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Sailing regatta brings record number of boats Long-Running Family Sailing Event Innovates for Success



The start line of the Marsh Harbour race in the Regatta Time in Abaco race series was hectic as the boats jockeyed for good positions. This was the Mother Tubs just getting underway, Mother Tubs being the cruising boats loaded with everything a family needs for cruising including children and dogs. The Mother Tubs race a shortened course and cannot use specialty sails. Other classes are for racing sailboats. Each day of the nine-day event ends with a party, each one at a different location. The Ministry of Tourism has been a major sponsor of the event for many years.

By Sally Erdle

"Cruising and racing is the best!" announced 18-year-old foredeck crew Jillian Aydelotte at one of the daily prizegiving parties. The 33rd Annual Regatta Time in Abaco, July 3rd through 11th, provided a taste of both. The five-race series includes round-the-buoys courses and destination races between neighboring cays.

This year's Regatta Time in Abaco (RTIA), a premier sailing event of The Bahamas, attracted 63 entries to race in six classes. Scheduled between the US Independence holiday and The Bahamas' Independence Day, the regatta attracts mainly yachts from the southeastern US to race along with Bahamian-based boats. RTIA draws a big social following in addition to the racers, being only one hour by air, one day by powerboat or two days by sailboat from Florida at a time when the kids are out of school.

But most regattas last a long weekend, maybe five days at most. How does RTIA continue to induce so many people to race their yachts in a nine-day event? Regatta Coordinator Ruth Saunders says, "They

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Vintage Props and Jets Closes

By Jennifer Hudson

One hundred thirty-five passengers who were expecting to leave Marsh Harbour on Vintage Props and Jets flights on July 19 found themselves having to hastily make alternative arrangements to get back home. Vintage Props and Jets filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy the previous evening and so all flights were cancelled, stranding passengers.

According to Ms. Winsome Ferguson of the Ministry of Tourism Abaco office and Mr. Michael Albury of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, the airline notified them

on the evening of the 18th that they were ceasing operation as of that time. Mrs. Cheryl Clarke, longtime Abaco agent for Vintage Props and Jets, left work at the counter at 6 p.m. and received a call half an hour later informing her that the airline had closed. Mrs. Clarke's son also worked for the same airline and so this was a double blow to the family.

Ms. Ferguson stated that the airline did make every effort to contact passengers

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Independence celebration was an extravaganza



The traditional raising of the Bahamian flag was part of the Central Abaco Independence celebration as the flag was raised by the Royal Bahamas Police Force in a Tattoo celebration. At attention to review the police is Mr. Edison Kay, MP for South Abaco, shown on the left.

By Samantha V. Evans

The Independence Extravaganza was held on July 9th beginning early evening. The first segment of the program was the gospel extravaganza that lasted until

9 p.m. The committee members saw this as fitting especially since The Bahamas has been such a blessed little nation that

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Maxwell's burns down



Maxwell's Supermarket in Marsh Harbour, Abaco's leading food store, burned down on July 21, requiring volunteer fire departments from four communities to keep it under control. By mid-day on July 22 the store was completely destroyed. Shown here is smoke coming from holes made in the metal walls to allow the fire hoses to access the fire. See story on page 12.

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Regatta brings hundreds of followers as well as sailors

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like it because it's a family event, not just racing."

Plenty of limin' time is built into the schedule with three lay days included. RTIA Commodore Dave Ralph says, "We want to provide an event that reflects our interesting and diverse locations while allowing families to enjoy time to explore. Each cay and each community is unique with its own personality." The Sea of Abaco offers a hundred-mile cruising ground sheltered from Atlantic rollers by a system of reefs and numerous cays with a mixture of civilization and isolation. Abaco boasts more marinas than any other Bahamian island, and you can easily sail to another cay for lunch or dinner.

The boats in this year's regatta, all of which must be not less than 20 feet long and capable (at least in theory) of being lived

aboard - no stripped-out pocket rockets or beach cats need apply - raced in RTIA, PHRF, Mother Tub and Multihull fleets. RTIA is for light to medium displacement yachts that normally race under the PHRF handicap rules, using spinnakers and other specialty sails. PHRF is for heavier displacement racer/cruisers who also wish to use spinnakers.

The Mother Tub classes have been established for boats equipped for cruising that do not normally race competitively. No spinnakers or other specialty sails are allowed, and handicaps assigned by the Race Committee may be adjusted from race to race in order to afford all Mother Tub yachts an equal opportunity to win. Unorthodox, yes, but 46 boats signed up to be this year's "tubs" - enough for three big classes. There are no overall prizes in the Mother Tub classes, since their handicaps may change from day to day.

Although the races are run to a professional standard and competition is, well, competitive, protests are discouraged. (There weren't any this year.)

One of the innovations at this year's event apparently solved the perennial problem (unless there are sufficient entries for separate classes) of having big, relatively slow catamarans racing in the same multihull class with zippy little trimarans. Race Committee co-chair Carol Ewing had the bright idea to put the small handful of cats in the Mother Tub fleet and the let the three tris duke it out in Multihull Class. Her co-chair and husband Jon says, "It's working out great." Carol and Jon's Gulfstar 44 trawler *Great Scott* was a great committee boat. The Ewings were ably assisted by Barbara Dwyer taking times and John Lowe helping set marks.

Also new for RTIA 2008 was holding that day's prizegiving at the party after every race. The unique daily prizes - small bronze sculptures of dolphins, sharks and

other marine life mounted on wooden plaques - were created by Pete Johnston of Little Harbour.

Former full-time cruisers Carol and Jack Wood from South Carolina raced their Island Packet 40 *Zippity Doo Dah* in Mother Tubs Class E. Carol explains, "Jack and I have done the Newport to Bermuda Race and the Charleston to Bermuda Race, and one of our crew suggested Abaco. It's great! Tuesday's race was exciting with a very close start." She notes, "The trip from Charleston via Fort Pierce was beautiful, although there wasn't much wind so we motored a lot. There are five or six other boats from Charleston, and we brought sailing friends as crew." Her crew Pam adds, "I can't believe we're having so much fun." "It's our first time on Abaco," Carol says, "but not our last!"

Captain Roger Carrol, who took time

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American and Bahamian boats all compete in the Regatta Time in Abaco racing series. Shown here is *Balamena II* from Nassau owned by Peter Christie, who competes every year in the Regatta.



The first race of Regatta Time in Abaco is off Green Turtle Cay with an awards ceremony and party afterwards held at Centennial Park in New Plymouth. Hundreds come to Abaco for the social events that are held nightly with each event held at a different location.

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Sailors experience a variety of Abaco's Town

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out from working on the 72-foot Alden schooner *Keewatin* to race his first RTIA on his cousin Janet Harding's Pearson 33 Harding's *EZ Dock*, agrees. From Long Island, Bahamas, Roger says, "Abaco is great. All the people racing are wonderful - I'm loving it."

More RTIA first-timers were John Bolduc, his wife and their three kids aged 14, 13 and 11 on the 30-foot Hunter *Latitudes*. The Bolducs said, "We do a lot of day and weekend sailing at home in Florida, but making the crossing and racing at Abaco has broadened the kids' horizons tremendously." And, especially since *Latitudes* won third place among nine boats racing in Mother Tub E Class in the Marsh Har-

bour Race, despite a broken boom, "Now they're hooked. We'll have to come back next year!"

The Marsh Harbour Race, held on July 9th, was typical: light to moderate breeze (enlivened by a squall that dragged a mark) and minimal seas. The Mother Tub classes sailed a course of 8.8 nautical miles, and the RTIA, PHRF and Multihull Classes course was 12.8 nautical miles.

Skipper Michael Carrington said of his *Susimi's* win of the day, "It's our fifth year, so we have some idea of what's the right place at the right time, but the real secret of our success is crew work with young people. We're racing with a crew of five teenagers and two dogs. Today we had a wild upwind leg with the windward mark going adrift in a squall, but all the

kids were really into it."

One of *Susimi's* teenage crew, Hope Winkler, is a Laser racer back home in Kansas. This was her second time on Abaco racing on the Sweden 37 where she helps call tactics and work the spinnaker. Her friend Jillian, from Melbourne Beach, Florida, was racing on the Pearson 30 *Abaco Glow* with skipper Andy Burke. "I think it's shocking you don't see more young people sailing," Jillian says. "It's so much fun."

The grown-up females were out in force at Abaco, too. From Florida's Melbourne Yacht Club, a women's team including Rochelle Yates, Karen Minette and Amy

Pearce that usually races *Mouse*, a Lindenber 28, came to race on two friends' boats, *Abaco Glow* and *Rock Star*, the C&C 115 that emerged victorious overall in RTIA Class. "It's a long regatta, but the racing is just great," says Rochelle.

A Mount Gay "red cap" event in the past, Bacardi became RTIA's new sponsoring rum this year. In addition to the many commercial sponsors, the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism has sponsored this regatta for the past 15 years. Don Cornish, Director of the Abaco Tourist Office notes,

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One of the racing boats passes the committee boat on the right. Six classes accommodate all boats, allowing them to compete with boats of similar performance. Trophies are bronze sculptures created by Pete Johnston of Little Harbour.



One boat entering regularly in Regatta Time in Abaco is *Tanglefoot* owned by Clay Wilhoyte of Hope Town. Shown here is Clay's son, Andrew Wilhoyte, second from left, being presented with a first place trophy by Don Cornish, left, Abaco's Director of Tourism. Andrew is shown here with some of his crew.

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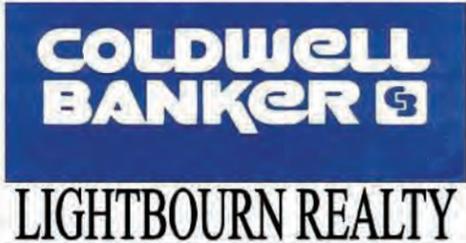


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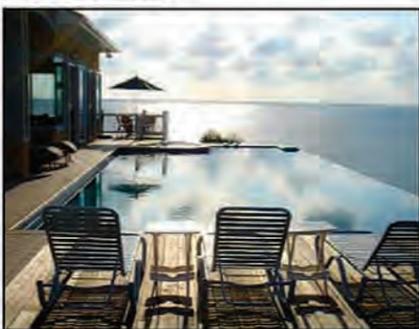
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Flag raising ceremony marked Independence

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many visitors flock to every year to experience the richness of our culture, food and the people. An array of drama and singers were organized for this portion of the program. The Dundas Town Church of God Praise team, Kevin Sawyer, Anitra Cornish, Lakeshia Knowles, the Zion Baptist Praise team, the Dawkins sisters, Bethany Baptist Youth Choir and New Directions all performed. The drama team from Abaco Youth Ministries put on a well executed play that left the crowd speechless. They proved to all that Abaco has a lot of wonderful talent.

The second segment was the cultural show but before this began, Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator, came with the opening message. He told the crowd that even though The Bahamas has come a

very long way in 35 years, we still have a long way to go. He is so proud to be a Bahamian, and they should be proud as well. He would like to see the people of The Bahamas work together more and be their brother's keeper. This is the only way, he believes, that we will continue to excel and receive God's blessings.

Following his remarks, Mr. Edison Key, M.P. for South Abaco, brought brief remarks stating that this crowd is very impressive indeed. In fact, he said that it reminded him of the crowd on Clifford Park in Nassau. He reminisced once again and stated that 35 years ago, dynamite was going off in this land and the tension was very high. We could not do what we are doing today, he exclaimed, but thank God that Abaco can come together under one God to celebrate our Independence. He told them that he can remember when gasoline

was \$.50 a gallon and diesel was \$.40 a gallon. Today gasoline on Abaco is over \$6 a gallon. Times have indeed changed, he stated. He told Bahamians to hold their head up high because many persons have worked hard for them to enjoy celebrations like this one, and to ensure that they have better opportunities now that they did not have 35 years ago.

The culture show was a mixture of Bahamian oldies and goodies. Brown Tip put on an explosive show as these young men were excited about promoting Bahamian music. Estin Sawyer performed down home Bahamian songs that got the crowd rocking and moving to the beat. At the end of the cultural show, the Royal Bahamas Police Force K-9 unit put on a remarkable show with one of its trained police dogs. Parents were asked to hold their children as the dog

of demonstration before.

Following this demonstration, the combined Police and Defense Force Band performed for the crowd. They selected persons from the crowd to perform with them but the person who stole the show was nine-year-old Steven Jones, who was accosted by the band leader and asked to conduct the band. It was hilarious watching this youngster put on a show for the crowd. Even though he was caught off guard, he did a fantastic job! At 11:45 p.m., the Bahamian flag was raised. The inspection of the parade was done by Mr. Key and Supt. Shawn Smith, Officer in Charge of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Abaco District. At 12 midnight the National Anthem

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Members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band entertained the crowds that turned out for the Independence celebration in Marsh Harbour. The event began with a church service followed by a cultural show and ended with police maneuvers. The ceremony was followed by fireworks.



A Junkanoo rush out was part of the Independence celebration in Central Abaco the night of July 9 leading up to Independence on July 10.



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Independence week began with a church service

By Samantha V. Evans

July 6th was the beginning of a week of celebrations to honor the 35th Anniversary of Independence of The Bahamas with a church service held at Church of God in Dundas Town. The service was attended by many persons supporting the efforts of the Central Abaco Independence committee. The theme The Bahamas at 35 celebrating Past and Present and Looking to a Prosperous Future opened the door for newly elected Chief Councilor Cubell Davis to reminisce on how far The Bahamas has come but more specifically the accomplishments of Abaco.

Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator, reminded Abaco that The Bahamas was founded on Christian values and principles. In fact, he stated that Bahamians should be very thankful that we can pray publicly and that religion is very much a part of our daily lives. We can enjoy the many freedoms of speech, movement and religion that many countries around the world can not enjoy. He sees one of the greatest problems The Bahamas has is that economic progress has gone ahead of our social advancement. There are many houses being built, he explained, but there are fewer homes; there are more churches on the island but less love and care; and there are more educational opportunities but less character and integrity. Progress is nice; but Mr. Cooper sees it negatively affecting other areas of life for Bahamians. He stated that his independence wish is that we will all get back to God and begin to show more love and care for each other.

Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, brought brief remarks as well stating that 35 years ago he was in the House of Com-

mons lobbying for The Bahamas to become an independent nation. This is a proud moment that he and all Bahamians have been blessed to see.

The key note speaker for the service was the host pastor of the Church of God, Bishop Anthony Campbell. He said that over the past 35 years there have been seven general elections and no bloodshed. That within itself is enough to give God thanks for. Greed has become the order of the day and it seems as if everyone has forgotten how to be their brother's keeper. He said that during the local government election he learned that some persons were telling locals not to vote for some candidates because they are not from Abaco. This is wrong, he exclaimed, because we are all Bahamians, and Bahamian have the right to run for office anywhere!

He told young pastors who are now serving under older pastors to wait their turn to lead. He encouraged them to remain humble before God, and He will do wonderful things in their lives and in the land. He believes that with everything that is going on the country, we need God now more than ever because only He can heal this land. Bishop Campbell used this opportunity to encourage public servants to stop stealing from the government. He told them that if they are to work eight hours, then they must give eight hours of honest work and/or service. He encouraged men to take care of their responsibilities and raise their children. He told politicians that there is no room in this country for same sex marriages, and that they should not even entertain this thought because the religious community will not stand for it!

He explained that effective leaders prepare people for the challenges of tomorrow

and this country needs effective leaders. He encouraged those persons in leadership today to ensure that the legacy of this country is preserved. He sees this as important so that his children and grandchildren will have a place to visit that will tell the story of whence we have come. He stated that right now there is no monument he can visit or look forward to taking his grandchildren in the future. Finally, he encouraged the people of Abaco to leave a legacy behind for their children and the unborn generations of the Bahamas.

Each district on Abaco held similar events.

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was sung once again followed by a fireworks display.

The final event for this Independence extravaganza was the junior rush out when Bahamians and tourists alike got into their costumes and rushed through the streets. This was, indeed, a happy Independence day celebration and all thanks go to the Independence Committee.

It is due to the support of many individuals, groups and businesses groups that this Independence Extravaganza was a huge success.



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The Editor Says . . . HT District Council stays the same



Dave Ralph

The Hope Town District Council will continue to function as a District III Council as previously designated. This Council is comprised of the three island towns of Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town. Central government decided that granting them status as a District II Council with each town having its own town committee was not in the area's best interest.

Although remaining as a District III Council, it will now function with two less members. Guana Cay will continue with one member representing the town's interest. Hope Town and Man-O-War will each be reduced to two members for a total of five on the Council. These two towns previously had three members each. The new five-member Council matches the size of Abaco's other District III Councils: Grand Cay, Moore's Island and Green Turtle Cay. The logic for the reduced council members was not given but is probably based on population.

Had the three island settlements continued with the proposed Schedule II Council, a series of poorly thought-out consequences would have evolved. On the positive side, each town would have had a town committee handling town maintenance issues without interference from the other two towns.

However, town committees are not empowered to

- approve or reject building permits
- issue shop licenses
- review and recommend docks

Under the Schedule II regulations, these matters are handled by appointed statutory boards made up of members from the three townships.

The change proposed in May would have restructured the present monthly Council meetings that resolve all area issues. The replacement structure would have required many more monthly meetings of council, town committees and four or five statutory boards. Fully staffing this new structure could have taken 40 or more persons.

Furthermore, under the proposed change in May to a District II Council, the three towns would form a five-member Council to oversee all the issues common to the district. However, there are not many com-

mon issues.

