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## Sand Banks blaze destroys half of all homes



In the early morning hours of May 4 a fire broke out in the middle of Sand Banks – a shanty town just outside of Treasure Cay – destroying about half of the homes there and leaving hundreds homeless. Above: Noel Curry, Ken Dorsett, Bernard Nottage and Melanie Griffith survey the site. See Page 2.

## Green Turtle celebrates Heritage Day



Above: the Police Marching Band entertains the crowd during the Island Roots Heritage Festival on Green Turtle Cay. The weekend was filled with games, food, music, performances and informative talks. See Page 10.

## Mini Hospital update Construction phase nears completion



Above: work continues at the Abaco Mini Hospital.

By Timothy Roberts

As the construction phase nears completion the primary delay on opening the Central Abaco Mini Hospital is the wait for medical equipment to arrive for installation.

Despite the government eyeing the possibility of the completion of construction by the end of 2013, a number of interior changes caused delays. According to Alan Sharpe, Director at Coastline Construction, the mini-hospital is now basically complete and they are waiting for medical equipment to arrive so that they can, where necessary, make final adjustments to suite the specific medical components.

He said regarding the ordering of medical equipment that there is an ongoing evaluation of what equipment will be brought in which is preventing them from completing their final interior works. So there will be some expected delay as Coastline will have to make adjustments depending on exactly what equipment they

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# North Abaco

## Half of Sand Banks Destroyed by Fire

By Timothy Roberts

In the early morning hours of May 4 a fire broke out in the middle of Sand Banks – a shanty town just outside of Treasure Cay – destroying about half of the homes there and leaving hundreds homeless.

Colin Albury, Fire Chief of Abaco Crash Fire and Rescue (ACFR), said that he received a call from a resident of Sand Banks at 12:46am and he responded with both of his fire trucks and eight men. He also called in Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue to assist.

Mr. Albury said he faced challenges such as the distance between Sand Banks and the nearest hydrant which is about 3.2 miles away as well as persons blocking the access points as they removed items from homes in the area. He noted that a number of fights broke out as well.

He said there were multiple explosions throughout the fire from generators and gas containers as well as propane tanks, making the situation extremely dangerous. The fire was eventually brought under control at 3:15 a.m.

According to reports, a 23 year old resident, Joel Josue, caused the fire in a house in the middle of the burned section. Residents say he dropped a lit kerosene lamp in his room and questioned his mental capacity.

Police held the suspect and on Thursday 8th, May 2014, at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Josue was arraigned for “Damaging and endangering property by the wilful and negligent use of fire.”

The suspect is represented by local Abaco Island Attorney Kara Butler of

Butler & Co. He pleaded “not guilty” and was remanded to Sandilands Rehabilitation Center until May 22, 2014.

Melanie Griffith, Minister of Social Services, commended the fire department for extinguishing the blaze and thanked all the other agencies that came together to assist in putting together the initial response to the fire and it’s victims.

She said all agencies are taking steps to see what can be done to make the victims more comfortable and noted that though few had taken advantage, Friendship Mission housed was open to receive persons needing to be temporarily housed and fed.

Mrs. Griffith said that preliminary numbers show that about 120 persons have been affected and that there are some 65 household that have registered. She said they have over 100 adults and over thirty six children and fifteen infants or toddlers.

She made a plea for persons affected by fire to come forward so there needs can be dealt with and reassured them that “this is not an immigration matter.”

Ken Dorsett, Minister of Housing and the Environment noted that the fire is “a human tragedy and we are addressing it as such”. He said it is “important for us that we get the right information to understand from an emergency housing perspective what has to be done in the short term.”

In a report published by the Department of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) they reported that there are about 124 homes in Sand Banks, and Mr. Dorsett understands from details at the scene that about 60 homes or structures have been destroyed.

