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CARIBBEAN COMPASS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

JUNE ...continued

- 20 - 21** Caribbean One-Design Keelboat Championships, St. Maarten. www.tropicalsailloft.com
- 21** Summer Solstice
- 24** Battle of Carabobo Day. **Public holiday** in Venezuela
- 26 - 29** Charlotteville Fisherman Festival, Tobago
- 28 - July 5** HIHO Windsurfing Week, BVI. www.go-hiho.com
- 29** Fisherman's Birthday (St. Peter's Day). Boat and dinghy races in many fishing communities
- TBA** 13th Annual St. Kitts Music Festival. www.stkittsmusicfestival.net

JULY

- 1** **Public holiday** in Antigua (Vere Bird Sr. Day) and Suriname (Eid-ul-Fitr)
- 2** Curaçao Flag Day. **Public holiday** in Curaçao
- 3** Emancipation Day. **Public holiday** in USVI
- 3 - 4** 17th Annual Firecracker 500 Race, Tortola, BVI. WEYC
- 4** Independence Day (USA). **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI. Carnival in St. John, USVI
- 5** Bequia's 14th Annual Fisherman's Day
- 6** **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands (Constitution Day) and Guyana (Emancipation Day)
- 6 - 7** St. Vincent Carnival. **Public holiday** in St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- 7** FULL MOON
- 10** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in The Bahamas
- 10 - 12** Chief Minister's Cup Youth Regatta, Tortola. RBVIYC
- 14** Bastille Day. **Public holiday** in French West Indies
- 16 - Aug 1** Tobago Heritage Festival
- 18** Volcano Anniversary. **Public holiday** in Montserrat
- 20** Luis Muñoz Rivera's Birthday. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 20 - 21** St. Lucia Carnival. www.stlucia.org
- 21** Schoelcher Day. **Public holiday** in French West Indies
- 24** Birth of Simón Bolívar. **Public holiday** in Venezuela
- 23 - 26** USVI Lifestyle Festival, St. Thomas. www.usvimf.com
- 25** Constitution Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 25 - 27** Rebellion Days. **Public holiday** in Cuba
- 26 - 3 Aug** 44th Annual Carriacou Regatta Festival. www.carriacouregatta.com/
- 27** José Celso Barbosa's Birthday. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico
- 29** Carriacou Children's Education Fund Potluck Barbecue, Carriacou Yacht Club. boatmillie@aol.com
- 30 - 1 Aug** Canouan Carnival
- 31** Somer's Day. **Public holiday** in Bermuda
- 31** Carriacou Children's Education Fund Charity Auction, Carriacou Yacht Club. boatmillie@aol.com

AUGUST

- 1** Emancipation Day. **Public holiday** in Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, and Trinidad & Tobago
- 1** Emancipation Day Sailing Races, St. Lucia. SLYC
- 3** Emancipation Day/August Monday. **Public holiday** in The Bahamas, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, Turk & Caicos, and Barbados (Kadooment Day)
- 3 - 4** **Public holiday** in Antigua & Barbuda (Antigua Carnival) and BVI (Emancipation Festival)
- 4** Culturama. **Public holiday** in St. Kitts & Nevis
- 6** FULL MOON. **Public holiday** in Jamaica (Independence Day)
- 10** Constitution Day. **Public holiday** in Anguilla
- 10 - 11** Grenada Carnival. **Public holiday** in Grenada
- 15** Feast of the Assumption. **Public holiday** in Haiti and French West Indies
- 16** Restoration Day. **Public holiday** in Dominican Republic
- 22** Great Race (powerboats) from Chaguaramas, Trinidad to Store Bay, Tobago
- 24** Festival of St. Barthelemy, St. Barths. Boat races
- 28 - 3 Sept** 56th San Juan International Billfish Tournament, Puerto Rico. www.sanjuaninternational.com
- 30** Feast of St. Rose De Lima, St. Lucia. Cultural folk festival
- 31** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Trinidad
- TBA** 25th edition Tour des Yoles Rondes, Martinique. www.tourdesyoles.com/www.yoles-rondes.org