For example, the Central Abaco Council looks after the maintenance of buildings and grounds of

- an airport
- a government clinic
- a public dump
- a primary school with 800 students
- a highschool with 600 students

Essentially, the Hope Town District has none of these nor any other common item to maintain. It would appear that they would have two jobs to accomplish at the beginning of its term.

First, budgeted funding goes to councils that distribute funding to the towns while retaining funding for the items they are responsible for. A Hope Town Council would do that in July or August when the funding is made known.

Secondly, councils appoint members to serve on the four or five statutory boards.

- Town Planning
- Licensing
- Port Authority
- Hotel Licensing

When the proposed Hope Town District II Council had initially shared the funding and appointed the boards, it would appear that their major work for the year was finished.

In retrospect, it is probably better that they are remaining as a District III Council as they were during their previous term. Although awkward for members, the system worked.

The logistics for a common management

system for these three towns presents challenges as there is no ferry service between the towns and there is no demand for such a service. Public transportation radiates in and out of Marsh Harbour. Council members are obliged to have access to a boat or must take a ferry into Marsh Harbour, then transfer to another ferry to the island that hosts the meeting.

Nominations for the Hope Town Council will be accepted on the morning of July 31 in the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour. Those who nominated previously do not need to nominate again. Those who earlier nominated but have since changed their mind may withdraw without penalty. If more persons nominate than the specified one or two allowed, an election will be held on August 19.

Observations on the Marsh H. Volunteer Fire Department

Some bystanders at the recent Maxwell's Supermarket fire noted that this was a perfect example why the area needed a government fire station. We are not convinced of this reasoning.

Four local engines were on the scene within minutes accompanied by 40 or more volunteers as the scene unfolded. These four engines were acquired used by the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. One may have been donated free by a Stateside fire department upgrading their engines. Others may have been purchased, used, for \$10,000 to \$40,000 each with

money raised from the community.

The last engine bought by government that we are aware of cost about half a million dollars as government does not buy used items. Besides the initial government expense for a suitable engine, there would be salaries to pay firemen on constant duty. The volunteer department could do a lot with just a fraction of that money.

Let's look at it another way - if your house or business were on fire, would you rather have 1,000 gallons of water arrive in a shiny new engine or would you prefer to have 3,000 gallons of water arrive in three or four used engines?

An airport control tower is in the planning stage which will require a permanent staff and an annual operating budget. Then there is talk of a mini-hospital which will be expensive to operate and staff around the clock, let alone the initial construction and equipment cost. In these times of fiscal prudence, is it realistic that government should undertake to establish a fire department?

However, it would be helpful if the allowance given the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department by local government were increased to assist with maintenance and operating expenses. The volunteers are obliged to make many repairs themselves on their own time. The volunteers would be grateful if equipment repairs could be paid for by local government. The volunteers have a 40-year record of providing a needed fire service to all of Central Abaco.

Letters to the Editor

New Minister has broad responsibilities

Dear Editor,

The creation of the new Ministry of the Environment and the umbrella under which so many departments now fall gives rise to new opportunities and challenges to the Bahamian community as a whole. Bahamians to date have not shown a great deal of environmental consciousness, but the Prime Minister and several of his cabinet colleagues have found an interest in environmentally sound development, mitigation against weather and global climate change issues and the protection of our unique biodiversity. All of this in an attempt to protect our low lying archipelago from the expected ravages of nature.

To this end the Prime Minister has appointed Dr. Earl Deveaux as the Minister of the Environment and included the exceedingly difficult task of coming up with a new approach to environmental policy, regulation, and legislation. The new Ministry now faces the challenge of creating a common consensus between disparate

government departments, the aggressive private sector, non-governmental organisations, international influences, and the Bahamian community at large.

I for one do not envy Dr. Deveaux, but I do offer my encouragement and moral support. I feel that Dr. Deveaux is the one Member of Parliament who has the courage, the ability and the drive to achieve the required goals of an effective and essential Ministry.

However, he will not be able to do this without the input and concern of the Bahamian public and local governments at large.

The challenge is there, are we up to it?

Sincerely,

Jonh Hedden

Garbage problem needs long term plan

Dear Editor,

It was in the late 1950's that I fell in love with the island lifestyle. I lived in Montego Bay for six months, made numerous visits to Nassau and Grand Bahama in the interim and most recently, my family and I fell in love with your out islands: Elbow Cay and Lubbers.

Since our return, I have been following your newspaper editorials and am fearful that Abaco MIGHT be subjected to the same "knee jerk" form of government the US practices so masterfully. That is: putting out brush fires instead of planning ahead.

It is encouraging for your economy that subdivision permits are being applied for. An increase of residents brings with it an increase in cash flow not only for the government (taxes) but construction jobs, maintenance type jobs, domestic jobs. On the other side of the coin, when people move in, they generate garbage, trash or whatever you choose to call it. This WILL create a huge problem . . . unless a master plan is adopted NOW.

I have witnessed mismanagement of garbage in the US resulting in literally mountains of trash generating methane gas to the air and pollution to the water both potable and recreational.

Now my kids, both over 21, would like to buy a second home on one of your islands. I have read articles authored by your paper addressing the "growing" trash concerns. May I toss this out there: have the garbage authority and the power company come together and build a generator plant which would heat water to steam which would run a steam driven generator to create electricity. This would reduce dependence on outside sources (oil or gas) and solve the garbage mountains that WILL pop up like mushrooms on that heavenly place you call home.

Just a thought.

Tom Roscoe

(To return, May 09)

Why so many power outages?

Dear Editor,

As I write this, the power has once again been off on the South end of Elbow Cay for over five hours now. It has been off many many times this June/July 2008, and we have memorized the phone number, 367-2846, with our many reports of the outages. Notable this year is the duration of the outages, often over twelve hours.

The excuses from those who answer the reporting phone number have been "interesting." Excuses such as "tree trimming is going on in Marsh Harbour, and we had to turn off the power to Elbow Cay," which came at night. Another reason was, "Well, they were over to Hope Town to fix it, but they forgot to turn on the south end, so they are trying to charter a ferry to get back over," after a 14 hour power outage.

Tourism is down. Perhaps it is the high

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More Letters to the Editor

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fuel prices. It may be partly because of fishing restrictions. At the restaurants and shops on Elbow Cay, such as the coffee shop, visitors are discussing the power problems. A conversation I overheard this morning was critical of the BEC building here on Elbow Cay. On the way home from the coffee shop, I decided to pass by the BEC building. On the way I observed the power line tied up with ropes, as one visitor described.

Although it was 10 a.m., the building was still locked up. Litter strewn across the front of the building indicated that there wasn't much care taken to look after the premises. A wire was hung down within two feet of the ground, from pole to pole, appearing to be quite an unsafe condition. In general, it appeared to be an abandoned building. There was a new door handle and lock on the door.

I suspect that sooner or later, the Ministry of Tourism will address the issue that tourists want some reasonable level of comfort. They expect electricity, at least most of the time. If they don't have it, they will remember the discomfort, and spread the word. They certainly are spreading the word this morning on Elbow Cay after several weeks of severe power outages. Noisy generators, the smell of diesel fumes in the streets, food getting hot and decomposing in houses that don't have generators, heat and still air may well ensure that next summer many of our tourists will not be returning to the island of "soon come back on." On the positive side, when the power is off, the meters aren't running.

Jerry Smith

Consider a power-generating incinerator

Dear Editor,

Between the potential problems of a festering landfill and the pollution from the burning of Bunker C oil in a "new" plant for BEC, there is a third solution to the needs for getting rid of garbage and powering BEC.

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Since the present dump site is right across the highway from BEC, it would seem sensible to place an incinerator right on the present dump site.

And rather than have random people picking over the dump (including a three-year-old tot seen scavenging one day with no shoes and her hands frequently in her mouth) jobs could be offered for various sorting activities, and a Trash or Treasure unit set up in a cast-off container or two.

Barry Commoner posted four rules about how the earth works:

- There is no such thing as a free lunch.
- Everything has to go somewhere.
- Everything is connected to everything else.
- Mother Nature knows best.

There would be many positive returns from sensible use of garbage instead of just burying it and thinking it's gone.

Concerned about garbage and Bunker C

Supports the Administrator

Dear Mr. Editor and Readers,

On Sunday July 13th, 2008, on ZNS News Broadcast there were allegations by Mr. Cay Mills, Chairman for Dundas Town Committee, of the administration's interference in the Local Government election for Chief Councilor for the Central Abaco District Council.

It is my opinion, knowing Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator for the Central Abaco District, and working with the previous committee in the District. No, No such skullduggery or any unfair tactic will occur knowingly under his watch. I do feel that Mr. Mills has used this unfounded allegation to attack Mr. Cooper and impugned his character to which I deem unfair.

Mr. Mills, the residents of Dundas Town have supported you unequivocally in the Local Government election; you have three years to do the things that you and your "Dream Team" said in your election campaign. So get to work on them and stop your attack and abuses of government officials and start working to continue the good work accomplished by the previous committee for our beloved Dundas Town community.

E.L. "Jimmy" Williams

Independence Vandalism

Dear Editor,

Bahamas, Happy Birthday! 35 years of Independence, Congratulations. I and a friend spent yesterday evening at Dove Plaza and had a ball. Kudos to the organizers and participants for a marvelous showcase of all things which make The Bahamas truly special. Today, however I am angry, very angry.

My friend had parked her vehicle outside the National Insurance Building in Dundas Town shortly after 6 p.m., reasoning that it would be safe in a well lit public lot on a major thoroughfare. On our return from the festivities shortly after midnight, she discovered that someone had slashed and flattened all four tyres on her vehicle.

To the person or persons responsible, she got home ok on that same morning, thank you, all the way back to North Abaco. So you see, if you thought you were hurting someone local, you were wrong, so wrong. And by Friday with some help she will have four new wheels for her ride and be able to get back and forth to her job in Marsh Harbour, as per usual. So you see, if you thought you were hurting someone rich or idle, you were wrong, so wrong.

And as she has given over 30 years to the hospitality industry and to this day manufactures, promotes and sells (on a small scale) her own authentically Bahamian products, if you thought you were hurting a foreigner, you were wrong, so wrong.

And when she saw the damage, she didn't curse or rant and rave. She was just shocked. She couldn't think of anyone who would do such a thing or why. She doesn't

argue, trample on your feelings, or get in to other people's business. So if you thought you were hurting someone nasty and mean spirited, you were wrong, so wrong.

Myself, I don't have a clue why you did what you did, but I know it didn't make any sense. Oh, yes, of course. you were wrong, so wrong.

Very Angry

Too good to be true

To the Editor,

It seems that with the world changing into such a Internet and communication filled world that we would use some better judgment on what seems too good to be true. I have recently read an ad in the summer Abaco Journal which offers a home job for a few hours a week at a too good to be true salary \$\$\$\$. Seeing this as a non-legitimate job offer, I did some research on the Internet and found that this is a scam. Seems that it's been tried several times and with different addresses.

I am writing this letter to help fellow Abaconians avoid making the mistake of trusting this job offer. Before you send in your information to these people, please consider the possible problems it may cause. Yes, even in this small wonderful country we call home, con artists still roam and are trying to take advantage of us. Please don't give them the opportunity. An excerpt of the e-mail from them follows. Does it sound legit to you?

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135 passengers were stranded

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with bookings either by telephone or the Internet prior to their leaving for the airport which made the situation somewhat easier. But some passengers were unable to be contacted and so were surprised when they arrived at the airport to find that there was no flight for them.

Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Albury and Mrs. Clarke spent the day at the Marsh Harbour International Airport manning the Vintage desk in order to assist stranded passengers in finding seats on other airlines. Mrs. Clarke, although she was told by the airline that she need not turn up for work on the Saturday, felt that she had an obligation to her customers of many years and so decided to spend the day helping out.

The large number of passengers on July 19 was due to the fact that in addition to the airline's regular 9-seater planes, a 50-seat jet was also scheduled as this had been added just a month previously on June 14 when Vintage inaugurated its Summer Jet Service. Mr. Albury commented, "Abaco's visitors are pretty travel savvy and about one third of them were able to find themselves alternative transportation one way or another. Some decided to wait until the following day, but everybody was able to get home that day if they wanted to."

"Although some passengers had to wait around the airport for five or six hours, there was no outrage," said Ms. Ferguson. Mr. Albury was pleasantly surprised by people's reactions. "I had been expecting a horrific day but, in fact, it was quite rewarding. People were very pleased to find us there to help them and appreciated the fact that everyone was doing the best they could. They showed a very positive atti-

tude. It showed the quality of people we have coming to Abaco. They said that they love Abaco and this inconvenience was just a part of life. They were wondering how they would get here next time, but none of them said that they would not be coming back," he stated.

Some passengers chartered planes while others were able to find seats on Yellow Air Taxi, Bimini Island Air, Twin Air, Baer Air, Craig Air, Gulf Stream and Bahama-sair. All of the airlines were very helpful in trying to accommodate the stranded passengers and Bimini Island Air and Craig Air put on additional flights to take care of all the passengers.

Vintage posted a letter on their website sincerely apologizing to all their valued customers for any inconvenience caused to them and their families and stated that their current plan was to issue vouchers for all un-flown reservations. This, they felt was the best solution until they were able to restructure. They also stated that as things progressed they would keep their customers updated through their website and suggested other carriers which could be utilized.

Mr. Michael Albury stated that he felt the company's demise was due to the escalating fuel costs as well as the accumulation of a lot of other things. It is his understanding that the owners are hoping to restructure and make a comeback. "The owner was well loved by his passengers and had a personal relationship with them. I only heard positive things from the passengers, and they stated that the airline had provided great service and they wished the owner well." The airline had been serving Abaco for 16 years.

Praise for Abaco's visitors

The following comments could have just as easily been two pages long, but in the interest of your readers, I will make it short.

Yesterday, Saturday, July 19th, I felt it my duty to spend the day at the Marsh Harbour Airport wearing my Chamber of Commerce hat seeing what, if anything, could be done to help the 135 or so passengers stranded on Abaco by the cancellation of all flights by Vintage Props and Jets.

I was accompanied by a senior team member of the Abaco Ministry of Tourism Office, Wynsome Ferguson, as well as the former staff person of VPJ, Cheryl Clarke. We arrived early and prepared for the worst, knowing there were not enough empty seats leaving Abaco, even with the extra lift that had been arranged, to get everyone home in one day. Although I felt an obligation to be there and went out of a sense duty, I can tell you, I was not looking forward to meeting 135

persons who had just been told the news about VPJ.

And now, the point of the message. After nine hours at the terminal, I can truly say without any fear of challenge from anyone, WE HAVE THE FINEST GROUP OF VISITORS AND SECOND HOMEOWNERS IN THE WORLD, BAR NONE!

It was unbelievable, NOT ONE person raised his voice, NO ONE was abusive or rude or unreasonable. I have never seen such a display of good nature and understanding from a group of people. ALL were appreciative of any little help we could give and many a "thank you" was received. I can say, it was the most rewarding day in my Chamber history. Thank you to all involved, and thank you most of all to every man, woman and child who were so terrific yesterday.

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Rebuilding plans for Maxwell's are underway

By Mirella Santillo

Marsh Harbour's largest supermarket burned on July 21 in a very difficult fire to get under control. It began at one end of the long building and by noon the next day had worked its way to completely destroy the contents of the entire building. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded immediately on getting the fire call and later called for reinforcements from three other communities.

At 10:12 p.m. the fire department received a call from the police station reporting a fire by Maxwell's Supermarket. A "full response" command was dispatched and very soon Fire Chief John Hall and Asst. Chief Claude Sawyer were on the scene assessing the situation. They were soon followed by other local firefighters bringing a total of four engines. It was the beginning of a battle that was to last through the night and was finally suppressed by mid day on Tuesday. A weakened structure, hazardous fumes and smouldering debris kept firemen working from the outside of the building.

Mr. Sawyer stated that nearly all the firefighters of Marsh Harbour came to the scene. A large supply line was run from the fire hydrant by Shell Station on Don MacKay Boulevard to the fire scene, more than two blocks away. Besides the four trucks from Marsh Harbour that were on the scene within moments, the Hope Town Fire Department promptly sent nine men and two pumps which pumped sea water three blocks away throughout the night from the Union Jack Dock, a welcome reinforcement since the Water and Sewerage pump at the well field had overheated and turned off. Bro. Bob Cornea arrived from Casuarina Point with one engine, followed by Mr. Colin Albury from the Treasure Cay Fire Department with two engines and close to one dozen men. BEC sent a crew to disconnect the electricity. The water company turned off sections of town to divert maximum water to the fire scene.

Upon reaching Maxwell's, Chief Hall asked veteran fire fighter Norwel Gordon to take charge of the front of the building while he tackled the back. Getting close

to the building proved to be a problem because of the security measures such as padlocked fence and iron gates, mentioned Mr. Gordon, who was overseeing the hose hooked up at the Shell Gas Station while Mr. Hall and Mr. Sawyer concentrated on fire fighting at the back of the building. Forklifts had to be brought to push holes in the metal walls to allow the firemen to aim water inside the building. But in spite of the everyone's effort, the battle was lost.