He said “there are environmental concerns at this site – as you can see it is very close to a water reservoir – so DEHS is onsite to provide a complete report to us.” He added that they will have discus-



Above: the blaze in Sand Banks left over 100 people homeless overnight. Abaco Crash Fire & Rescue responded promptly but, with the nearest hydrant over 3 miles away and many access points to the settlement blocked, the fire grew quickly.

sion with the persons who own the land to determine the medium to long term solutions.

Mr. Dorsett said he has been working along with the North Abaco Minister of Parliament, Renardo Curry and Central and South Abaco Minister of Parliament Edison Key concerning the shanty towns known as the Mudd and the Pigeon Pea and “what will happen there in the long term.”

He said that “whatever is done in terms of reconstruction will have to be done in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.”

Bernard Nottage, Minister of National Security, said that when there is a fire like this “we have to have an extensive investigation because we have to be able to prevent it in the future.” He paid his respect to the firemen and all the volunteers who “worked to bring the fire under control because this could have been a tragedy.”

He said that the persons who own property must obey the law and that “we must stop these types of occasions from happening. If they would just obey the laws of the country we wouldn’t have situations like this.”

He said there is an officer coming from Grand Bahama to assist in the investigation and noted that people here are already providing assistance to the victims.

Minister of Parliament for North Abaco, Renardo Curry said that for “far too long we have been dealing with fires like this in Abaco. We want to look at prevention and how we can stop this from happening again.”

He said “we have to look at alternatives to housing that is safe” and that they have plans to have discussions with the owner of this property. “We will look at whether they are allowed to rebuild here or if we find another location.”



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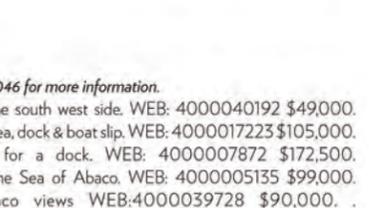
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# North Abaco

## China Harbour Engineering Company aids in fire relief



Above: Principal of CHEC Felix Chang (2nd left) and CHEC staff deliver relief supplies to Department of Social Services North Abaco branch officials to help victims of recent Abaco fire.

**Press Release**

China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) joined efforts with the government to provide relief supplies for more than 100 Abaco residents who were left homeless following a fire in a local community.

Staff members were mobilized on Thursday to shop and deliver the necessary items to officials as a part of the national aid efforts. Principal of CHEC Felix Chang said as soon as the company heard about the disaster, it was compelled to assist in any relief work.

"We automatically felt the need to do something for the people of Abaco who are now without homes," said Mr. Chang. "The fire was an unfortunate situation and we at CHEC just want to show our support

any way that we can.

"Our staff was very happy to be able to aid the community in this way."

Through its efforts, CHEC was able to donate sleeping bags, fuel, gas cookers, pots, can openers, water, grits and many other food supplies. The items were delivered to officers from the Department of Social Services North Abaco district yesterday, where supplies are being organized for the victims.

These latest efforts come as CHEC prepares to start construction shortly on the \$39 million North Abaco Port project. According to CHEC, the donation to the fire victims in Abaco is an example of CHEC's commitment to community and improving the lives of residents where possible.

In locations where CHEC has offices in the world, the company has engaged in a number of Corporate Social Responsibility activities including the sponsorship of athletic and sports teams, environmental cleanup campaigns, the support of cultural competitions, donations to children and old age homes and disaster relief efforts. CHEC looks forward to engaging in these kinds of activities in the Bahamas as well going forward.

### Cheque presented to firefighters by Leisure Lee Homeowners

By Canishka Alexander

On May 5, Peter Lorenz of the Leisure Lee Waterways Homeowners Property Association met with Danny Sawyer and

Pastor Earlyn Baillou to present a cheque to the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Lorenz presented a \$2,500 cheque to the men, who were grateful for the Leisure Lee community's financial assistance over the past seven years.

"We would really like to thank the Marsh Harbour Fire Department for always being on the watch and always being there in case of need," he said. "It is very important as a small community that cannot afford its own fire department to always have somebody on the ready."

Below left to right: Earlyn Baillou, Peter Lorenz and Danny Sawyer.