SEPTEMBER

- 4** FULL MOON
- 6** Bonaire Day. **Public holiday** in Bonaire. Boat races
- 7** Labour Day. **Public holiday** in Bermuda and USVI
- 10** St. George's Day. **Public holiday** in Belize
- 16** National Heroes Day. **Public holiday** in St. Kitts & Nevis
- 19** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in St. Kitts & Nevis
- 21** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Belize
- 24** **Public holiday** in Trinidad & Tobago (Republic Day) & Dominican Republic (Our Lady of Las Mercedes)
- 26** National Youth Day. **Public holiday** in Turks & Caicos
- TBA** Virgin of the Valley Festival, Margarita, Venezuela

OCTOBER

- 4** FULL MOON
- 4 - 10** 42nd Bonaire International Sailing Regatta. www.bonaireregatta.org
- 5** Thanksgiving Day. **Public holiday** in St. Lucia
- 10** War of 1868 Anniversary. **Public holiday** in Cuba
- 12** **Public holiday** in The Bahamas (National Heroes Day), Bermuda (National Heroes Day), Belize (Pan American Day), Puerto Rico, USVI and Turks & Caicos (Columbus Day)
- 15** Jounen Kweyol Entenasyonnal (International Creole Day), St. Lucia
- 17** **Public holiday** in Guyana (Diwali) and Haiti (Death of Dessalines)
- 17** Feast of La Marguerite. St. Lucia. Cultural folk festival
- 18** (approximate) Divali. **Public holiday** in Trinidad & Tobago
- 19** **Public holiday** in Jamaica (National Heroes Day) and BVI (St. Ursula's Day)
- 24** United Nations' Day. **Public holiday** in Haiti
- 21** Antillean Day. **Public holiday** in Netherlands Antilles
- 24** International Human Rights Day. **Public holiday** in Turks & Caicos
- 25** Thanksgiving Day. **Public holiday** in Grenada. Boat races

- 27** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Local boat races in Bequia
- 30 - 31** 12th Annual Foxy's Cat Fight multihull regatta, Jost Van Dyke. WEYC
- 30 - 2 Nov** Triskell Cup Regatta, Guadeloupe. www.triskellcup.com
- TBA** USVI Hurricane Thanksgiving Day (**Public holiday in USVI** if no hurricanes occurred)
- TBA** World Creole Music Festival, Dominica

NOVEMBER

- 1** **Public holiday** in Haiti and French West Indies (All Saints' Day), Antigua & Barbuda (Independence Day) and USVI (D. Hamilton Jackson Day)
- 2** FULL MOON. **Public holiday** in Haiti (All Souls' Day)
- 2** 20th West Marine Caribbean 1500 sets sail from Hampton, VA to Tortola. www.carib1500.com
- 3** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Dominica
- 4** Community Service Day. **Public holiday** in Dominica
- 6 - 8** 2nd Heineken Regatta Curaçao. www.heinekenregattacuracao.com
- 6 - 14** 19th Aruba Heineken Catamaran Regatta. www.arubaregatta.com
- 7 - 8** Budget Marine Women's Caribbean One Design Keelboat Championship, St. Maarten
- 9** **Public holiday** in Cayman Islands (Remembrance Day.) and Dominican republic (Constitution Day)
- 11** **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI (Veterans' Day), French West Indies and BVI (Armistice Day), St. Maarten (St. Maarten Day), and Bermuda (Remembrance Day)
- 14** St. Maarten Open Optimist Championship. SMYC
- 16** Statia-America Day. **Public holiday** in Statia
- 18** Battle of Vertieres Day. **Public holiday** in Haiti
- 19** **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico (Discovery Day) and Belize (Garifuna Settlement Day)
- 22** ARC 2009 departs Canary Islands bound for St. Lucia. www.worldcruising.com/arc/
- 23** Liberation Day. **Public holiday** in Montserrat
- 25** Republic Day. **Public holiday** in Suriname
- 26** Thanksgiving Day. **Public holiday** in Puerto Rico and USVI
- 27 - 29** JHR Caribbean Regatta, Antigua. JHYC
- 27 - 29** Course de L'Alliance Regatta, St. Maarten/St. Barths/Anguilla. www.coursedelalliance.com
- 30** Independence Day. **Public holiday** in Barbados
- TBA** Le Triangle Emeraude rally, Guadeloupe to Dominica. ycsf@orange.fr