Chief Hall said that, because of the size of the building, the amount of fuel supply in the supermarket such as oils, chemicals, plastics, papers and more and because of the limited equipment to fight the blaze, it ended up being a losing battle. Particularly dangerous was a supply of bleach contain-

ers that emanated extremely noxious fumes as they burnt. Some of the crew had breathing apparatus but the firefighters are not properly trained to use it. Because of the nature of the "fuel loading," no one was allowed to go inside. Apart from that, they used all possible means to fight the fire, stated Mr. Hall. A total of seven trucks and 45 firemen were at the scene. They had it suppressed during the night but early next morning it flared up again and the firemen then had to protect two nearby structures. The trusses of the metal roof became overheated, softened and gave way. By mid-day the roof collapsed.

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Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded to the Maxwell Supermarket fire with four engines. The firemen were hampered by lack of access to the inside of the building and by gases produced by chemicals released by the heat of the fire.



Firemen were able to work in one of the doors at the rear of the building but it was difficult to get the water to where the fire was. Although they all worked very hard, the fire finally destroyed the entire interior of the store.

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Quite a few local residents assisted the firemen as well as two policemen with fire training. One of the firemen reported that the firefighters' efforts were hampered by the traffic jam caused by vehicles coming to witness the fire.

Two Royal Bahamas Police investigators from Freeport arrived in Marsh Harbour on Wednesday to investigate the

cause of the fire. Adjusters and insurance investigators from Florida also arrived on the scene. The south wall of the building had to be pried open with a forklift to allow them to enter. The official report still has to be released by Supt. Norville-Smith, but at the time of writing, it seems that it was an internal electrical fire and not caused by arson or by BEC's outside connection.

A security crew was placed on the premises to prevent people from salvaging items no longer fit for consumption, at the risk of

getting hurt in the process. By the end of the week the building was being bulldozed and mashed down. The debris will be removed to the dump with any food items being buried.

Mr. Chad Sawyer, owner of both Maxwell's Supermarket and Price Right Supermarket already has an architect working on the plans for a new building to be constructed on Pole Line Drive about two blocks south of the current location. He has already ordered cement blocks and cement to be reserved for construction as soon as the plans are complete. He is looking forward to start the construction which, he said, will be equipped with a sprinkler system, the lack of which was commented upon by firemen and insurance adjusters. His goal is to have the new store open by

Christmas.

He has made changes at Price Right, his smaller supermarket, to accommodate the extra business generated by the loss of Maxwells. He has extended hours and is encouraging customers to shop early in the day and early in the week. He will be bringing in shipments twice per week to keep ahead of the demand.

There will be no unemployment due to the fire. Mr. Sawyer is organizing double shifts at Price Right to absorb all the employees of Maxwells.



Forklifts had to be brought to poke holes in the metal building so the firemen could get water to the interior. But they were not able to focus the water where the fire was burning. Owner Chad Sawyer is already planning a new building to hopefully be completed by Christmas.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Welcome to All Our Visitors

As usual, Cherokee is teaming just now with visitors; some old, some new. Most are family, children and grandchildren, some for the first time but many who visit every summer. Cherokee Sound is a very unique little settlement; clean, quiet and hospitable, so maybe that is why we are also seeing lots of first time visitors to Abaco and we welcome them, too. We hope we will see them again next year.

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Summer is here and in case anyone is interested, the ball field has been mowed and is ready and waiting for someone to come play softball. Bring the whole family out and bring a picnic. The little ones can play in the surf while the grown ups can choose up sides.

Notice to the Public

It's that time of the year, Hurricane Season, and the Sand Bar will be closing on August 3. No date has been announced for

re-opening, but as soon as we hear, we'll let you know.

Summer Bible School

Peggy Albury and some of the Assemblies of God Church ladies have been holding Vacation Bible School for the youth of the settlement at the Old Schoolhouse. Some days they have had upwards of 20 children which is more children than we have on the place, so it must include some of our visitors as well. Isn't it great how children can make "fast friends" anytime - anyplace?

Movie Night

A weekly family movie night has become a reality, thanks to the generosity of a frequent visitor who left the funds to

purchase a Power Point projector for the community's use. They will show "PG" films suitable for the entire family, hopefully once a week whenever time and circumstances allow.

The first "movie night" was held on July 23 at the community center; admission was free and snacks were plentiful and reasonably priced. Cars was the first show, an animated 2007 release by Pixar and Walt Disney Productions.

Since the projectionists were not familiar with the new equipment, the evening was little slow in getting started. But once they figured it out, everything went smoothly.

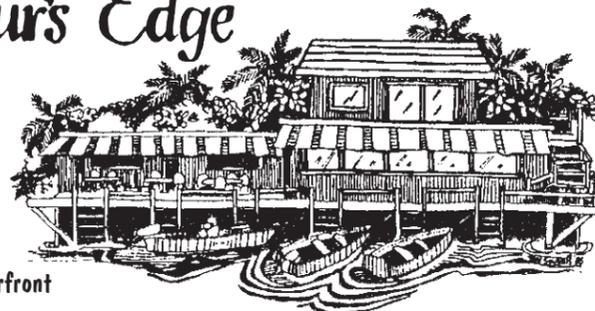
A few of the younger audience soon fell asleep, but for those of us who did hang around, we found it quite enjoyable.

Road work - Phase Two

Additional work began on Phase Two of the creek-side road work this past week. We are told that the remainder of the work will have to wait until the necessary funds can be found to pay for more cement. But, again, thanks to our local residents for volunteering their time to do this heavy, backbreaking work of pouring cement, especially at this time of the year.

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Proposed Joe's Cay development is discussed

By Samantha V. Evans

The Island Club is the name of the project proposed by Joe's Construction off White Sound, Hope Town. A town meeting was held on July 17th at the Hope Town Lodge to inform Elbow Cay residents of their plans. The project will be built by Cavalier Construction, a company known for its high end developments.

The moderator and organizer of the town meeting was Sarah Kirby of Barefoot Marketing from Freeport, Grand Bahamas. She welcomed the residents and second homeowners saying that the developers wanted to hear feedback from the community on the proposed project. The purpose of this meeting was to address the concerns of the residents at the forefront, unlike some other developments. The Prime Minister's Office and Local Government requested that the developers host this meeting. She introduced the main presenters for the evening.

The first presenter was Mr. Dick Wilson, Chairman of Galaxy Group of Companies, a subsidiary of Cavalier Construction Company, who gave a brief explanation of the project. He stated that he got involved in this project two years ago when the gentleman who owned the land was considering selling and wanted to know if Mr. Wilson would buy it to develop it.

This is when a group got together and decided to develop a Bahamian resort. The project has been approved by the National Economic Council. Mr. Wilson told the residents that they do not want to disrupt their community so they developed a resort that will enhance the island. They believe that price and quality are important; therefore, they will utilize Bahamian labor as much as possible. The development will

be very high end, sitting on 25,000 square feet of the land.

Mr. Fleming of Bruce LeFleur Architects explained the design of the project. There will be 13 villas and 6 condos. The style will be colonial, plantation and Loyalist. There will be eleven Loyalist houses, four colonial houses and four plantation houses. The project will have the capacity to house 80 people. The developers will get rid of about two acres for mangroves to create a boat channel for entry to a small marina. Most of the mangroves will be preserved. All buildings will be on the perimeter of the property to take advantage of the Sea of Abaco. There will be a restaurant, bar, beach, garden walkway and a boat basin where equipment, food and people will access the cay. Mr. Wilson stated that the resort will have its own sanitation plant, generator room and osmosis plant. The development will be environmentally friendly.

Mrs. Michelle Bethell of Bethell Environmental Limited and Mr. Keith Bishop of Islands by Design explained the environmental aspects of the development. Mrs. Bethell stated that these are just the preliminary plans which can be adjusted or if the Environmental Impact Assessment identifies some other problems. Even though some of the mangroves will be lost to make room for the development, she stated that there will still be a lot of it left.

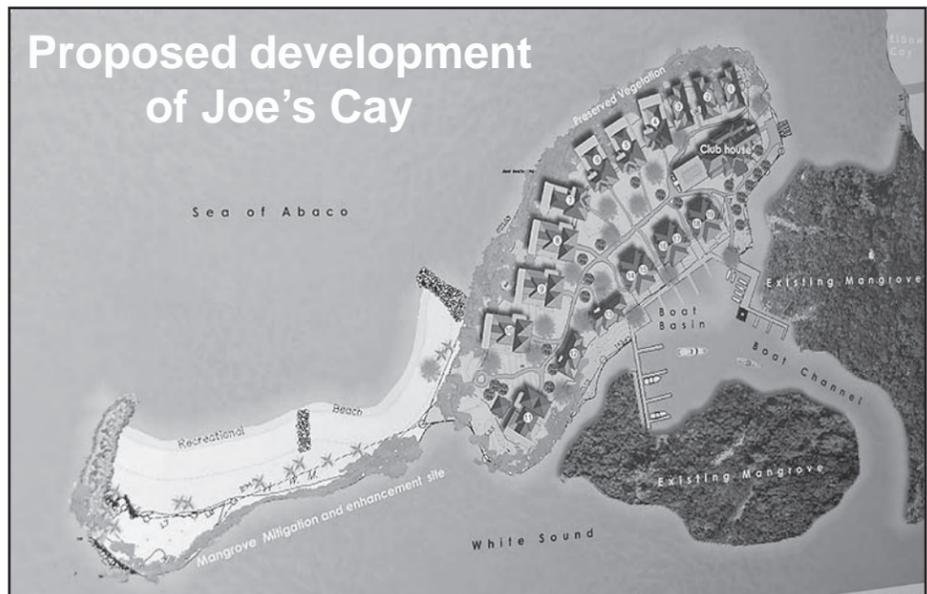
The residents are concerned about losing so much of the mangroves because pigeons and wild geese live there, and fish and baby crawfish nurseries are located there as well. Residents were concerned about the architecture of the buildings stating that they do not look like Hope Town structures.

One person suggested that the developers think outside of the box where the building structures are concerned because she believes that there is nothing unique about the proposed buildings. Another person suggested that proper tests are done before they begin construction to ensure that they will not destroy the environment or throw the ecological system off balance.

More and more questions were raised as the residents got agitated with the proposed development. Many of their concerns were environmentally based so Mrs. Bethell explained to them that the EIA will be done and they can be assured that if it shows that the development will be detrimental to the environment that it will not be approved.

The developers assured the residents that the initial idea of a bridge connecting the mainland of Elbow Cay with Joe's Cay has been abandoned but a harbour will be built as persons will be able to access the resort only by boat. All dredging that is to be done will meet the standards of the government of The Bahamas. The BEST Commission also has requirements that must be met before the development is approved. They reiterated that they will do everything they can to address the concerns of the residents and to protect the environment as much as possible.

At the end of the official presentation the team of seven remained at the Lodge to give residents a chance to voice additional concerns and to make further recommendations.



Joe's Cay is a five and a half acre cay off the north shore of White Sound on Elbow Cay. Between the cay and Elbow Cay are several acres of mangroves. This architect's conception shows residential buildings on the Sea of Abaco with a man-made beach for recreation. Two acres of mangrove would be removed to provide for a marina on the inside of the cay.

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Viewpoint . . . Concerns about Joe's Cay development

By J.F. Hedden

Having been privileged to attend a local community meeting in Hope Town last week, I would like to make some comments.

The meeting itself was organised by the Island Club in order to inform the Elbow Cay people of its proposed development of Joe's Cay, just off the entrance to White Sound. After a brief outline by the builder and architect, the meeting was opened to the floor for approximately half an hour.

I would say some 65 to 75 residents and others attended, and the input from the local community was extensive, concerned, involved and definitely spirited.

The proposed development entails the construction of some 19 residential units, a club house, boat basin, docks, rocky promontory with beach on one side and mangroves on the other. No access by land from Elbow Cay is possible, so the development is serviced by boat only.

The principals are claiming this to be a low impact sustainable development with minimal effects on the surrounding environment, an architectural style that fits in well with local construction, a concern for local plants and wildlife and catering to a conscientious and involved clientele.

The community on the other hand expressed concerns for yet another development, an architectural style that does not blend in well with local practices, the perception of eradication of native vegetation and wildlife, destruction of the mangrove community around the cay and the resulting exposure of the development and immediate area to damage from hurricanes and major storms. Several community members stated their opposition to the development of the area at all.

At the end of the meeting the develop-

ers thanked the community for their input, stated that opinions expressed would be considered and the environmental impact assessment would be performed in due course. No mention was made of a follow-up meeting to update the local residents of ongoing plans and changes, if any.

As an observer, several thoughts come to mind about development in general and Joe's Cay in particular, especially in consideration of the fact that The Bahamas now has a fledgling Ministry of the Environment.

We are all aware of our total economic dependence on the hospitality industry, the fact that we at present have no enforceable environmental regulations, no zoning regulations, no functional oversight of development and little public interest in environmental protection and conservation.

The Prime Minister and several of his cabinet ministers have expressed a major concern over this shortfall and are now attempting to address this with the creation of a Ministry of the Environment, and consolidation of the departments it controls. These include the Departments of Environmental Health, Ports, Maritime Affairs, Meteorology, Physical Planning, and the BEST Commission. I would also expect this Ministry to liaise and contract with local and international environmental organisations. This Ministry will have a wealth of information at its fingertips in order to assess and execute necessary controls. Due to public outcry Minister Deveaux as prior head of public works has halted dredging and excavation work in the south of New Providence because of environmental concerns and has also increased public access to beach areas on the same island.

For Abaco the message is clear. If you

the people want to exert more control over what takes place in your neighbourhood, then you yourselves must be more involved and vocal. Certainly the good people of Hope Town have expressed their opinions and now follow up is essential in order to guide economic progress in the proper direction. I do not believe that anybody wants to stop development; it just requires sensible and realistic planning and involvement that up to now has been lacking.

Abaco is unique in that its appeal is to both the mariner and the second homeowner looking for that "virtual" natural and unspoiled environment, yet still in close proximity to the infrastructure and essential services of modern life. The challenge then falls on us, the community, to guide progress and its economic benefits without sacrificing the "out island charm" which attracts the individuals in the first place.

If we look at Nassau and its development over the last 50 years, we see a collapse of the colonial style and charisma of a once beautiful small city into a modern third world capital full of concrete, architectural blindness, heat, congestion, pollution and violence.

Plans are just now afoot to attempt a reconstruction of the city to give the perception of old world charm lost so many years ago.

On the other hand if we look at Spanish Wells and Green Turtle Cay settlements, a guided development has not severely affected the original native style of construction and character. The attractiveness and charm are still there. Marsh Harbour and Freeport, in my opinion, never had it, one because Freeport was laid out in the US order of neatness and modernity, and the other because of a hodge podge of recent developments with no regard for either his-

tory or the environment.

To return to the Hope Town situation, I would point out that to date your town has maintained a world wide reputation for neatness, old world quaintness, natural beauty and friendliness. You appear to have handled the move to hospitality economics quite efficiently. Unfortunately, the inability for home grown youngsters to afford property prices on the cay has been a major drawback to local community involvement, as the young often move elsewhere. However, the community is still very much involved with managing its own affairs, and on this I will comment.

The lack of an elected council does not have to prevent the community leaders in endeavours to continue town planning and direction. After all, town planning should reflect the culture, history and make up of its own community.

In addition the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, and the Minister for the Environment have all publicly stated that future development must take into consideration the local physical environment and its protection, maintenance of island biodiversity and the desires and needs of the communities concerned. In other words, the government is becoming aware of its environmental stewardship on behalf of the Bahamian people. This, of course, puts a huge responsibility on local populations, in this case Hope Town.

With specific reference to the Joe's Cay development project I would point out

a. The cay is privately owned and as such cay development will take place according to the desires of the owner(s) as long as local codes and regulations are met.

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Abaco Sports and Cultural Association presented plans

By Mirella Santillo

On July 23rd the newly formed Abaco Sports and Cultural Association held a meeting aimed at informing the members of the community of its goals and its progress towards reaching them. The association which is putting together a plan for a sports and cultural complex close to the Marsh Harbour airport extended invitations to heads of government departments and people connected to various sports and culture activities to determine their interest in the project and getting feedback information on which to proceed.

About 20 people from various fields attended the meeting which took place at the Court House. The Executive Board and the Directors were introduced by the President Andre Pilon. Mr. Bryan Thompson presented the project and those in attendance were given informative brochures. The audience was invited to ask questions and offer suggestions.

The legal status of the association was brought up by Dr. Michael Pateman, who recommended founding a U.S. non-profit organization to facilitate fund raising. He is a member of the Antiquities, Museums

and Monuments Corporation in Nassau and implied that if a museum was to be part of the project, the association would most likely receive support from the government.

People were concerned about the state of their investment if they joined the project. Moneys generated by the various entities joining in would be used to run the complex and defer expenses.

Most questions were answered by Ms. Carlene Farquharson, the legal Counsel for the Abaco Sports and Cultural Association. She insisted that the meeting was only informative and that many more issues would be addressed when the association was in possession of a land grant.

People interested in swimming, bowling, horseback riding, softball, a museum and a library attended the meeting and expressed positive reactions. However, they are waiting for the outcome of the land grant's final application which should reach the Prime Minister's office by the end of September to make a commitment.

The area being considered is immediately north of the Marsh Harbour airport.