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# Central & All Abaco

## "It's Better in The Bahamas" creator passes away



Above: Simpson McKinney, of Sandy Point, coined the iconic phrase "It's Better in The Bahamas." He passed away this month at 70.

By Canishka Alexander

"It's Better in The Bahamas," the legendary slogan for The Bahamas' Ministry of Tourism was coined by Simpson McKinney I, who recently passed away on May 6, 2014 at the age of 70 years. McKinney was born and raised in the settlement of Sandy Point to Brutinell and Essie McKinney, and was the oldest of five children.

Left to mourn his passing is his wife, Estelle McKinney, and seven children. According to family members, much of McKinney's life was dedicated to the hospitality field, and he was celebrated as an extraordinary person among guests to our country and the entire Abaco community.

The funeral service for Simpson McKinney I will be held at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay on May 17 at 10 a.m. May he rest in peace.

## Soft opening of airport imminent?

By Timothy Roberts

When the first flight lands at about seven-o'clock on Tuesday, May 27, the passengers will be the first to walk into the new airport terminal in Marsh Harbour bring nearly to a finish the much delayed facility.

On April 30, Minister of Transport and Aviation, Glenys Hanna-Martin, met with airport staff along with Bahamian consultants from Vantage Airport Group (VAG) who is currently responsible for managing Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau. "It is noteworthy that LPIA was recently awarded the best airport in the Caribbean," she added.

She said that a "cadre of security officers have now passed through aviation security training and stand ready at opening to perform their critical function." She added that the Department of Civil Aviation is now engaging in additional system security works as well.

Mrs. Hanna-Martin said the ancillary works, such as paving, are winding down, "although there remains some additional final works to be completed by the Ministry of Works; the focus is now on preparing for operational readiness.

Currently, sources say the target date of Tuesday, May 27 is still on and passengers are expected to begin using the new airport terminal going forward.

During Mrs. Hanna-Martin's visit she also toured the Marsh Harbour Port where works have commenced for the new lighting installation and very shortly the CCTV installation works will begin.

She said these measures "are designed to enhance the security status of the Port." Over the next few weeks security staff will undergo refresher International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code training and "it is intended to enhance capacity in terms of manpower of that facility."



Above: Inside the Leonard Thompson International Airport, near the Departure and Security checkpoint. The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation, maintains that airport management will be prepared and work is winding down. May 27 is pegged as the soft opening.

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will be getting.

Mr. Sharpe said they are BEC is connected and water is on, but while the wiring is complete, Cable Bahamas nor Bahamas Telecommunications Company have made their connections live.

He noted the parking lot is nearing completion. They went with a concrete parking lot instead of sand and seal and Mr. Sharpe expects that it will last considerably longer. After the parking lot is completed landscaping will be carried out to beautify the surrounding area.

There presently is no revised date set for the opening of the new Mini Hospital but as work winds down the end appears to be in sight.

## Seaview Radio promotes Bahama Islands through live broadcasts

By Canishka Alexander

Representatives from Seaview Radio (95.9 FM/960 AM/ 106.9 FM), a Palm Beach-based radio station, held a live remote broadcast at the beautiful Treasure Cay Beach Hotel, Resort and Marina on May 2.

According to Chet Tart, Seaview's Vice President and General Manager, the purpose of their visit was to promote the islands of The Bahamas through a series of four to five broadcasts over a two-year period.

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# Central & All Abaco



Above: Mike Balsamo of Seaview Radio during a live broadcast with Ruth Saunders of Regatta Time in Abaco at Treasure Cay Beach Hotel, Resort and Marina on May 2. Balsamo was joined by Chet Tart and Kevin Landers as they promote the island of The Bahamas to listeners in Florida through a partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and Bahamasair.

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“We coordinated this with the Ministry of Tourism and Bahamasair to encourage people to come and experience the different islands,” Tart said. He was accompanied by Kevin Landers and Mike Balsamo, operations director, during the visit from May 2-5, which included stops to Green Turtle Cay, Walker’s Cay and Grand Cay, Guana Cay, Elbow Cay, and Marsh Harbour.

