-the-Island Race. [www.aroundgrenada.com](http://www.aroundgrenada.com)
- 14 National Heroes Day. **Public holiday** in St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- 14 - 15 Bananas Cup Regatta, Martinique. YCM
- 14 - 15 Around St. Lucia Race (to be confirmed). SLYC
- 17 St. Patrick's Day. **Public holiday** in Montserrat; Festival in St. Patrick's, Grenada
- 18 Flag Day. **Public holiday** in Aruba
- 18 - 22 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival, USVI. [www.stjohnbluesfestival.com](http://www.stjohnbluesfestival.com)
- 19 - 22 13th Annual Tobago Game Fishing Tournament. [www.tgft.com](http://www.tgft.com)
- 20 International Earth Day
- 20 - 22 Culebra Heineken International Regatta and Culebra International Dinghy Regatta, Puerto Rico. [www.culebrainternationalregatta.com](http://www.culebrainternationalregatta.com)

- 21 - 22 Gardel Trophy Race, Guadeloupe. [www.triskellcup.com](http://www.triskellcup.com)
- 22 Emancipation Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 26 - 29 International Rolex Regatta, St. Thomas, USVI. [www.rolexcupregatta.com](http://www.rolexcupregatta.com)
- 26 - 29 St. Barths Bucket Race. [www.newportbucket.com/StBarthsIndex.htm](http://www.newportbucket.com/StBarthsIndex.htm)
- 30 Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day. **Public holiday** in Trinidad & Tobago
- 30 - Apr 5 BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival. [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org)
- TBA Antigua Mega Yacht Challenge. AYC

### APRIL

- 4 - 28 10th Transcaribes Rally, Guadeloupe to Cuba. [www.transcaribes.com](http://www.transcaribes.com)
- 9 FULL MOON
- 9 Holy Thursday. **Public holiday** in USVI
- 9 - 13 Bequia Easter Regatta. [www.begos.com/easterregatta](http://www.begos.com/easterregatta)
- 9 - 13 Easterval, Union Island, St. Vincent Grenadines. [melissaj@vincysurf.com](mailto:melissaj@vincysurf.com)
- 10 Good Friday. **Public holiday** in many places
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Easter Monday. **Public holiday** in many places
- 14 Pan-American Day. **Public holiday** in Haiti
- 15 - 19 St. Croix Food and Wine Experience. [www.ATasteofStCroix.com](http://www.ATasteofStCroix.com)
- 16 - 21 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. [www.antiguaclassics.com](http://www.antiguaclassics.com)
- 16 - 3 May St. Maarten Carnival. [www.stmaartencarnival.com](http://www.stmaartencarnival.com)
- 18 - 19 Celebrations Trophy Regatta, Guadeloupe. [www.triskellcup.com](http://www.triskellcup.com)
- 19 Declaration of Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Venezuela
- 20 José de Diego Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 21 - 30 Marlin Madness Tournament, Trinidad & Tobago. TTGFA
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 Guadeloupe to Antigua Race. [www.sailingweek.com](http://www.sailingweek.com)
- 24 - 26 Plymouth Jazz Festival, Tobago
- 26 - May 2 42nd Stanford Antigua Sailing Week. [www.sailingweek.com](http://www.sailingweek.com)
- 28 National Heroes Day. **Public holiday** in Barbados
- 30 Queen's Birthday. **Public holiday** in Dutch islands
- TBA Curaçao International Kite Festival. [www.curacaokites.com](http://www.curacaokites.com)
- TBA St. Barth Film Festival. [www.st-barths.com/film-festival](http://www.st-barths.com/film-festival)

### MAY

- 1 May Day/Labour Day. **Public holiday** in many places
- 1 Ascension Day. **Public holiday** in some French and Dutch islands
- 1 - 10 St. Lucia Jazz Festival. [www.stluciazjazz.org](http://www.stluciazjazz.org)
- 3 West Marine Atlantic Cup sets sail from Tortola, BVI to Bermuda. [www.carib1500.com](http://www.carib1500.com)
- 4 Bank holiday (Labour Day celebrated). **Public holiday** in many places
- 5 World Environment Day
- 5 Youman Nabi. **Public holiday** in Guyana
- 8 Armistice Day. **Public holiday** in French West Indies
- 8 - 10 Anguilla Sailing Festival. [www.anguillaregatta.com](http://www.anguillaregatta.com)
- 9 FULL MOON
- 10 - 15 Mount Gay Boatyard Regatta, Barbados. [info@sailbarbados.com](mailto:info@sailbarbados.com)
- 18 **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands (Discovery Day) and Haiti (Flag Day)
- 20 Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Cuba
- 20 - 24 Round Guadeloupe Race. [www.triskellcup.com](http://www.triskellcup.com)
- 21 Ascension Day. **Public holiday** in Haiti and Dutch and French islands
- 21 - 23 Combat de Coques Regatta, Martinique. CNM
- 22 Emancipation Day. **Public holiday** in Martinique
- 22 - 23 35th Annual Foxy's Wooden Boat Regatta, Jost Van Dyke, WEYC
- 22 - 24 Vela Cup Race, Puerto Rico. [www.puertoricovelacup.com](http://www.puertoricovelacup.com)
- 22 - 24 St. Lucia to Martinique Race (to be confirmed). SLYC
- 23 Labour Day. **Public holiday** in Jamaica
- 23 - 24 Capt. Oliver's Regatta, St. Maarten
- 23 - 30 Curaçao Dive Festival. [www.curacaodive.com](http://www.curacaodive.com)
- 24 **Public holiday** in Haiti (Mother's Day) and Bermuda (Bermuda Day)
- 25 Memorial Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI
- 26 **Public holiday** in Turks & Caicos (National Heroes Day)
- 27 Abolition Day. **Public holiday** in Guadeloupe
- 28 - 1 June Canouan Regatta. Canouan Sailing Club (784) 458-8197
- 30 **Public holiday** in Anguilla (Anguilla Day) and Trinidad & Tobago (Indian Arrival Day)
- 30 - 31 Yole (sailing canoe) Races, Martinique. [www.yoles-rondes.org](http://www.yoles-rondes.org)
- 30 - 31 Martinique to St. Lucia Race. YCM
- 31 Pentecost. **Public holiday** in Bonaire
- TBA ARC Europe sets sail from Nanny Cay, BVI, to Portugal. [www.worldcruising.com/arceurope](http://www.worldcruising.com/arceurope)
- TBA 4th Annual Bonaire Jazz Festival. [www.bonairejazz.com](http://www.bonairejazz.com)
- TBA 5th Zoo Regatta, Gosier, Guadeloupe. [www.zoo-regatta.com](http://www.zoo-regatta.com)
- TBA BVI Music Festival. [www.bvimusicfest.net](http://www.bvimusicfest.net)

### JUNE

- 1 Whit Monday. **Public holiday** in many places
- 5 Labour Day. **Public holiday** in The Bahamas
- 6 St. Maarten Laser Regatta. SMYC
- 6 - 7 The Saintes Regatta, Guadeloupe
- 7 FULL MOON
- 8 Queen's Birthday (UK). **Public holiday** in Anguilla
- 11 Corpus Christi. **Public holiday** in many places
- 14 - 21 19th Annual Jamaica Ocho Rios International Jazz Festival. [www.jamaicaculture.org/jazz](http://www.jamaicaculture.org/jazz)
- 13 **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands & Montserrat (Queen's Birthday UK celebrated) & BVI (Territory Day)
- 19 Labour Day. **Public holiday** in Trinidad
- 20 St. Jean Pursuit Race, Martinique