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b. Anything beyond the cay (the Queen's bottom) is public domain, and as such the community can and should have a bearing on any development to ensure the benefit and welfare to the surrounding community. As such the mangroves well established between the cay and Elbow Cay and the establishing line towards the White Sound bar are all public domain.

c. Perhaps it is well worth considering that the time has come to establish projects that work within the confines of the environment rather than modifying the environment to suit the project. With this in mind I am sure that with the insights of the environmental engineers employed by the Joe's Cay developers an alternative to the infringement on the mangrove community can be put in place and the wild marine and tree living populations so protected. After all, these are what should attract the clientele in the first place.

d. A case can definitely be made to the government concerning wetland protection,

buffer zones for hurricanes and storms, tidal surges, maintenance of biodiversity, physical landscape protection and the welfare of the immediate community.

e. It is unfortunate that we are quickly developing a dictionary of environmental buzzwords and phrases that are bandied about at will by individuals who either through ignorance or deceit abuse and misuse them for ultimate approval and personal benefit. Such would include environmentally sustainable, sustainable development, mitigation, green consciousness, organic, low environmental impact, environmentally friendly and so many others.

Finally, I would point out that the government will not hear you unless you speak out publicly, become more vocal and gain public support. The Ministry of the Environment is looking for direction; you can help it in that direction. Environmental management and project development on Abaco should now become a test bed scenario for the new ministry in its format for new regulation and legislation.

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Control those high electricity bills

By Jennifer Hudson

Many people reported shock and incredulity when they opened their latest electricity bills stating that they have "soared through the roof." I asked Mr. Everette Strachan, Office Manager of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's Abaco Office, to shed some light as to what has happened so people can better understand the situation.

"Bills are based on usage and you pay for what you use," stated Mr. Strachan, who went on to explain. "This is not just happening in The Bahamas; it is a global problem. People can cut down on their bills by managing their usage."

"The fuel surcharge has been going steadily up for some time due to the escalating prices of fuel and is now up to 22 cents per kilowatt hour. This is more than the actual cost of the electricity itself which is 15 cents per kilowatt hour. Adding the surcharge more than doubles the bill. During the budget debate the Prime Minister announced a two-year reprieve to give relief on Customs duty for fuel which would then be passed onto the consumer. Persons expected this relief which was applied on July 1 to be instant but it is only now beginning to impact the public since the Bahamas Electricity Corporation has had to first use up the fuel already purchased. People should see relief on their next bill. However, people will still not realize any savings if their consumption is going through the roof," stated Mr. Strachan.

"When people received their June bills they tended to overlook the fact that their consumption was greater because it is hotter. August is the hottest month so we are trying to advise customers to CONSERVE.

We have been holding seminars and workshops at which we give demonstrations and tips on how to conserve energy. Some persons have been following these tips and have seen relief. "

Some of the tips which the Bahamas Electricity Corporation suggests for conserving energy and thus reducing the cost of electricity bills are:

- Use the new energy saver light bulbs.
 - When using air conditioners, make sure that all windows and doors are properly closed and sealed and that the room is fully insulated.
 - Use a ceiling fan along with the air conditioner.
 - Instead of having your water heater on all day continuously heating and cooling and reheating (which is a huge consumer of electricity), turn it on just for one hour in the morning and one hour again in the evening. Then it will be in use for only two hours a day instead of 24. (The difference seen will be like day and night).
 - Try to limit the number of times a fridge door is opened for water or snacks.
 - Turn off some of your outside lights.
 - Turn off lights and fans when you are not in the room.
 - Electric stoves use a lot of electricity so utilizing different types of meal planning can save electricity.
 - Air dry your clothes instead of putting them in the dryer (some people will put the dryer on to dry one item which is extremely wasteful).
 - Iron all your clothes at one time. Turning the iron on for one piece is a huge waste.
- "There is also such a thing as 'Phantom electricity.' This is electricity you really do not realize is being used such as clocks, di-

als, surge protectors. They are on 24 hours a day. Although they are not high consumers, it all adds up."

"The fuel surcharge is something we can do nothing about, but our usage is a controllable variable," stressed Mr. Strachan. The key to reducing your electricity bill is to conserve energy. Know what you use and manage it. In order to get an idea of how much electricity you are using, read your meter at the same time every day," he suggests. "The bottom line is that you pay for what you use. So if your bill is too high, you have to do something different," stressed Mr. Strachan.

Christian Council held elections

By Mirella Santillo

On July 14th the Christian Council held a meeting at Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay to elect the new members of the board.

Although some of the new board members have held prior positions, there was a few changes. Pastor Edward Laroda was elected new President of the Christian Council. Rev. Alphonso Lewis will hold the position of Vice-President. Bishop Clifford Henfield will be Treasurer and the newest member, Pastor Derek Benjamin, was elected Secretary. The new board of the Christian Council will hold its first meeting before the end of July.



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E-Passports are now available

By Mirella Santillo

On July 23rd several women in the Marsh Harbour Administrator's office participated in a training session on how to process the new E-passport applications which can now be submitted from Abaco. The training was at the Administrator's office overseen by Technical Support Officer, Mrs. Brandanique Rolle, who came from Nassau. The implementation of the electronic passport will become effective immediately.

The application is processed in four stages: approval, enrollment, payment and data entry. The application cannot proceed without the first step which requires an interview to establish the veracity of the applicant's information. The interviewer will decide if she/he wants to process the application here or send the data to Nassau to be further investigated. If the applicant is approved, the clerk will gather the necessary documents and collect the fees: \$25 for children, \$50 for adults and \$100 for frequent travelers. The documents are the following

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tion has to be submitted such as parents' names, guardian's information in the case of a minor, employment details and personal information. After the data has been submitted, it is automatically forwarded to Nassau for final approval and cannot be changed; in most cases if there is an error, the process has to be restarted from the beginning.

Administrator Cephas Cooper has gone over the process for the benefit of Abaconians and has asked people whose documents are expiring by the end of the year to apply for an E-passport now. He warned

that obtaining the new document will take approximately 40 days and people needing to travel should plan accordingly. People applying will be fingerprinted electronically at the Administrator's Office.

Mrs. Rolle conducted a similar training session in Cooper's Town and Sandy Point. Abaco is the second Out Island after Grand Bahama to adopt this new passport procedure.

Two survive plane crash

By Mirella Santillo

In the early evening of July 20th a plane belonging to Mr. Clive Ure, a resident of Sandy Point, took off from Freeport on its way to Florida, then crashed a few minutes after take off. The plane, a single-engine Piper Warrior, had left Abaco the previous day so the passenger, Mr. Nick Miaoulis, could overnight on Grand Bahama.

Thankfully, the two occupants, Mr. Ure, the pilot and owner of the plane, and Mr. Miaoulis, were able to get out of the plane and swim away before the craft sank. They were rescued by a passing boat.

According to Mrs. Alla Ure, the pilot's wife, her husband told her that he heard a loud noise and immediately lost the engine at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. Mr. Ure prepared for a crash landing by opening the door of the plane so the occupants could get out. He was able to turn the plane around to land on water. But on impact the plane flipped over, closing the door that had to be pried open.

The plane which was in fairly shallow water was to be floated to the surface the following day. The cause of the crash has not been established.



Mrs. Brandanique Rolle, Technical Support Officer from Nassau, came to Abaco to train staff in the three administrator offices on the procedure for applying for E-passports. The E-passports are now available at all three offices. Mrs. Rolle is explaining the Power Point presentation that she brought while Mrs. Ruth Flowers, secretary to the Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper; and Mrs. Margaret Syomonette, Assistant Administrator for Central Abaco.



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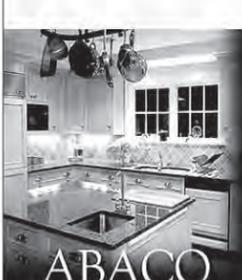
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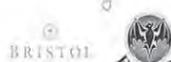
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RTIA produces economic boost

By Julian Lockhart

While fishing tournaments and other events are struggling to match their numbers of years past, Regatta Time in Abaco saw its numbers increase this year with 63 sailing yachts show up for a week of great sailing, fun times, partying and fellowship on Abaco.

Regatta Time in Abaco 2008 ended with a huge party on July 11 at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, and it was just one of the many establishments that benefitted from the 11-day long event that brings in a financial boom to the cays and mainland Abaco.

Coordinator Ruth Saunders said, "The competition has been great. It has been very competitive with the RTIA and the PHRF classes that have been doing a very

good job and the Mother Tub classes have also been doing a good job. We had a total of 63 yachts, and we are very happy with turnout. We were expecting about 50 boats and we are up about 15 percent. We have done a lot of advertising; the new website got a lot of attention; we went to boat shows and just great word of mouth. We are hoping to get bigger and better," she added.

With the economy in the United States facing a recession and with the rising fuel prices along with 2008 being an election year, there has been a significant drop in the number of yachts competing in fishing tournaments throughout Abaco in 2008.

The good thing about RTIA is that it starts in Green Turtle Cay and makes its way down the chain of communities to Hope Town and with hundreds of participants, friends and family members, each community feels the financial boom of the regatta. Bars and restaurants host parties and see patrons flow in and out throughout the week; the food stores benefit along with gift and liquor stores.

Director of the Abaco Tourist Office, Don Cornish, said Regatta Time in Abaco doesn't only affect the week of the regatta but a lot of visitors come for weeks before and stay after the regatta is finished and continue to spend money in the local economy. Mr. Cornish said, "We are fortunate to have an increase in numbers and that is a credit to the commitment people have to the destination and the event. In a sense we are almost

depression proof, as people still decide to come despite what the economic conditions are. I would like to thank the committee for what they do and along with the environment it brings them back. We also do the kind of things that the participants enjoy.

"The impact is hard to measure, but it is extremely big. The impact they have on each destination and they are connected to a lot of people. We have about 3000 to 4000 people who come for the event and many come year after year. This kind of exposure and experience you would normally have to go to different countries to get," he concluded.

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"We appreciate avid sailors coming. Boating is a stable part of the economy. People commit to coming for the regatta, and these are the kinds of visitors who will sustain us for a long time. They let their friends know, too." At this year's RTIA, a special prize was given in honor of the fact that

one South Carolina sailor who left last year saying, "I'll be back with my friends" was. He brought five other boats from Charleston this year.

"This event has facilitated the growth of our boating niche and served as a catalyst to encouraging business in the summer months," Cornish says. "The committee's success in organizing this event every year and maintaining its high standards is best evidenced through the number of repeat boaters participating in this event as well as the many sailing enthusiasts that schedule their visit in order to enjoy the festivities. A summer would not be the same on Abaco without Regatta Time...."

Commodore Ralph says, "When the regatta started in 1976, summers were slow, but the high points of the year are now Christmas, Easter and Regatta Time. We want to continue making Regatta Time in Abaco a better event, giving our visitors an

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The Ministry of Tourism is the main sponsor of the Regatta. This year Barcardi Rum came on board as a sponsor that provided drinks at each party. Shown here are some of the party-goers reaching for a coveted Barcardi red cap.



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Bristol was a sponsor of Regatta Time

By Julian Lockhart

Bristol Cellars and Bacardi with some Corona Beer sprinkled in showed everyone how to throw a street party on July 9th in Marsh Harbour. This is the first year that these three teamed up to be a sponsor of Regatta Time in Abaco, and they definitely proved it was worth the wait as they threw party after party throughout the 11-day Regatta Time in Abaco event and their free bars were the hit of the night.

Bristol Cellar's manager Laura Albury said, "We did all nine events this year instead of just doing the one Green Turtle Cay party. This year we were a sponsor of the entire regatta. It was Bacardi Anejo and Corona through the entire regatta. That was the first ever street party held by the sponsors and we did an excellent job as

far as I was concerned. We had everything and next year will always be bigger and better," she added.

This year's street party featured Bahamian music, Junkanoo, conch salad, fried fish and especially a lot of free Bacardi drinks and Corona beers. Ms. Albury said this is only the beginning, and they will get better next year with the experience they gained from sponsoring the entire regatta this year.

The regatta participants definitely enjoyed themselves as they partied the evening away with drinking, eating and dancing to the Junkanoo beat.

Despite Bacardi pulling its factory from The Bahamas, it is still a corporate sponsor in The Bahamas and is willing to support sporting events throughout the Bahamas

and especially on Abaco. Ms. Albury said, "Bacardi is still the number one brand in The Bahamas and on Abaco Anejo is the number one rum. Bacardi and Bristol Wines and Spirits are a team and as far as that goes Bacardi will always be in The Bahamas," she concluded.

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experience that will bring them back year after year." Ruth Saunders and Committee Member Wynsome Ferguson traveled to Antigua Sail Week in April looking for ideas "to inject new life into Regatta Time in Abaco so that people will not be bored with the same thing year after year," so stay tuned for more innovations.

We'll bet that in some future summer, the young sailors who raced in Regatta Time in Abaco 2008 will be bringing their own kids here, too.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

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He is survived by his mother Lilla Strachan; adopted father Lewis Key; son Gregory Strachan; daughters Phillipa, Velma, Isabella and Gabrielle Strachan; adopted daughters Taka Davis, Patricia Curry and Sinclair King; father-in-law Robert Ferguson; sons-in-law Topedo Davis and Quinten Penn; grandchildren Malik, Destiny and Vonzell Strachan, Donneisha and Wynsome Penn; brothers Roderick and Herbert Strachan, Kermy Brown, Randy and Henry Key; sisters Greta Culmer, Ruby Rolle, Courtney Chandler, Melody McWilliams and Serena Brown-Simms; sisters-in-law Marie Strachan, Nigka Brown, Wynsome, Nicole, Agatha and Ronnalee Ferguson, Myrtis Russell, Lula Tyschewicz and Alfreda Sears; brothers-in-law Francisco Chandler, Leslie Rolle, Fritz, Eugene, John and Cedric Ferguson and Johnny Deal; special friends Isabel Deal and Donnalee Ferguson; uncle David Strachan; aunts Bernice Brown, Estelle McIntosh, Eva and Rena Adderley, Ruby Fox, Ethelee Clearer Nell Strachan, Harriet Archer, Gleaka Campbell and Sybil Archer; nephews Carlinton Stuart, Brennan, Brendon, Melvin and Rodney Strachan, Jamari Rolle, Ricardo Chandler, Darren Russell, Nicconor Jr., Shalon Alexander, Benjamin Allen, Shavalo Roberts, Robert, Lonnie, Kurt and Thomas Key; nieces Canishka Alexander, Marisa Allen, Shazah and Leandra Rolle, Megan and Diana Strachan, Virginia Roberts, Candace Thurston

and Xatia; and many other relatives and friends.

Beverly Smith, 73, of Cooper's Town died in the Hospital in Freeport on July 19. She is survived by her daughters Melanie Pedican, Udean Rolle, Yolanda Thurston and Norma Williams; sons Millet Kemp, Mosell, Gary and Ashley Smith; sisters Winifred McDonald, Vivian Cornish, Orlean Rolle, Shirley Kemp and Louise Wright; brothers Edward, George, Greville and Ronald Rolle; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great, great-grandchild; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Jerome E Robert Dean**, 20, of Spring City was held on July 26th at Abaco Youth Ministry in Dundas Town. Pastor Erskine Wells officiated. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother Judy Curry; father Gordon Dean Sr.; sisters Julie Greene, Jasmine Curry, Jigeria Dean and Raquel Knowles; brothers Joemaine Curry and Gordon Dean Jr.; nieces Alvonell, Alisha, Allanka Greene; nephews Alvin Greene Jr. and Jalano Curry; brother-in-law Alvin Greene Sr.; sister-in-law Monique Curry; aunts Gay Bootle; Violet Smith, Monica Adderley, Marguerite Levarity, Brenda Cooper, Nethilee Knowles, Christine Dean, Shane Archer, Eleanor Hield, Jackie Morley and Charmaine Wells; uncles Michael Levarity, Sgt. Hubert Smith, Kenneth Knowles, Freddie Archer, Richard Morley, Christopher. Marvin, Garnet, Lynden, Seldin and Joseph Jr. Dean; granduncles George Reckley, Stafford Cooper, Copeland Morley and Noel Bootle; grandaunts Carnetta Bootle and Louise Morley; godparents Sandrina Hep-

burn and Johnathon Cartwright; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Benjamin Collin "Ben" Davis**, affectionately known as "Bags," 35, of Murphy Town was held on July 19 at Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town. Rev. Christopher Dean officiated assisted by other ministers of the gospel. Interment was in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his father Benjamin B. Davis; sisters Sandra McKenzie, Helen Forbes, Joy and Cecile Davis; brothers Joseph, Hilton and Sylvan Davis; aunts Ver-

leta Davis, Willimae Dawkins, Lorraine Farrington, Arementa McKenzie, Beverly Davis, Elsie and Inez Knowles; uncles Herschel Davis, George McKenzie, Leonard Knowles and Benjamin Dawkins; nieces and nephews Sable, Natasha, Grethel, Lasasha, Schumir, Franchesca, Tiffany, Brittany, Christina, Kim, Misty, Keisha, Richard Jr., Tyrine, Tyler, Denard, Tepedo, Sylvan Jr., Rudy and Dennis; brothers-in-law Sterlin McKenzie and Sherman Forbes; sister-in-law Addie Davis; and many other relatives and friends.