Live interviews were conducted with Jeannie Gibson, Bahamas Tourism’s Manager of Public Relations in Plantation, Fla.; Woody Wilson, Sales Manager for Bahamasair’s U.S. and Bahamas markets; Ruth Saunders of Regatta Time in Abaco; and Avis Miller, of the Treasure Cay Resort.

Harrison Thompson, Tourism’s Permanent Secretary and Neil Campbell, Green Turtle Cay/North Abaco Administrator were also in attendance.

As part of their broadcasts, callers from their 62,000 listener base received a

chance to win a trip to The Bahamas during their Bahamas trivia segment. Tanya Burke, an event planner, won one of Seaview’s trips to The Bahamas. Burke was overwhelmed by the hospitality of Bahamians and The Bahamas’ natural beauty as she sampled native dishes and caught up on some much-needed relaxation.

Landers said that demographics show that their audience is comprised of mature individuals with disposable income, which equals a perfect match for the Family Islands.

The men were pleased for the opportunity to travel and enjoyed the diverse experiences throughout the islands because it allowed them to offer more emotional and picturesque information for their listeners.

“Our experience gives us better insight,” Landers reflected, “and through radio, we get to paint a picture.”

Tart added that the live broadcasts will forge a strong relationship with the Ministry of Tourism, Bahamasair and local media networks to encourage Bahamians to visit Florida and vice versa.

## Bush fire threatens businesses and homes Firemen concerned by amount of used needles discarded behind clinic



Above: Sgt. Paul Johnson, rep. for fire services with the Abaco Police, eyes the smoldering blaze.

By Timothy Roberts

An illegally set fire which began in the bush behind the government clinic on Don MacKay Blvd sparked over three days of firefighting with businesses, homes and schools being threatened by the blaze.

On May 7 at about 1:30pm a call was received about a bush fire behind the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic which was quickly extinguished; however, the fire blazed again and firemen were called back just after 4pm as the thicker bush was now ablaze.

The fire appeared to have been started from a pile of debris just outside the clinic’s fence and despite reports made no suspect was picked up in relation to the

incident. Firefighters were also concerned with the amount of vials and needles seen in the bush behind the clinic.

For three days firefighters battled blazes around a number of businesses and homes between Don MacKay Blvd and Sweeting’s Village residential area.

On Thursday, May 8, sparks from the blaze jumped the road and the bushes next to and behind St Francis de Sales School caught fire spreading the fire department’s resources out and adding to the difficulty.

The fire department responded with all vehicles and was able to prevent damage to properties throughout the fire and had brought it under control by late Friday.

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## From the Editor's Desk // Accountable



tical. We've been covering the development of the airport, or more accurately the lack of development, since April 2012 when FES Construction confidently assured the public that the airport would be ready for September that year.

So what happens if history repeats itself? What happens when May 27 breaks and the doors remain closed? What happens when June rolls through? August? 2015? This isn't silly hypothetical, we've been jerked around this unbelievably before.

So what do we do? Do we continue to accept excuses? We have so far. Maybe we get treated exactly how we deserve.

Let's pump the brakes. Let's be optimistic. A lot of signs are pointing to this being a legitimate opening that is being planned for May 27. Besides "Official" word from Mr. Curry, different contacts involved with the airport are confirming the date as well.

So here's the deal. The next issue of "The Abaconian" is going to be an AIRPORT SPECIAL. Front Page coverage, history of the airport, quotes and stories, special headers... the whole shebang.

The Special Issue will run. If the airport is actually open depends on those who have made the promises. It would be a true shame to miss another deadline. A true shame.

According to the Minister of Transport and Aviation, the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, this is the last editorial I'll write about the unopened airport. According to Member of Parliament for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, I will be delivering the next "Abaconian" to newsstands in the Leonard M. Thompson International.