DECEMBER

- 2** FULL MOON
- 3** Saba Day. **Public holiday** in Saba
- 6 - 7** Gustav Wilmerding 19th Annual Memorial Challenge, BVI. WEYC
- 6 - 9** St. Maarten Charter Yacht Exhibition. www.mybacaribbeanshow.com
- 9** National Heroes Day. **Public holiday** in Antigua & Barbuda
- 12 - 19** Chanukah
- 13** National Day. **Public holiday** in St. Lucia
- 16 - 24** Nine Mornings Festival, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- 15** Kingdom Day. **Public holiday** in St. Maarten
- 19** Separation Day. **Public holiday** in Anguilla
- 21** Winter Solstice
- 25** Christmas Day. **Public holiday** in many places
- 26** Boxing Day. **Public holiday** in many places
- 31** FULL MOON; Festival Day. **Public holiday** in Montserrat
- 31** Nelson's Pursuit Race, Antigua. AYC (same for 2009)
- TBA** 48th Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting. www.antiguayachtshow.com

NOTES

• All information was correct to the best of our knowledge at the time this calendar went to press — but plans change, so please contact event organizers directly for confirmation! Also, a public holiday may be celebrated on the following Monday if a fixed holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

• Many thanks to all who made their schedules of events available for this calendar. This is by no means a complete list. Stay tuned to *Compass* each month for news of more events as the year progresses.

• If you organize a sailing event not listed here that you'd like to see in our monthly calendars, please send information two months before the event date(s) to sally@caribbeancompass.com.

KEY TO CONTACTS

AYC: Antigua Yacht Club, tel/fax (268) 460-1799, yachtclub@candw.ag, www.antiguayachtclub.com

CNIH: Club Náutico Intl. Hemingway (Hemingway International Yacht Club, Cuba), tel (+1 53) 724-2718, yachtclub@cnih.mh.cyt.cu

CNN: Club Nautique Le Neptune, (Martinique), tel (596) 51 73 24, fax (596) 51 73 70, info@clubnautiqueleneptune.com, www.clubnautiqueleneptune.com

CNM: Club Nautique du Marin (Martinique), tel (596) 74 92 48, fax (596) 74 62 02 club-nautique-du-marin@wanadoo.fr

CSA: Caribbean Sailing Association. www.caribbean-sailing.com

GYC: Grenada Yacht Club, tel (473) 440-6826 or 440-3050, gyc@spiceisle.com, www.grenadayachtclub.com

JHYC: Jolly Harbour Yacht Club, (Antigua), tel (268) 770-6172, miramarsailing@hotmail.com, www.jhycantigua.com

RBVIYC: Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club, tel (284) 494-3286, rbviyc@rbviyc.com, www.rbviyc.net

SBYC: St. Barth Yacht Club, tel: (590) 27 70 41, sbyc@wanadoo.fr

SCYC: St. Croix Yacht Club, tel (340) 773-9531, fax 778-8350, www.stcroixyc.com

SLYC: St. Lucia Yacht Club, tel (758) 452-8350, secretary@stluciayachtclub.com, www.stluciayachtclub.com

SMYC: St. Maarten Yacht Club, tel (599) 544-2075, fax (599) 544-2091, info@smyc.com, www.smyc.com

STYC: St. Thomas Yacht Club, tel (340) 775-6320, fax (340) 775-3600, manager@styc.net, www.styc.net

SYR: Société des Yoles Rondes (Martinique), tel (056) 61 48 50, yolesrondes@wanadoo.fr, www.yoles-rondes.org

TTSA: Trinidad & Tobago Sailing Assn., tel (868) 634-4210/4519, fax (868) 634-4376, manager@ttsailing.org, www.ttsailing.org

WEYC: West End Yacht Club, Tortola, BVI, tel (284) 495-1002, fax (284) 495-4184, mvh@surfbvi.com, www.weyc.net

YCM: Yacht Club de la Martinique, tel (596) 63 26 76, fax (596) 63 94 48, ycmq@wanadoo.fr