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Hope T Hideaways + 63 hse 366-0224
Hope T Villas + 3 hse 366-0030
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages + 3 hse 366-0266
Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065
Tanny Key + 43 hse 366-0053
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals + 8 hse 365-6048
Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate + 6 hse 367-2719
Abaco Vacation Planner + 367-3529
Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
D's Guest House 6 rms 3 367-3980
Great Abaco Club + 12 hse 367-4151
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns) 32 eff 367-0148

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500
Island Dreams + 45 hse 365-8507
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villa 365-2222

Web Sites with Abaco Information

<http://www.abaconian.com>
<http://www.abacoinet.com>
<http://www.abacoinfo.com>
<http://www.abacos.com>
<http://www.go-abacos.com>
<http://www.oii.net>
<http://www.bahamas.com>



Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation

Compliments of The Abaconian
www.abaconian.com
 Area code 242 unless noted otherwise

Emergency Services	
Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560
The following services are provided by volunteers	
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town 366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellars thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru	
Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$2 each
Jib Room	\$3 each
Solomon's Super Center	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$7 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea.	
Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$20 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$14 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$8 + \$4
Moxy	\$18 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$24 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$24 + \$5
Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee	\$44 + \$10
Black Wood	\$18 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$55 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$60 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Service - Jacksonville, Datona	904-641-0300
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B. (closed 18 Jul08)	
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops	
Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Items of interest	
Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole in Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted
 Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach
 Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes

Abaco Ferry Service VHF Ch 16 • Scheduled service discontinued until Nov 1, 2008
 Available for charter service

Albury's Ferry Service	
• Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War	10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5 pm
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	* Not on Sundays or holidays
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
 New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25, call for time

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
 Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
 Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119
 or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks

The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	32..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

Points of Interest	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannine Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. ..Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay
Pocket beaches • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
Miles of beach are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay	
• Guana Cay • Man-O-War Cay • Elbow Cay • Casuarina Point	
• Bahama Palm Shore • Sandy Point & more	

Bonefish Guides	
Sandy Point	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
Marsh Harbour	
Jody Albury	375-8068
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
David Albury	365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
Tony Russell	366-3259
Cherokee	
Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Casuarina Point	
Junior Albury	366-3058
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
North Abaco	
O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
Ricky Sawyer	365-4261

To Abaco by land and sea from Florida • Take Discovery Cruise Line (954-971-7347) from Ft. Lauderdale or CloudX ferry (866-473-3779) from West Palm Beach to Freeport • Bus to McLeans Town • Ferry to Crown Haven • Bus to Green Turtle Ferry or Marsh Harbour • Taxi to Marsh Harbour ferry dock • Ferry to Hope Town, Man-O-War or Guana Cay • Its an adventure



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Restaurant Guide
 Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
 (Based on dinner entree range)
 + Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Poppa Georgio's	\$
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ † 366-0065

Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	366-3139

Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501

Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay 265-5175

Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195

Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe 365-4234
Rooster's Rest H Cafe Open Nights Only
Sundowners 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	

Sandy Point	
Nancy's	
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477



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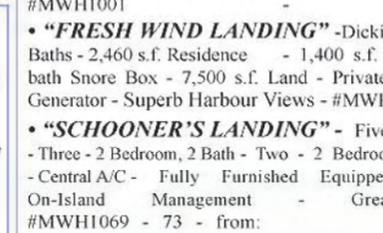


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 <p>Elbow Cay Hope Town - 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath - 2,200 s.f. Residence - 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks - Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour - Fabulous Harbour Views - Great Rental History #HTH1104 - \$1,150,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - 12.5 Acre Estate - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered & Open Decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Ocean Views - Private Boat Basin #GGH1096 - \$8,995,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 1,686 s.f. Residence - 725 s.f. Open Decks - 80' of Prime Beachfront - Over 1/4 Acre - Superb Ocean Views - Semi-private Dock - 30 KW Aux. Generator - Great Rental History #GGH1075 - \$1,380,000.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GREAT GUANA CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SEA-TO-BAY" - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 - \$9,995,000. • "SANDCASTLE" - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - \$375,000. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW</p>  <p>Great Guana Cay - Settlement - Commercial - at Main Public Dock - Best Location in town. - 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg. - 400 s.f. Cov. Verandah - Commercial Grade Kitchen - Land- 96'x84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GHH1109 - \$1,200,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW</p>  <p>Great Guana Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 768 s.f. Residence - 336 s.f. Open Deck. - Central Air - Beachfront - Central, Convenient Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Fully Furnished #GHH1108 - \$699,000.</p>
 <p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,150 s.f. Residence - 760 s.f. Covered Porch - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 490 s.f. Apartment - Workshop - Great Views - Near Settlement #GGH1015 - \$550,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 2,212 s.f. Residence - 848 s.f. Covered Decks. - Land - 9,700 s.f. - 2 Central A/C Units - Storage, Generator Shed - 12 KW Aux. Generator - Income Producing - Ocean View #GGH1105 - \$491,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "HARBOUR LIGHT" - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock, Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - \$2,200,000. • "VIKING" - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - \$1,995,000. • "FRESH WIND LANDING" - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - \$1,200,000. • "SCHOONER'S LANDING" - Five Oceanfront Condominiums - Three - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - Two - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Bunkroom. - Central A/C - Fully Furnished Equipped - Fresh Water Pool On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. #MWH1069 - 73 - from: \$395,000 to \$455,000.
 <p>Green Turtle Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths - 4,977 s.f. Residence - 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea - 130' Ocean Beachfront - 200' on Coco Bay - Private Dock on Coco Bay - 15KW Aux Gen. - 600 GPD-Watermaker #GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: \$848,000 - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay, to \$3,490,000 for entire Estate</p>	 <p>Green Turtle Cay - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,455 sq.ft. Luxury Villa - Covered Screened Porches - Land - 7,554 sq.ft. - Deeded Dock - Boat Lift - Golf Cart Garage - Complete Renovation 2007 - Tastefully Decorated - Auxiliary Generator - No Expense Spared GTH1098 - \$995,000.</p>	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,030 s.f. Residence - 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.877 Acres - 82' Ocean Frontage - Semi-Private Dock., - Superb Ocean Views #MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCOTLAND CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SUMMER CAMP" - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,300 s.f. Residence - 300' of Ocean Beach - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House - "Playhouse" with Bar - Covered & Open Decks - Fabulous Ocean Views #SCH1094 - \$2,140,000 • "BLESSING HOUSE" - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access - #SCH1093 - \$895,000. 	 <p>Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,030 s.f. Residence - 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.877 Acres - 82' Ocean Frontage - Semi-Private Dock., - Superb Ocean Views #MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.</p>	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,240 s.f. Residence. - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f. - Hillside for great Ocean Views. - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. #MWH1020 - \$592,500.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TILLOO CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED" - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage #TLH1086 - \$1,595,000. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW PRICE</p>  <p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views #MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.</p>	 <p>Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths - 4,468 s.f. New Residence. - 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies. - 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f. - Swimming Pool - 30 KW Auxiliary Gen. - Boat Slip. #MHH1084 - \$2,700,000.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TREASURE CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "PINAPPLE POINT" - 32 Luxury Condominiums - 16 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath - 16 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,035 sf to nearly 1,500 sf - Waterfront on Treasure Cay Lagoon - Each unit with private dockage up to 70' Pre-Constriction Prices start at: #TCH9000 - Low \$500's 	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,200 s.f. Residence. - 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box - 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f. - 17 KW Aux. Generator - Beautifully Landscaped - Partially Furnished #MWH1024 - \$525,000.</p>	 <p>St. Charles Place #MHH1084 - \$2,700,000.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WOOD CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "VILLA GLADYS" - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,147 s.f. Residence - 21,213 s.f. - 0.487 Acre - 75' water frontage to Build dock - Great bonafishing area - Tranquility at its best #ANH1014 - \$289,000. 	<p style="text-align: center;">★ VACANT LAND ★ VACANT LAND ★</p>	

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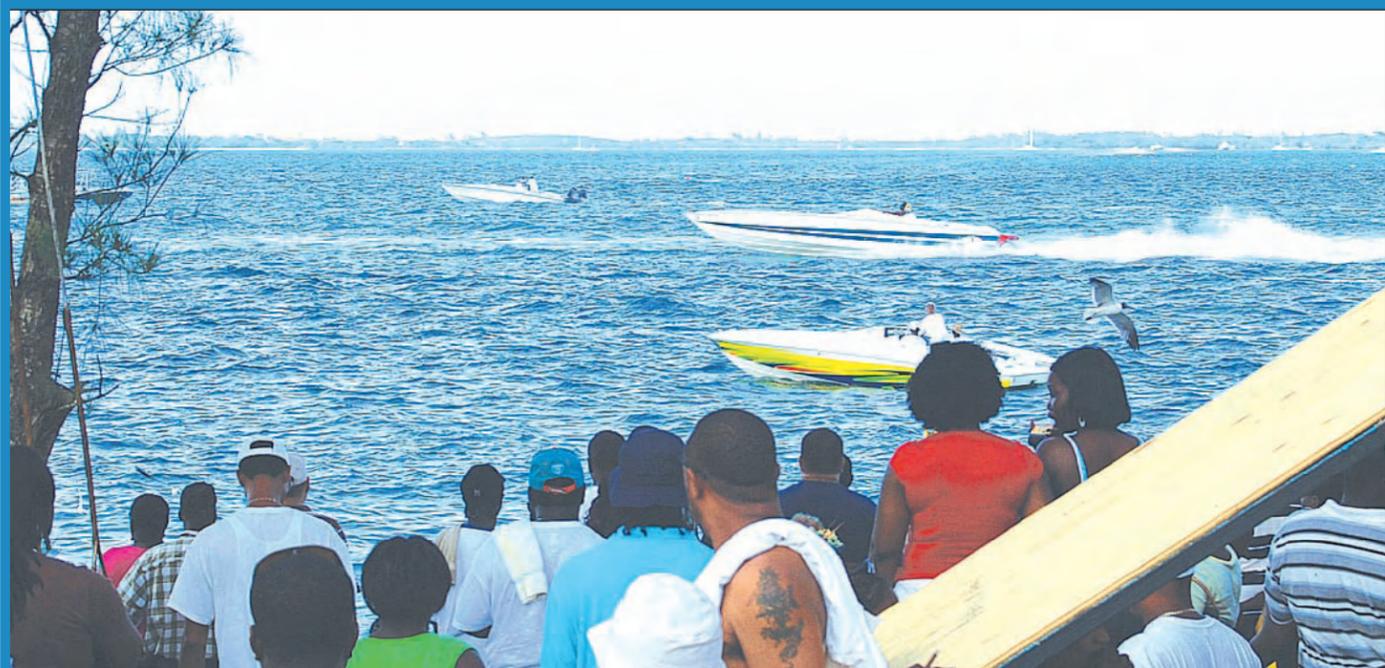
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SECTION B



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14 power boats raced off Treasure Cay Boat race was part of North Abaco's Summer Festival



For the third year the North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race drew a crowd to enjoy the race of power boats. The three-day event culminates in a race this year that counted 14 speed boats. Shore activities kept the crowds entertained with contests, competitions, a fashion show and lots of food and drink. The event was at Regatta Village, the Treasure Cay ferry dock, and took place on July 17-19.

By Julian Lockhart

The Three Annual Treasure Cay Power Boat Race was bigger and better than last year, just like committee chairman Clifton Bootle said it would be at the end of last year's race. The regatta saw more boats, 14 racing boats, and more people show up for an exciting weekend of fast boats, great music, good food, a lot of drinks and Budweiser beer flowing everywhere.

Thousands of people showed up this year for the weekend of festivities with Abaconians, Bahamians from throughout the islands and foreign visitors all enjoying the races and the entertainment of Colin McDonald, Spank Band and KB.

Mr. Bootle said, "I think the event went very well this year. The island of Abaco on the whole benefitted from the event this year. Everywhere is booked and people still calling and trying to find places to stay. All the rental cars are gone and everyone benefitted from it. This event has done a great job with domestic tourism and

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Chamber Promotes Quality Service

By Samantha V. Evans

Mr. Frank J. Comito, Executive Vice President of the Bahamas Hotel Association, was the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held at Angler's Restaurant on July 16 at 12 noon. The meeting was open to members of the Chamber and the topic addressed was Quality Service: Driving Business Results.

Mr. Michael Albury spoke about the sustained training program that is a new initiative that the Chamber of Commerce has under taken to improve the service of the business community. The training will

be held July 29 and August 15 at New Vision Ministries at a cost of \$30 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-Chamber members. The co-sponsor of the training will be the Bahamas Hotel Corporation that will provide the manuals for the training.

Mr. Comito spoke about Customer Service Presentation stating that customer service is about first and last impressions. He told the business people that there is power in association so they must band

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Show featured radio-controlled planes



The Abaco Radio Control Club has developed a site for pursuing their hobby of flying radio control planes. Now with a paved runway, shade and flight tables, they fly and compete regularly. The planes are models of actual planes.

By Samantha V. Evans

On July 19th the Abaco Radio Control Club held its first RC Plane Show to celebrate the improvements made to the field including the construction of the shade hut and flight tables which were completed in January, the paving of the runway, creating the flight line barrier

and the naming of the 105,000-square-foot field. The event was also to raise awareness and to raise funds for the upkeep of the Stanton Chea Air Field which was named in honor of one of the found-

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Airport Runway is nearing completion



The paving of the new runway at the Marsh Harbour airport is underway and the goal is to have the runway operational by September. A new hot mix plant was brought to Abaco for the job, and it is being done under the supervision of Mr. Ray Eisner.

By Jennifer Hudson

The new Marsh Harbour International Airport runway is now undergoing its final major work phase before completion. On July 19 the process of paving the new 6,100 feet runway began, and the asphalt (black top or hot mix) surface being in-

stalled will give this airport the distinction of being the first in a Family Island with a black top surface. The only other airport in the Bahamas with a black top surface is the Sir Lyndon Pindling Inter-

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Summer Fun at Camp Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Good Christian summer fun at Camp Abaco was enjoyed once again this year by many young people from the length and breadth of Abaco. These were joined by some campers from Nassau and even from as far as the Turks and Caicos Islands. Junior Camp was held from June 30 to July 5, Intermediate from July 7 to 12 and Teen Camp from July 14 to 19.

Pastor Stafford Symonette, Chairman of the Committee for Camp Abaco, who took a very active part in the running of the camps last year since taking over from

Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis Cornea is, unfortunately, this year having to participate from the sidelines since he was badly injured while working on the camp bus and is presently confined to a wheelchair. His spirit is still strong, however, and he is still very much a part of the organization of the camps. "The fact that everything is still running so well shows the effectiveness of the entire team," stated Pastor Symonette. "Although we experienced some major challenges with electricity and water, the

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Power boats from Freeport drew crowds

Boat Race

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that was our main goal to get boats from all over The Bahamas to come and not boats from the United States. We wanted people to come and see their own boats and have a good time. I want to serve my community and that is why this all started and this was to better our community," he added.

The regatta had more boats than last year and Mr. Bootle said they will entice more boats next year. He said they can only get bigger and better because they have to do what it takes to get the patrons back every year.

One of the captains, Ozzie Dean, said they need to get some of the big boats from the United States to race because it is the only way to carry the competition to the next level. But that takes a lot of planning and money.

Mr. Bootle said he knows the businesses on Abaco making money from the Power

Boat Race and he just wants them to give back in the form of sponsorship. They only had five sponsorships this year.

The boat captains would like to receive cash prizes for winning, and Mr. Bootle said they would like to do this in the future, but they can't do it financially at this point. At this point the committee covers all fuel expenses from Grand Bahama to Abaco and back as well as hotel expenses.

Mr. Bootle said, "I think it will move to where we invite boats from the United States. But I don't know how to even start something like that financially. It is tough just worrying about the boats here now. At some point I am pretty sure that is what is going to happen. This is already the biggest event in Treasure Cay and I am pretty sure this tops most events in The Bahamas. We have to go back to the drawing board and start over and see where we can go," he concluded.



Regatta Village allows spectators to view the racing. Even at the dock the boats were a powerful magnet and some of the captains showed off their skills that thrilled the spectators.



The Conch Salad vendor was kept busy as were all the vendors. A variety of food as well as crafts, souvenirs and trinkets was available. The crowds increase after dark.

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Summer Festival had nighty entertainment

By Vernique Russell

"A Bang!" is definitely the only way to describe the third annual North Abaco Summer Festival. The festivities went on at the Regatta Village in Treasure Cay on July 17 to 20. The weekend has been dubbed as the best summer festival hosted thus far.

Thousands of people flocked to the site to enjoy the activities that were planned. They came by boats, plane, cars and walking with canes to be there. The committee did an excellent job in selecting their entertainers who depicted their profession beyond expectations. On Thursday night participants danced the night away to the music of the Sound Effect Deejays. However, Friday night was filled with excitement. A fashion show was hosted by the committee under the direction of Mrs. Charmaine Bootle. Models, both male and

female, hit the stage and entertained the crowd with stunning and sexy outfits in categories such as sporty, casual and dressy.

Following the fashion show, the audience danced to the music of the Spank Band. The band performed popular Bahamian hits and other songs as requested by the audience. The Mighty Pencil guest Deejay for the event gave away items that were offered by a major sponsor of the event, Burns House.

There was a rake

and scrape competition and a "Solider Boy" competition for the kids. Following the competition, the youngest Bahamian performer, Avvy, hit the stage and the crowd was extremely satisfied with his performance. The crowd was teased with a surprise performance by the North Abaco home-grown boy, Collins McDonald. Collins gave the crowd a taste of what was to come on the following night.

Saturday was the big day and it was definitely time to "sound the big thing." Following the excitement of the race, the award presentation was held. After the awards presentation it was time to boogie down to the sound of sweet sounding music. The Spank Band was first out of the performers' trailers and they once

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People from all communities of Abaco assembled at the Regatta Village to enjoy the North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race. It has been improved with a new bathroom block and improved booths. The shore line is a good location for viewing races and the area is large enough to accommodate a big crowd. The largest number of people attend late at night when the bands provide music for socializing and dancing.