May 27 (this year) is the latest deadline. Unique in the history of our airport deadlines in that it is a specific day and not a vague "end of month." The only question now is will that deadline hold. Or will Abaco face the same humiliation she has endured in the past.

You will have to forgive my tone, dear reader, if I sound skeptic.

# Community Calendar

(See [TheAbaconian.com](http://TheAbaconian.com) for More Calendar Events)

- **May 8-25: Don MacKay Traffic Restriction**
- **May 16-17: Central Abaco Lionfish Derby**
- **May 21-24: BBC Green Turtle Leg**
- **May 23: Abaco Swim Club Annual Cookout**
- **May 24: Agape School Family Fun Day**
- **June 4-7: BBC Treasure Cay Leg**
- **June 6: Labour Day (Public Holiday)**
- **June 6-7: Schooner Bay Fishing Tournament**
- **June 9: Whit Monday (Public Holiday)**
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# Letters to the Editor

## Thoughts about Government Offices

Dear Editor,  
 Have you been to the new water company offices yet? I went yesterday to pay my bill and was appalled at the black tinting on the customer service window. The customer can barely see and cannot hear the person behind the window. What are they hiding from?

I also went to pay my National Insurance premium. Who designed that office? Both payment windows are side by side in a corner so only one window can be used at a time. The black tint on the windows is so dark it's impossible to tell which window has a cashier behind it. One must stand midway between the windows and listen for a voice to guide them in choosing a window. It makes me feel like Dorothy going to talk to the Wizard of Oz! What are they hiding from?

BEC is not as bad with the gray tint on their service windows as you can still see the cashiers. But I wonder why it necessary to tint the windows at all? Fortunately, BTC made their offices customer friendly and got rid of their awful dark black glass windows. Now, one can actually see, hear and talk to the service representatives while paying utility bills.

I personally find the blackout windows offensive and I always feel silly standing in front of one wondering if anybody is behind it. I think that the government offices should remove the blackened windows so that we may see and talk to the representatives. For many of us, bill paying is the only contact we have with the company and those black windows do not leave a favourable impression. A friendly smile and kind word while paying a bill would be much appreciated by the public.

The "new" government complex is at least 2 years old already and there is still no main directory or individual office signage to assist the public in navigating the building. That is embarrassing and ridiculous. Why is it that no project is ever completed on Abaco? Who would be in charge of getting the directory and signs? Maybe the Abaconian can start a bi-monthly feature called "Is the Directory Installed Yet?"

Lastly, an asphalt crossover needs to be installed between the roadways leading into the government complex front entrance. The potholes between the asphalt at that entrance are getting large enough that it is difficult for small cars to maneuver and before long the asphalt is going to break up along the edges of the road where drivers are crossing over. Maybe Simmons Construction could fix that while

they are working on the roads? Which leads me to another thought, what the heck is going on with the road construction in Marsh Harbour and are you planning a feature called "Are the Roads Paved Yet?"

-A Silly Bill Paying Abaconian

## Thank You to BAARK Donators

Dear Editor,

As the broker of Abaco Island Properties real estate company I recently sent out a request to all real estate companies that do business in Abaco asking for significant donations towards the recent dog and cat spay/neuter program held at Dr. Bailey's Clinic supported by Abaco Shelter and B.A.R.K.

Realtors commonly receive complaints about 2 things. Trash on the roads and stray dogs.

With this in mind I thought we would get a good response from all of the real estate companies but was very surprised at how little we did receive. Out of thirty seven letters, I received eight responses with only three donations.

I along with the whole volunteer group and many others would like to give those companies and their owners a great big THANK YOU for caring about the community in which we all live and work.

The companies that unselfishly donated five hundred dollars or more were CHRIS THOMPSON REAL ESTATE and HOPETOWN HIDAWAYS both in Hope Town. SCHOONER BAY BAHAMAS in South Abaco and ourselves at ISLAND PROPERTIES here in Marsh Harbour. Respectful replies were made by ERA Bahamas who donates to the same program in Nassau and Mario Carey Real Estate who has his own monumental program of Autism in Nassau but was kind enough to respond to us. Abaco Estate Services in Treasure Cay have consistently made donations. Abaco Cays Realty in Green Turtle Cay also provides donations and huge amounts of time throughout the year.