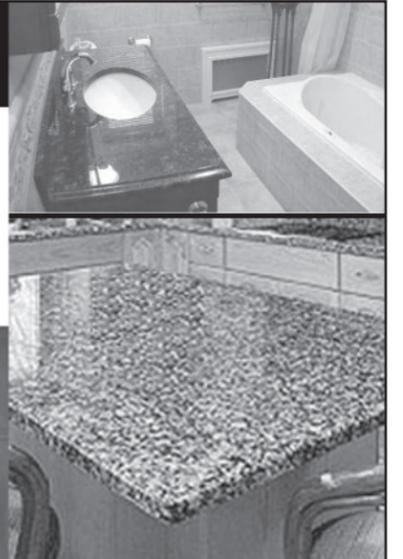


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Chamber speaker emphasized better service

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together so that the overall service of the Abaco businesses can be improved. Once they band together, they can make a big difference.

Mr. Comito stated that the way businesses manage people and how the leaders treat each other in all sectors is critical. Business leaders must learn how to handle their people. Therefore, they must be focused on developing their human resources. To be competitive, he added, Bahamian leaders must make a difference in the lives of its people. He sees great strength in the Bahamas Hotel Association and the Abaco Chamber of Commerce. Once they network with each other, they will be able to improve the overall service provided.

Mr. Comito stated that customer service isn't bad only in The Bahamas; it is bad everywhere. In order to compete, the Bahamas must have high quality service. They must ensure that the service given is always good.

What are people saying about Abaco? He stated that they are saying good and bad

things. Visitors are saying that the food is excellent, but the service is below average. Management is less than friendly and not helpful. Even though the location is beautiful, many will not return. They stated that the receptionist was not helpful and they see this lack of helpfulness as a trait that all Bahamians have. Mr. Comito stated that this is scary and it should concern all of us. Even though there are good comments on the Internet about various places in the Bahamas as well, it takes only one bad comment to hurt us all.

He explained that the Bahamas Tourism has one of the best customer service barometers in the industry. All of the information

needed to improve our service is obtained from the exit surveys that all tourists fill out before they leave The Bahamas and many of them do recommend the destination and do return. We must invest in our people and training is the key. Even though the entire Bahamas benefits from Tourism, the Family Islands have more than 70 percent of their visitors who are likely to tell their friends and family about their experience and return themselves. This is because the experience is more intimate and more interactive than in the city.

Many questions followed especially related to the school system that is not preparing young people to meet these chal-

lenges. Mr. Comito explained that the state of the educational system is very serious and he believes that education needs to be overhauled.

Business owners were encouraged to do their part to improve the service they offer to locals and guests by attending training sessions and sending their employees to be properly trained.

The Chamber of Commerce is still accepting new members for those businesses and persons that want to become a part of this organization so that the face of businesses on Abaco can be changed for the better.



Mr. Frank Comito, Executive Vice President of the Bahamas Hotel Association, left, spoke to the Abaco Chamber of Commerce and emphasized the need for businessmen to train employees to give better service. He is shown here speaking with Mr. Michael C. Knowles, Manager of the Abaco office of J.S. Johnson Insurance Company.

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Coconut Hideaway - Marsh Harbour

Ref #: 3943
Price: \$848,000
Agent: June Russell

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Southern Breeze - Lubbers Quarters

Ref #: 3502
Price: \$625,000
Agent: Patti Love

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Casa Jewel - Turtle Rocks

Ref #: 3518
Price: \$699,000
Agent: June Russell

Custom built 3 bed/2.5 bath home located just north of Marsh Harbour. Swimming pool and beach access make it a relaxing retreat.

Vacant Land Available

- Ref# 3970 - **Lubbers Quarters** - Ocean View lots starting at \$70,000 - Contact Patti Love
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TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.
 Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.
 MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing
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 \$500,000 + 7.5% closing

BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.
 Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool
 Bldg 4 Downstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, 12' wide slip
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SAND DOLLAR

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

ROYAL POINCIANA

Ocean Front Condos with on site pool and tennis
 3 bed / 3 bath upper unit, fully furnished, beach front, with good rental potential. Priced to sell. \$865,000 + 7.5%
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OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION

Second row beach with direct ocean access. Great view. 2 bed / 2 bath, many special features. MUST SEE EXC. \$485,500 FGS

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"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath, fully furnished, CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private king size 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features. MUST SEE. MLS \$1,990,000 + 7.5% Closing

GALLEON BAY ESTATES

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL VERY MOTIVATED SELLER EXC \$790,000
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 MLS \$2,200,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus! Plus!
 MLS \$820,000 + 7.5% closing

WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage.
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VACANT LOTS AVAILABLE

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- Canal Front Beginning at \$350,000 FGS
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- MLS - Multiple Listing
- List price plus buyer's closing

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New runway is durable asphalt surface

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national Airport in Nassau. "We are working 12 to 14 hours a day seven days a week to get it done," stated Mr. Harlin Johnson, Abaco Manager for Bahamas Hot Mix.

Paving Manager, Mr. Ray Eisner of Freeport, explained the entire paving process. "The asphalt is mixed at a temperature of 300 degrees in the mixing plant next to the office. This state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly plant which consists of three main trailers and a control room gives off zero emissions and no noise and is run by Mr. Jimmy Mac, Plant Manager from Nassau. From there the asphalt is loaded into trucks which take it to the runway where they back into a paving machine. As the asphalt is dumped out of the back of the paving machine onto the runway, a screed levels it. The paver is fitted with a state-of-the-art, hi-tech computerized device for smoothing. Once smoothed, the surface is double checked with a depth checker and any minor adjustments are made as needed. Once the asphalt is down, it is rolled in three stages. Three different types of rollers are needed to smooth out and achieve the desired surface. A breakdown roller weighing between 11 and 14 tons does the initial rolling followed by an intermediate pneumatic roller and finally a

finish roller.

"The runway is divided into nine lanes for the purpose of paving. One lane is pulled each day in order to achieve the best job and the pulling takes place from west to east. While rolling is in progress, a quality assurance lab uses a nuclear gauge to test density. This is then taken one step further and four-inch core holes are cut into the surface on which tests are run. The finished surface is one and a half inches in thickness. At the very start of the process before the asphalt can be laid, a primer is laid on top of the fill (base) in order to get the asphalt to adhere."

"Once the paving has been completed, then striping and lighting of the runway will finalize the job. We are aiming to have everything completed around September," stated Mr. Harlin Johnson.

Many weather delays were experienced over a period of two weeks when the base was being laid but during paving there had been, fortunately up to the time of writing, no rain delays. Mr. Eisner stated that he monitors the weather station on the internet very carefully every morning because if it were to rain, then work would have to stop immediately.

Once the work on the runway has been completed, then work on the taxi way will begin.

Ballet students are practicing all summer

By Jennifer Hudson

Ballet classes have been taking place throughout the summer on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Twelve youngsters between the ages of four and 15 have attended these classes held at the New Visions Ministries under the tutelage of Mrs. Elaine Pilon.

"The students have been learning different dance combinations, choreography, drama and vocalization and are coming along well," stated Mrs. Pilon. The skills learned are in preparation for a synopsis of Cinderella which will be performed in

February in a programme which will also feature The Sound of Music. The summer ballet students will be joined in September by other students to prepare for the upcoming production. Some children from Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay will join the Marsh Harbour students for the show along with 21 from Mrs. Pilon's Green Turtle Cay Ballet Group.

"The children and adults are all very enthusiastic about the show and Cinderella's little mice are adorable," said show producer and choreographer, Mrs. Pilon.

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704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**

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Camp Abaco provides good Christian fun

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team came through with a great team effort."

Coordinating the first two camps was Mr. Jeff Key assisted by groups of 25-30 counselors from Assemblies of God Churches in the United States. The third week, which is Teen Camp week, was run entirely by Bahamians from the National Youth Department headed by Mr. Durie Thomas, National Youth Director for the Assemblies of God Churches.

Jeff has been a counselor at Camp Abaco almost since its inception in 1971, having previously been a camper for the first two years. Now another young man, 16-year-old Rayjay Sands, son of Raymond Sands, Deputy Chairman of the Committee and Assistant Camp Counselor, is following in his footsteps and is described by Pastor Symonette as "an up and coming young

counselor." Approximately 20 workers from Abaco ran the kitchen and took care of all maintenance issues for the entire three weeks. This year there was a sizeable increase in the number of campers for each camp and Junior camp figures rose from 47 last year to 77 this year.

Campers enjoy a variety of activities which include ball games, relay races, gymnastics, swimming, talent shows, puppetry, arts and crafts, bonfires and weenie roasts. Each day begins and ends with Chapel time which is a very important element of the camp. The campers enjoy illustrated sermons and worship bands and are helped with issues they are struggling with. Pastor Symonette has plans to establish nature trails around the camp for next year so that the young people can learn about nature and the environment and also to implement some field trips away from the camp.

The highlight of the week for the campers and very much looked forward to is the banquet held at the end of each camp and at which awards are presented and the Camp King and Queen are crowned. Pastor Symonette explained that in previous years the selection of the King and Queen has been simply a popularity contest among their peers but for this year and ensuing years other qualities will be taken into consideration. The contenders must have maintained a Grade Point Average of 2.5 during the school year and they will also be judged on congeniality, behaviour and talent. The winners will receive, in addition to the King and Queen trophies, a laptop computer based on their age group.

Regarding funding, Pastor Symonette says that he is "ecstatic at the very favorable response to the appeal to the general public and business houses for prize money. Previously, support came from

American churches. When Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis were in charge, they had connections in the United States. But now we are doing everything through the people of Abaco and are excited by their support. I congratulate Bro. Bob and Sis. Phyllis for the tremendous job they did to bring the camp to this level. It is something to be proud of and we are building on that foundation. I will be introducing the first Camp Abaco Appreciation Fund Raising Banquet at which all sponsors will be honored and people will be able to make donations.

"We have been able to increase our water system from 3,000 to 8,000 gallons holding capacity and have also increased the electrical system. The installation of a much larger 62 KW generator, thanks to a very large donation from the Treasure

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Camp Abaco offers a variety of sports and outdoor activities as well as crafts. Many Abaco adults have pleasant memories of their days at Camp Abaco. These are junior campers who were organized by a church group from the United States.

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Cay community, means that we can now run at full capacity without shedding loads. We have also increased the number of persons we can accommodate, now having the capacity to house 96 boys and 102 girls. Camp fees have remained the same for many years, and we are not raising the fees because many persons cannot afford to pay more so we are always in need of more donations. Camp Abaco is also used at other times throughout the year by church groups for retreats."

A huge plus for the camp was the improvement of the two-mile road which leads from the Capt. Earnest Dean Highway into Camp Abaco. This road had previously been in a terrible state making the journey very slow and laborious. Thanks to Shannon Albury, owner of Big Cat Equipment who donated his services, the road was graded on the morning before the

opening of Junior Camp, much to Pastor Symonette's relief and gratitude.

"As Chairman, I wish to thank the public for their support. Lives have been enriched, spiritual seeds planted and differences made in individual lives and the country. I also wish to thank the camp community for making it awesome and especially Mr. Cecil Forbes, Overseer of the Assemblies of God Churches for Abaco, for his tremendous work and support."

See story on page 11 about climax of Camp Abaco's Teen Camp.

New airline will service Treasure Cay

Baer Air has announced it will offer non-stop air service between Melbourne, Florida and Treasure Cay on Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays. The flight will depart from Melbourne at 9 a.m. arriving in Treasure Cay at 10:20 a.m. The return flight will depart from Treasure Cay at 12 noon arriving in Melbourne at 1:25 p.m. The flights have already begun operating and reservations are available on the Baer Air website, www.flybaerair.com or by calling Baer Air at 321 453-2605. The cost for a one way ticket on the new service is \$349 and includes all U.S. taxes and fees.

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The Climax to Camp Abaco 2008

By Jennifer Hudson

Camp Abaco Teen Camp 2008 came to a grand climax on the evening of July 17 with an awards banquet. Although the campers had another day of camp still left to enjoy, the penultimate evening was, for them, the much anticipated highlight. The evening began with a tasty meal for which all of the teens had obviously taken plea-

sure in dressing very smartly in their finest and most fashionable clothes. "This year 112 teens attended Teen Camp which was one of the biggest camps we have had," stated Pastor Symonette, Camp Chairman. (Last year there were 97 attendees at Teen Camp.) "This was the best camp ever thanks to the great staff of helpers. I was like Superman last year flying about here,

there and everywhere but this year, since my injury, everyone really stepped up to the plate and worked as a great team."

Following the presentation of several team sports awards, Star Awards were presented to exceptional assistants and also to the camper from the Turks and Caicos Islands, who had traveled the farthest to attend. Eagle awards were presented to "people who really made it work" including a helper all the way from Alabama. Pastor Symonette expressed his pleasure at the success of the camp telling the young people, "This has been a beautiful camp and you have conducted yourselves well. I hope something has been planted in your lives to make you better Bahamians."

This was the first year that the Teen Camp had been headed by National Youth Director, Pastor Durie Thomas, who stated, "I have had a tremendous time and have met the best and most wonderful people The Bahamas has to offer." Pastor Thomas was assisted in the running of the camp by members of the National Youth Depart-

ment of the Assemblies of God Churches.

All of the campers were keen to see who had won the award for Camper of the Week. This honour went to 16-year-old Kavon Pedican, who was surprised and delighted. Pastor Thomas described how this young lad's life had been changed during the week of camp. "When I first met him, I thought he would be nothing but trouble as he exhibited the attitude of a bad boy. But his life was turned around, and he decided that he wanted to make sure that his life is now going in the right direction. He became a great help to the cabin counselors and always assisted in keeping the cabin clean and tidy." Kavon grew up on Abaco but has spent the past year living in Nassau where he attends the C.V. Bethel Senior High School. This was his first year at Camp Abaco, but he says that he definitely intends to come back again next year. The most outstanding campers in each cabin

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Excitement ran high on banquet night as campers at Camp Abaco received their awards. But the finale was the crowning of a queen and king. This year's winners were Ashley Evans and George Martin.

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were also named by their respective cabin counselors.

Finally came the climax for which everyone had so eagerly awaited - it was time for the crowning of the Camp King and Queen. This year, instead of it being just a popularity contest as in former years, contestants were judged on academics, spirituality, talent, speech and interaction with other campers. Winner of the Camp Queen title was Ashley Evans with George Martin winning the title of Camp King. Second runner up for Queen was Makara Palacios and first runner up was Denay Pinder while for King the second runner up was Chase Russell and first runner up was Danza Cox.

Ashley and George are both students in Freeport, Ashley at the College of The Bahamas and George at Tabernacle Baptist Academy. This was Ashley's sec-

ond year at Camp Abaco while it was George's eighth. In addition to trophies, Ashley and George each received a laptop computer and scholarship to next year's camp to which they say they are both looking forward to coming back. Following the ceremonial crowning and amid much applause and joyful noise the Camp King and Queen made their walk amongst the tables full of their fellow campers. When asked about their favourite aspects of Teen Camp Abaco, Ashley selected Chapel in addition to becoming Queen while George chose sports as a second to becoming Camp King.

To close the evening Pastor Eric Fox, Director of Teen Challenge in Nassau, showed a film depicting how they are changing the lives of many young people who have been on drugs and living out of trash cans.

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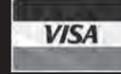
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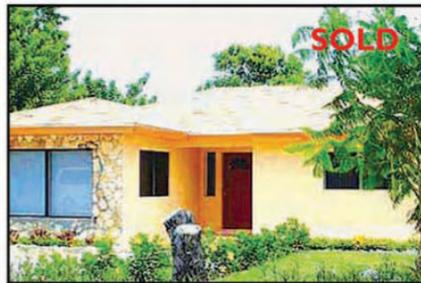
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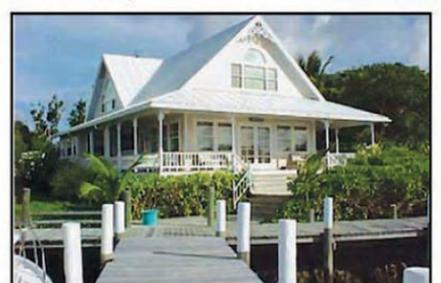
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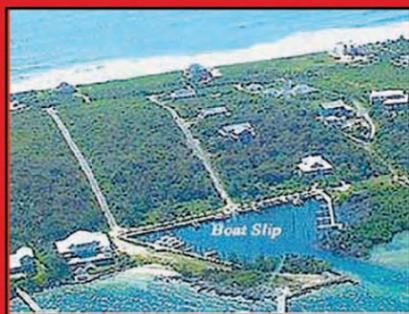
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Treasure Cay's new Lister Imaging Centre

By Jennifer Hudson

The Lister Imaging Centre, located at the Corbett Clinic in Treasure Cay, opened on April 7, 2008. The centre was installed at a cost of \$800,000 and was made possible by generous donations from members of the Treasure Cay community and is named after Noel and Sylvia Lister, the major donors. Mr. and Mrs. Lister of England own a home in Treasure Cay. The brand new General Electric 4 Slice Bright Speed CT Scanner was installed by Bahamas Medical Supplies from Nassau and is the same as

the one the company installed previously at the Fourth Terrace Diagnostic Centre in Nassau.

The first patient was scanned in the Lister Imaging Centre on May 14. Two test patients are normally scanned first but an emergency came in and so was actually scanned before the two test patients. Twenty-three patients had already been scanned at the time of this interview.

Director of the Lister Imaging Centre is Tracey Lightbourn, who was previously employed at the Fourth Terrace Diagnostic

Centre in Nassau. Ms. Lightbourn received her initial training at Barry University in Miami, Florida, where she obtained a degree in nuclear medicine technology with a minor in biology. She then served her internship in nuclear medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. On her return to Nassau she found that the number of jobs in nuclear medicine was very limited so when the Fourth Terrace Diagnostic Centre asked her if she would train to do CAT scans she agreed. After training for three years Ms. Lightbourn passed the American Board Examination which qualified her as a CT technician and admitted her to the American Board of Radiological Technologists.

Some persons (myself included) have been confused between CAT scans and CT scans. They are, in fact, the same. CAT is the acronym for Computed Axial Tomography and is the terminology used most often in Britain whereas in the United States the scans are usually referred to as CT (Computed Tomography) scans.

Computed Tomography uses X-rays to make detailed pictures of structures inside of the body. The patient lies on a table attached to a CT scanner which is a large

doughnut shaped machine. This sends X-rays through the body area being studied. Each rotation of the scanner takes less than a second and provides a picture of a section of the organ or area.

"Although the scanner does generate X-rays, it is not an X-ray machine. It differs in that images can be seen in volume (three dimensions) and in different planes. Any part of the body or organ can be scanned though the machine is not efficient for scanning degeneration of the bones. It can also be used for follow up screening of cancer patients," explained Ms. Lightbourn. "The pictures generated are saved to a hard drive and for safety are transferred to two or three different places. The images are transmitted to the Fourth Terrace Diagnostic Centre via Internet to be read by one of the four radiologists on staff. The results are received by the Corbett Clinic within 24 hours.

"We will provide the patient with a disc so that if he is planning on attending a physician elsewhere, he can take the images to that doctor. A patient can come back two or three years later, and we will still be

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Ms. Tracey Lightbourn is shown with the new CT scanner recently installed at Corbett Clinic. This very expensive piece of equipment will benefit Abaco patients in that they will not have to go to Nassau or the States for diagnostic tests. This makes images of any part of the body.

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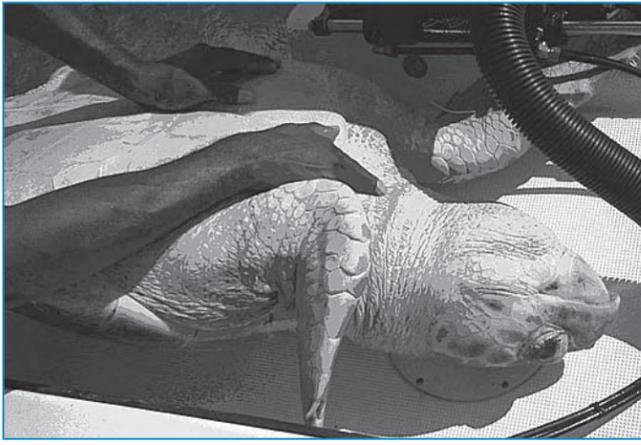
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Sea turtle needed help

On July 10th Wayne Cornish, Asst. Fisheries Supt. in Marsh Harbour, received a call from Errol Thurston, Jr., a local tour guide who stated that two miles northwest of Marsh Harbour he encountered a Loggerhead turtle with a lot of fishing line wrapped about its neck and shell. A gallon bottle was tied at one end and a three-pound lead from a dive belt at the other. Knowing the law regarding turtles at this time of the year, he was not sure what to do so, he called Mr. Cornish. Mr. Cornish directed him to bring it to a nearby landing site to assess any damage the animal may have sustained. The turtle had some visible marks of injuries. While cutting away the line, Mr. Cornish noticed strong vibrant movements and mobility power of the animal, so he immediately released it to the wild. He would like to commend the guide who could have left the stranded animal in order to keep a timely appointment, but instead he saved the life of a Loggerhead turtle, a species that is considered threatened.



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able to give him a copy," stated Ms. Lightbourn.

"The cost of a CT scan at the Lister Imaging Centre runs between \$600 and \$850 which is less than in the United States but a little more than in Nassau. However, it saves the expense and inconvenience of having to travel into Nassau or elsewhere. We have tried to make it affordable," stated Ms. Lightbourn.

Shortly before coming to Abaco, Ms. Lightbourn completed a masters degree in business administration from Nova South Eastern University and so is also an asset to the running of the Corbett Clinic office. She is very much enjoying being on Abaco and working at the clinic.

Corbett Concierge Service

The Corbett Clinic also offers a Concierge Service in affiliation with Jacksonville Memorial Hospital in Miami which provides for the Medevac of patients out of Abaco to Jackson Memorial Hospital. Persons enrolled in this programme have all emergency flight costs covered and on arrival at Jackson Memorial are already pre-registered so do not have the inconvenience of all the usual red tape. Anyone on Abaco can join the programme. All that is needed is to visit the Corbett Clinic with the registration fee and fill out a form. Cost for an individual is \$600 per year and \$650 for husband and wife. Dependent children can be added for an extra \$50.

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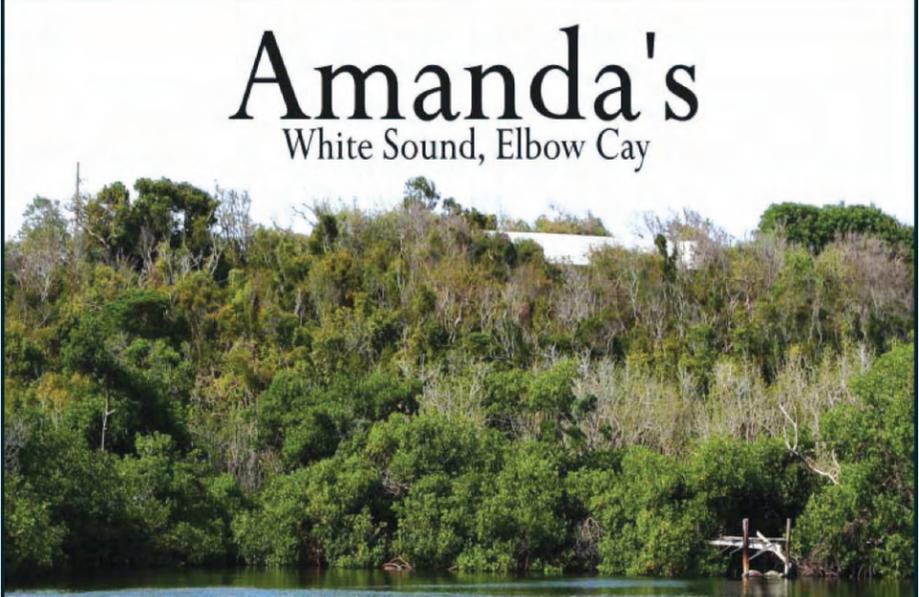
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Crabs from Andros are the best!

By Mirella Santillo

With the start of the rainy season, land crabs have once again made their appearance in many parts of the island. But as many crabs as we have on Abaco, according to experts, they are no match in flavor to the crabs from Andros. Taking

advantage of this popularity, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers from Deep Creek, Andros, have brought their catch to Abaco for the third consecutive year.

The Rogers came to Marsh Harbour the beginning of July with 11 sacks of crabs, black and white, but mostly white; the white crabs are really different shades of yellow and the black crabs are more dark purple than black but smaller than the white, but, according to Mrs. Margueritte Rogers, are the more tasty.

The Rogers set shop under the shade of a casuarina tree on Don MacKay Boulevard. A large cage was crawling with what was left of the crustaceans barely covering the bottom of their temporary abode. They were feeding on large pieces of watermelon. And here is the secret of the Andros crab flavor, at

least the ones Mrs. Rogers was selling. She explained that before being offered for sale, the crabs were penned for one month and fed bread, vegetables and fruits, rice and dry leaves which purge them and give them a special flavor.

Three small to medium size crabs sold for \$10; the price went up according to size.

The Rogers planned to stay in town a couple of weeks, but five days after their arrival they had sold most of their fare. Mrs. Rogers said she did not know how much longer they would be in Marsh Harbour since all the crabs were gone early. She mentioned that she was a native of Abaco and that she knew that Abaco had a fair number of crabs, but she still preferred the ones from Andros.

A crab fest is held in Fresh Creek, An-

dros, every year in June, the week after Labor Day.

These crustaceans are a Bahamian delicacy and can be prepared many different ways, among them crab n'rice, stuffed crabs, crabs n'dough, all very popular with the locals.

Bodybuilding Champion

The Bahamas National Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship was held on New Providence on July 5. Veteran bodybuilder, Arthur Elden, placed second in the Masters over 60 and second in the Mixed Pairs Competition.

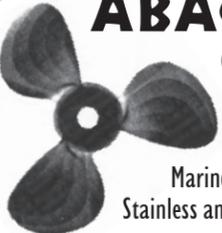
On July 12 the Southern States Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship was held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Arthur competed in the Masters over 60 and won the Heavyweight Division.



Crabs from Andros are very popular on Abaco. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers come from Deep Creek and find a ready market for their tasty crustaceans, selling out quickly.

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6:30 pm cancelled Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour
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Fun Day at Coconut Tree Bay

By Mirella Santillo

The first official community gathering at Coconut Tree Bay took place on July 10. Independence Day in Murphy Town became an occasion for the residents to get together and enjoy family entertainment.

Coconut Tree Bay, a small protected cove at the entrance of Murphy Town, used to be a gathering place but has been abandoned over the years. Lately the Town Committee cleaned up the trash that had accumulated and built two gazebos as well as picnic tables and bathrooms. There are more plans for the area, but it is the perfect place to spend a Sunday afternoon or to hold a family outing.

Over 100 people showed up to enjoy the Independence Day party. Some men went fishing, other played dominoes and other games while the older people reminisced on old time and the young swam and played in the sea.

There was a lot of finger food prepared by the Murphy Town ladies accompanied

by soft drinks. The evening climaxed with a rush out by the local Junkanoo group, the Mo-town Shockers, who put on a show for their families and friends.

According to Chief Councillor Cubel "Star" Davis, a member of the Town Committee, it was a great day of socializing and community reunion, a feat he wants to promote in the years to come.

Housing Minister will hold meetings

The Hon. Kenneth Russell, Minister of Housing, and the Housing Commission will be holding two meetings on Abaco pertaining to housing initiatives.

The first meeting will be held in South Abaco at St. Martin's Anglican Church on August 13 at 7:30 p.m. The second meeting will be in Central Abaco at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall on August 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Please see **RC Planes** Page 1

ing members of the field. Mr. Chea passed away before the field was finished.

The total number of members in the club is 45 but only about 10 of them are active. There were about 12 planes in the show. The members of the club fly every weekend and on some weekdays if the weather is conducive to flying.

Mr. Doug Evans is the premier instructor but now they have other instructors. He stated that he learned to fly on a simulator because no one had the time to teach him. Now that he can fly well, he devotes his time to teaching others. He stated that flying is a lot of fun and it is great when their family members come out to support them.

The club has invested a lot of money to get

the field the way it is now. He stated that he teaches the flyers how to operate their planes safely and how to land; but they learn the aerobatics (i.e. hovering and knife edge) on their own. Executives of the Abaco Flight Club are Doug Evans-President, Vincent Pinder-Vice President, Kyle Albury, Bert Pinder, Crystal Pinder-Treasurer, Lisa Evans, and Mitsy Albury.



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Crawfish, a Valuable Bahamian Resource

By Jennifer Hudson

By midsummer crawfish are becoming more and more sparse on Bahamian menus since supplies in people's freezers have often completely run out. How often in June or July we long for a delicious crawfish tail, some scrumptious cracked lobster or refreshing crawfish salad and, however tempting it may be to want to spear a crawfish, we know that it is off limits and we must wait until the magic date of August 1.

However, with the annual closed season for crawfish from April 1 through July 31 now at an end, crawfishermen are once again geared up for the new season. Sadly, there are some unscrupulous persons who still catch crawfish during the closed season and offer them for sale covertly.

Crawfish have significant economic value. Fishing of crawfish is a multi-million dollar industry in The Bahamas. On average crawfish represent 60 percent of total fishery product landings. Crawfish are heavily fished and though generally considered abundant in The Bahamas, the continued success of the commercial fishery depends upon the use of responsible fishing methods and respect for fishing regulations. To produce enough larvae to sustain harvest levels crawfish must be allowed to reproduce undisturbed, hence the enforcement of the closed season.

The crawfish has a complicated life cycle which requires three distinct habitats. Crawfish larvae drift for several months in the open ocean before changing into a post larval stage that moves onshore seeking shallow vegetated habitats. The post larvae transform into early bottom dwelling juveniles that remain hidden within vegetative cover sheltered from predators. After some time juvenile lobsters emerge and



seek daytime refuge under structures such as rocks, seaweed, sponges and corals. As they mature they move out to seaweed reefs. Adult spiny crawfish favour rocky areas, sponges and patch reefs where they hide in the daytime and come out at night to hunt for food.

The use of artificial structures or habitats, known locally as condominiums, are often used by the crawfishermen to concentrate crawfish for capture. The habitats are usually constructed out of tin and weighted down with green cedar or pine logs. These habitats are very different from traps since the crawfish are free to walk in and out. The crawfish like to use these habitats as a home to hide inside thus the habitats

become a concentrated target for the fisherman. Whereas traps require a permit at a cost of \$10 each, habitats require no permit and can be laid down at any time during the closed period.

Conservation is very important and The Bahamas Department of Marine Resources has put in place the following regulations:

- Crawfish tails must not be undersized. The minimum length for a tail is five and a half inches while jacket lengths must be no less than three and a quarter inches in length.
- Females carrying eggs must not be caught and eggs must not be removed from an egg bearing female.
- Use or possession of bleach or other noxious or poisonous substances is prohibited.
- The use of air compressors is only allowed for persons with appropriate permits and in waters between 30 feet and 60 feet in depth.
- Crawfish traps are limited to wooden

slat traps no more than three feet long and two feet wide with slats at least one inch apart.

New sport fishing regulations for visitors, issued by the Department of Marine Resources, came into effect in November 2007 and allow 10 crawfish per vessel at any one time. Any person, Bahamian or visitor, is allowed to carry out of the country ten pounds of crawfish by airplane.

The Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources states that persons must obey the rules or face prosecution. They also vow to fight illegal fishing and poachers, who, it is reported, are often commercial fishermen from the Dominican Republic.

Education office has moved

By Samantha V. Evans

The Department of Education Abaco District has moved from Dove Plaza to the Josh-Hann Plaza on Don MacKay Boulevard next to Agape Family Dental. The phone number remains 367-2342 and the office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Snake Cay - An Abaco Jewel in Need of Protection

With the goal of protecting marine and coastal areas, Friends of the Environment is working with the South and Central Abaco Administrators, local government and the Bahamas National Trust to protect the area between Snake Cay and Spencer's Bight by creating a park for recreational use. FRIENDS will be raising the matter for public comment and encouraging members of the community to bring specific ideas or concerns to help protect this valuable area.

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North Abaco Celebrated 35 Years of Independence

By Vernique Russell

The North Abaco Independence committee hosted an evening of celebrations at the Hubert Ingraham Park in Cooper's Town in honor of the country's birthday. The evening featured songs, dances and other forms of entertainment. The committee showcased the young talents of North Abaco as the country reflected on the theme for this year, The mistress of ceremony, Mrs. Terrece Bootle-Bethel, ably hosted the evening reminding the crowd of blessings that God has bestowed on us. She reminded the audience of the sacrifices that were made by our forefathers and nation builders in other for us to

be at the present times we are living in.

Brief remarks were delivered by the newly re-elected Chief Councillor Steve Pedican, who stated that this is his seventh year as Chief Councilor and that the crowd was the largest he has seen. He felt it was a sign that the people are ready for change and that it's indeed time for change. He encouraged the audience to make a difference and be proud of their heritage and culture.

Mr. Theophilus Cox, Administrator for North Abaco, told the crowd that we have come a long way and accomplished a lot but much is still left to do. He, too, took a trip down memory lane and reminded the

audience that we have a lot to be grateful to God for.

This year's celebration really depicted its theme as young men and ladies took the stage to display their talents and pride for their country. Songbird Samantha Baillou of Blackwood entertained the crowd with two songs that she wrote and beautifully performed. Young Andre Smith entertained the crowd with his dance. The crowd was entertained by the sounds of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band.

The committee honored the person who competed in the Walk-A-Thon and presented trophies to them. A powerful prayer

for the nation was uttered by Pastor Jollian McIntosh, Senior Pastor of the National Church of God in Fire. Local Police Officers ended the night with a drill leading up to the rising of the flag and the singing of the national anthem and pledge. Fireworks followed that lasted 30 minutes after the service. Refreshments were served by the committee. The committee has dubbed this year celebrations a grand success and indeed it was a bang. Organizers are happy that the large crowd came out to support the event and showed their patriotism for their country.

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A Summary of Sports Fishing Regulations - July 2008

The sportsfishing regulations, applied to foreigners, were changed early in 2007, then amended later that year in October. Basically, the bag limits which applied to individuals now apply to a foreign boat. The Bahamas government has the responsibility to protect and manage the fishing resources for the benefit of the Bahamian people. The intention is to allow visitors to catch fish for their immediate enjoyment but not to compete with commercial Bahamian fishermen. The following guidelines apply mainly to visitors.

Fishing from a boat owned by a non-Bahamian requires a fishing permit for the boat. The boat is licensed which covers the occupants. This permit is usually acquired by cruising boats when clearing Customs on entering the Bahamas. The permit fee inclusive of immigration, customs and sportsfishing permit is \$150 for one visit for vessel less than 30 feet. Fishing vessels larger than 30 feet must pay \$300 for the three permits.

Foreigners residing in The Bahamas owning boats which are based in The Bahamas are required to purchase the sportsfishing permit annually. The permit is valid for all people on board. The fee for the stated permit is 20 cents per foot of vessel each year. Having Bahamian registration does not change the foreign ownership aspect which is the critical element requiring the fishing license.

Locally, permits may be purchased in Cooper's Town and Marsh Harbour at the office of Department of Marine Resources. Boats entering at a port of entry will receive a fishing license as part of the "One Stop Shop" package given at customs. Non-Bahamians arriving by aircraft who intend to fish from any foreign owned vessel, the fishing vessel (has to) have a sportsfishing

license which may be obtained from a port of entry or from a fisheries officer during their work days, Monday - Friday.

Boats owned by Bahamians do not need a permit for recreational fishing. This includes 100 percent Bahamian-owned rental boats. Foreigners can fish from a Bahamian-owned rental boat without obtaining a fishing permit. Non-Bahamian fishermen in a boat are "restricted to hook and line" with a maximum limit of six lines in the water. Electric reels are allowed but must not have more than six hooks per line. Six or more hooks on a line is considered long-lining which is illegal.

A "party boat" permit is required by non-Bahamians wanting to use more lines in the sea at any time. To fish with spears, net except a landing net, to use fish traps for any type of fishing, express permission is required. The fishing license referred to earlier does not give this permission as normally issued. However, the officer issuing the license can endorse it to include spear-fishing. The endorsement constitutes the required permit. Bahamians using air compressors are also required to get permission to engage in spear-fishing. Department of Marine Resources officers are enforcing the fishing rules more closely, and foreigners are advised to check with an officer if unclear on the regulations.

Foreigners are advised to stay clear of the crawfish "condos" which are constructed and placed by Bahamian fishermen for their own use. Bahamian fishermen are very possessive of these habitats and do not treat foreigners or competing fishermen kindly when they are found raiding these habitats. To avoid confrontation, foreigners looking for crawfish are advised to confine their search to reefs and other

natural habitats frequented by crawfish.

There are restricted areas where fishing is not allowed by any means by any person. This would apply to the Pelican Cays Park in Central Abaco. No marine resources may be taken from the park and enforcement is by the Bahamas National Trust. Marine resources include everything in the sea: fish, shells, rocks and seaweed.

Since the marine parks do not have signs and fence posts, it is wise to give them extra clearance so there is no question as to your location. Enforcement officers strongly suggest that you do not combine a fishing trip with a visit to a park. If authorities board your boat in a park and find fish on board, problems may ensue since you will have to prove that you did not capture the resources in the marine park.

Spear-fishing is not allowed by anyone within the 200 yard off-coastal zone of Abaco. This no-spearfishing zone is defined as within 200 yards from the coast as measured at low-water mark. This prohibited zone is the same for all Family Islands except Freeport, Grand Bahama, and New Providence which have a one mile restricted zone. All divers with appropriate permits may spear fish while free diving but are not allowed to use spear guns or trigger-operated guns of any kind. The most common spear used is the Hawaiian sling.

Non-Bahamian recreational divers may not spear fish, catch conch or crawfish while using an underwater air supply of any kind.

A compressed air license is required for all commercial Bahamian fishermen using compressors when diving for crawfish. Scuba equipment is not allowed.

Bahamian fishermen may fish by free diving to any depth. When legally using compressed air, commercial fishermen

must only fish in the 30 to 60-foot zone.

Note that compressor use begins at the 30 foot level and extends to 60 feet. Compressors are not to be used in water shallower than 30 feet or depths greater than 60 feet. It is interesting to note that virtually all of Abaco's popular fishing grounds (inside the barrier reef) are less than 30 feet deep. This includes the Little Bahama Bank extending to Walkers Cay, the Abaco Sound from Little Harbour north beyond Cooper's Town and most of the waters in Abaco's south-side marles.

Bang-sticks using shotgun shells for personal protection underwater are allowed, but one must first obtain approval from the Commissioner of Police. The following bag limits apply to all non-Bahamians, whether in a foreign boat or Bahamian boat regardless of the fishing method.

A combined total of 18 migratory fish per vessel at any one time. Migratory fish include kingfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo. All other migratory fish caught, unless it is to be eaten, shall not be injured unnecessarily but returned to the sea alive.

Vessels bag limits are 60 pounds of sculefish or 20 fish, and ten individual crawfish at any time. This applies to a foreign-owned boat holding a fishing license or a Bahamian-owned boat which is exempt from the license requirement.

A foreign-owned boat may now have six conch aboard at any time whereas a Bahamian-owned boat, including rental boats, may have more conch aboard if operated by a Bahamian. The possession of turtle by non-Bahamians is prohibited. Grouper and rockfish weighing less than three pounds may not be taken.

Please see **Fishing Rules** Page 23

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Fishing Rules *From Page 22*

The bag limits may be legally taken to Florida when the vessel leaves The Bahamas. Foreign nationals may export by boat the following quantities from The Bahamas without permission from the Minister:

A total of not more than 18 kingfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo any combination; or Ten crawfish if aboard a boat; or ten pounds if being carried on an aircraft

60 pounds of demersal fish or 20 fish (bottom feeding reef fish, grouper, snapper, etc).

Any fish within the bag limit can be given away to friends, but visitors who sell or exchange their fish for accommodations or dockage are subject to prosecution.

Legal size for crawfish caught by anyone is a minimum tail length of five and one half inches (5 1/2") or a three and a quarter inch (3 1/4") carapace (shell) length. Egg bearing females must not be disturbed. The eggs are visible as a red mass (berries) under the tail.

The closed season on crawfish is from April 1st to July 31st inclusive and applies to everyone. Specific opening and closing dates for the grouper are often changed annually as more information is learned on

the grouper's reproductive cycle.

Any crawfish in freezers of Bahamians, second homeowners or visitors on April 1st, the first day of the closed season, should be documented with a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources. You may or may not be inspected by a Fisheries officer to verify the quantity. The bag limit applies to freezers ashore as well as boats.

There are no limits to the amount of fish that can be legally purchased by visitors. However, amounts above the bag limits should be documented with receipts and invoices to clarify the origin of the fish. Bahamians must observe the minimum sizes and closed seasons but are allowed 250 pounds of fish. Quantities above that are considered commercial and appropriate licenses are required.

Only adult conch may be taken. This applies to Bahamians and visitors. The adult conch is identified by a wide and well flared lip on the shell. Juvenile conch have a thin lip which has not yet flared. Help keep conch plentiful in the Bahamas by leaving the juveniles. Conch may not be exported or taken to Florida by anyone unless documented with a CITIES permit which is issued by Department of Marine Resources. This is due to conch being an endangered species internationally and transport across

international borders is governed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, CITIES. Individuals exporting conch with a CITIES permit are limited to ten pounds. Commercial exporters are allowed larger quantities.

One other rule requires that fish resources imported, as on a boat arriving in the Bahamas, must be declared to Fisheries officials or to Customs officers. This is to avoid any misunderstanding as to whose fish are on board. If you have undeclared fish common to The Bahamas on your boat when you enter The Bahamas, they are presumed to be captured in The Bahamas.

The Abaconian compiled this information in March, 2007, and revised it in July 2008 to include the amendments of October 2007. It has been reviewed by local

and Nassau Marine Resources' staff. The Department of Fisheries is now named Department of Marine Resources and encompasses a broader role than previously.

Sandy Cay reef has additional moorings

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- Your house will not cool down faster if you set the thermostat at 70. It just wastes money.
- Ceiling fans do not actually cool a room. They just make you feel cooler. Save by turning fans off when the room is empty.
- Try setting your thermostat a few degrees higher and use your ceiling fan to keep cool while you are in the room.
- Clean or change your air conditioning filter once a month. A clogged filter makes your air conditioning work harder.
- Check your duct system for leaks. If you have central air, check all the ducts and seals. If they leak, you are wasting money.

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Dundas Town Chairman tell of Committee's plans

By Samantha V. Evans

The newly elected Dundas Town Committee held an Independence Family Fun day on July 10th from 12 noon to 7pm at Brown's Bay. According to the chairman of the committee, Mr. Cay Mills, the purpose of this day was to allow the residents of Dundas Town to meet the Committee members and to ask them questions. I also took the opportunity to ask Mr. Mills about his Committee's plans for Dundas Town and he was happy to speak about some of the areas he and his committee have began talking out. First on the agenda to be addressed is the matter of the dump. He stated that this is their main objective as they

realize that the dump has to be addressed to give the residents of Central Pines especially some relief from the smoke and smell. They have given a short contract to Mr. Basil Wilmore to begin to address this matter. The contract is in two parts. The first part is to clear down all of the debris and make the area more useable. The second part will require him to maintain the dump by posting a man there to keep it clean. Mr. Mills is also looking into the possibility of burying the dump as opposed to burning it at least until the dump can be relocated. The contract with Mr. Wilmore is a month to month agreement. Additionally, the Dundas Town Committee plans to

beautify it as much as possible and make it drivable for the public to take garbage there.

Chairman Mills mentioned that they would like to complete the projects that the previous committee started so they will look over the minutes and go from there. He sees this as the best approach so that projects can be completed that will give the community a facelift. However, he stated that there are some other things he can mention right now as they are major concerns for the committee and the residents. They want to continue the upgrade of Brown's Bay and Ocean View Park so that they can be set up like Arawak Cay creating a Fish Fry. They hope to have them operational at least two days each week. Once the committee decides on which two days, then they can begin to make arrangements. There will be entertainment and stalls in a family atmosphere that residents and tourists can enjoy.

Additionally, he would like to see a dock erected in the community with a proper ramp. They will look into Jerry's Bay being dredged so that boat owners can leave their boats there. The Committee plans to cut

down all of the bushy areas on the waterfront so that residents can see the beauty of the areas. A beautification committee will be identified whose primary responsibility will be to upgrade and keep the community clean and beautiful. This will include the cleaning of sidewalks and side streets. He has a concern about motorists speeding on Front Street especially after work hours so he will look into speed bumps along this road to deter speeding drivers. Street signs will be put up in the community including Central Pines because Mr. Mills realizes that this is a huge area and street signs are needed to prevent people from getting lost in this community. He plans to meet with the Central Pines Community Association to find out the needs of the residents but he knows that at this point, the Dundas Town Township will be working to get the park done in Central Pines.

When asked about the naming of the streets, he stated that names will be given based on the persons who were pioneers on the various streets in Dundas Town. This

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Dundas Town Committee organized a Fun Day on Independence, July 10. It gave the residents a chance to talk with committee members about their plans for the next three years.

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Albury's Ferry Service announces changes

By Jennifer Hudson

During the month of March, in order to thank customers for their patronage over the years, the Management of Albury's Ferry Service offered a March Madness Special which enabled people to travel for a same day round trip at the reduced cost of \$15. This was then extended through April. At the end of April, due to escalating costs of fuel which had risen to \$6.28 per gallon, the ferry owners unfortunately found it necessary to revise their fare schedule.

Some of the changes made will actually be of benefit to some travellers.

The one way fare has been reduced from \$16 to \$15.

The same day round trip fare has been raised from \$22 to \$25 but the round trip/open return has been reduced from \$30 to \$25. This actually means that now there will be only one round trip price of \$25 regardless of when a person plans to return.

The ferry is still offering the Frequent Traveller Card at \$100 for 10 one way trips with no expiration date and the Worker's Commuter Card at \$55 which is good for one week only.

Charter fares will remain basically the same except that any ferry leaving home before 6 a.m. or arriving home after 11 p.m. will charge an additional \$100 "call out" fee.

"So far we have been able to keep the cost of ferry rides down, but with the increase in the cost of fuel we foresee that if costs continue to rise then we will have to add a fuel surcharge to the price of the ticket. If the price of fuel drops later, we will take the surcharge off. We are holding off from doing this and are going to great lengths to hold ticket prices down," stated Capt. Denis Knowles, Director of Operations for Albury's Ferry.

The following changes will be made to the ferry schedule during the slow period effective August 1.

Hope Town - On Sundays only there will be no 12:15 p.m. departure from Marsh Harbour nor 1:30 p.m. return from Hope Town.

Great Guana Cay - There will be no 5:45 p.m. departure from Marsh Harbour nor 6:30 p.m. return from Guana Cay.

Man O War - There will be no 2:30 p.m. departure from Marsh Harbour nor 3:15 p.m. return from Man-O-War. The 4:30 p.m. departure from Man-O-War has been rescheduled to leave Man-O-War at 5:00 p.m. and return to Man-O-War from Marsh Harbour at 5:45 p.m.

"These changes have been made just for the slow period commencing August 1 in order to cut down on fuel consumption in an effort to keep ticket prices down. We will advise the public about a return to normal scheduled service in good time," assured Capt. Knowles.

Albury's Ferry is introducing a White Sound service. The primary focus is for workers leaving Marsh Harbour at 7:15 a.m. A ferry will leave Marsh Harbour again at 4:30 p.m. for a 5:00 p.m. pick up in White Sound.

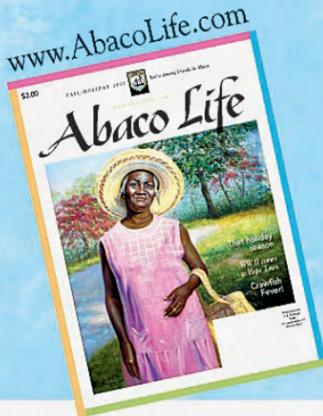
Mr. Knowles emphasized, "All prices and schedules are subject to change without notice."

Twelve boats now make up the Albury's Ferry Service fleet, the last one having been added in December, 2007. A full maintenance department in Man-O-War Cay, under the management of Chief Mechanic Ralph Albury, keeps them all running. "Engines are rebuilt, necessary changes made and painting and other cosmetic jobs are all done in our workshop on the water. This is very beneficial to the smooth running of our fleet," stated Mr. Knowles.

Regarding the ongoing parking problem at the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour, Mr. Knowles stated that management is continually trying to come up with ideas for this vexing problem. At a recent Chamber Meeting the Prime Minister stated that he is very aware of the problem and Local Council members have come up with different ideas. It is thought that the Road Traffic Department would possibly be able to come up with some sort of solution but so far have not come forward with any.

Abaco Ferry Service

The management of the Abaco Ferry Service sent out a letter to businesses in mid-July informing that its ferry service would be closing down between August 1 and November 1. And that during the "down" period, the company would only be available for charters.



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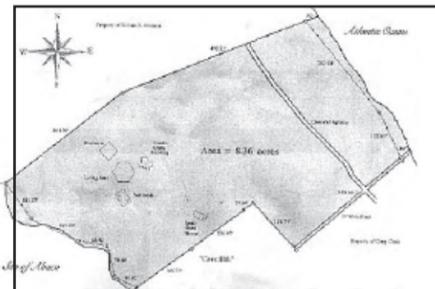
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Festival

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And finally it's was time for the performance by the famous KB. The stage was filled with energy and explosive following the performance of Collins and KB exploded the stage as he performed. The crowd was definitely not disappointed by anyone that was tossed from the performer's trailer.

The vendors did an excellent job of bringing everyone together in food and

drink. They provided a variety of meals that featured popular Bahamian food items.

The event was definitely a success and it left the crowd longing for next year. The committee promises that next year will be bigger and even better.

Dundas Town

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is a great way, he believes, to honor those persons who contributed to the development of this community. He added that stop signs will also be put in Dundas Town (inclusive of Central Pines). Chairman Mills is looking forward to changing the face of Dundas Town. The

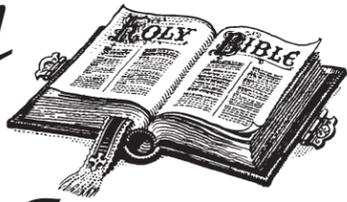
Committee will keep the public abreast of projects and plans via print and radio media. The dates of meetings will be announced on Radio Abaco and as far as he knows, they will continue to be held at Central Abaco Primary School. It is their hope to fix up the Dundas Town Burial Society so that meetings can eventually be held there. Mr. Mills extends his sincerest thanks to the entire community of Dundas for supporting their vision for a better Dundas Town. He committed to the residents that they are the team of change so they can expect to see major changes in this community over the next three years.

The 4th of July Celebrations

By Vernique Russ

Hundreds of visitors from the United States came to celebrate their country's independence in The Bahamas. Flights, both private and commercial, came in at full capacity to enjoy the fireworks and festivities. The Treasure Cay Resort and Bahama Beach Club hosted evenings of activities in honor of the US visitors. Guests were treated to barbecues and other meals with a Bahamian twist. The highlight of the evening was the display of amazing fireworks at both parties that residents and visitors alike enjoyed. This year's celebrations were indeed spectacular.

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Basketball tournament was held

By Vernique Russell

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5	7	3	2	1	9	4	8	6
2	9	8	7	4	6	3	5	1
6	1	4	5	8	3	2	9	7
1	6	9	4	2	5	8	7	3
7	3	5	1	6	8	9	4	2
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Answer to previous puzzle

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