Hopefully in the future some of the others will be in a position to contribute to this necessary cause.

At this time I would also urge other businesses and private individuals to get involved and help the Abaco Shelter with donations and time. For information please go to [www.abacoshelter.org](http://www.abacoshelter.org)

Sincerely,  
 James Rees

## Humiliated at the Marsh Harbour Airport

Dear Editor,  
 Please publish this letter in reference to the Ministry of Tourism:

It is my understanding that Tourism is a major industry in The Bahamas. My husband and I visited The Bahamas from April 1-29, 2014, visiting family and friends on different islands. We left for home from the Marsh Harbour Airport on April 29 and were subjected to the most humiliating search of our luggage and invasive pat-down of our bodies that we have ever encountered.

We are in our 70's - we don't even need to remove our shoes for security in the USA. In Marsh Harbour, nearly everything was taken out of our checked bags and shaken (dislodging breakable souvenirs that had been carefully packed) and jammed back in.

But the most demeaning thing was the pat-down. Hands of the agents were put in places they should never be allowed to touch. I was asked to lift my shirt to above my waist. Fingers were combed through hair. I have had many pat-downs in the US due to a battery implant, but never have I had anything like this.

I don't know who the "security agents" are, or where they were trained, but this must be stopped. In addition to it taking an inordinate amount of time for these lengthy searches and pat-downs of each passenger, thereby delaying flights, the humiliation is something that I will not go through again. I would like to hear from you that this disgraceful practice has

been abandoned before I ever visit Marsh Harbour again.

This did not happen in Nassau or the other Family Islands we visited.

I see a beautiful new airport in Marsh Harbour, with continual delays as to its opening. I was told that it has scanners for luggage and passengers. Is this true? What is the reason for the delay of its opening?

If you wish to have Tourism be a major industry, the practices I have outlined above must cease immediately!

Sincerely,  
 A Humiliated Visitor from the USA

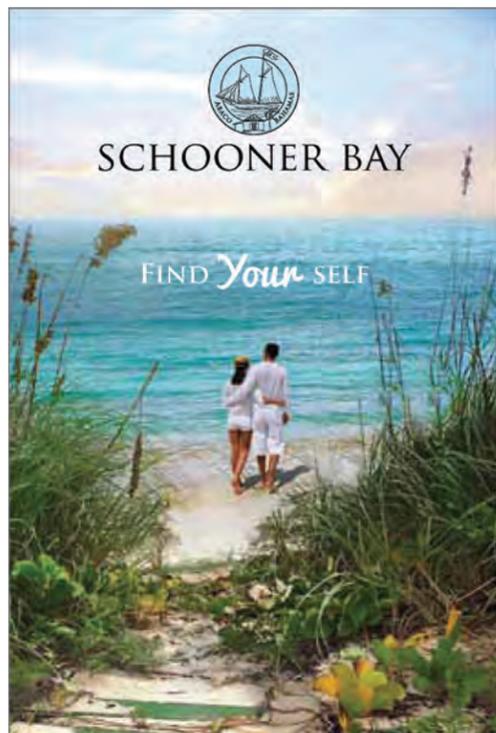
## VAT & Potholes

I am writing this to express my displeasure with two subjects: The V.A.T. Tax and the potholes.

I currently own property on Abaco and on a visit recently was driving on SC Bootle Highway at night and nearly crashed after striking a large pothole and nearly hitting several more. Also upon learning of some politician introducing a V.A.T. Tax it makes me have reservations about building a home here or suggesting anyone else do as well.

Fix the potholes and vote against a V.A.T. Tax, look at a fair tax instead and see how it works for everyone. I look forward to living here soon and supporting my community anyway possible.

Kindest Regards,  
 Mark E Webb



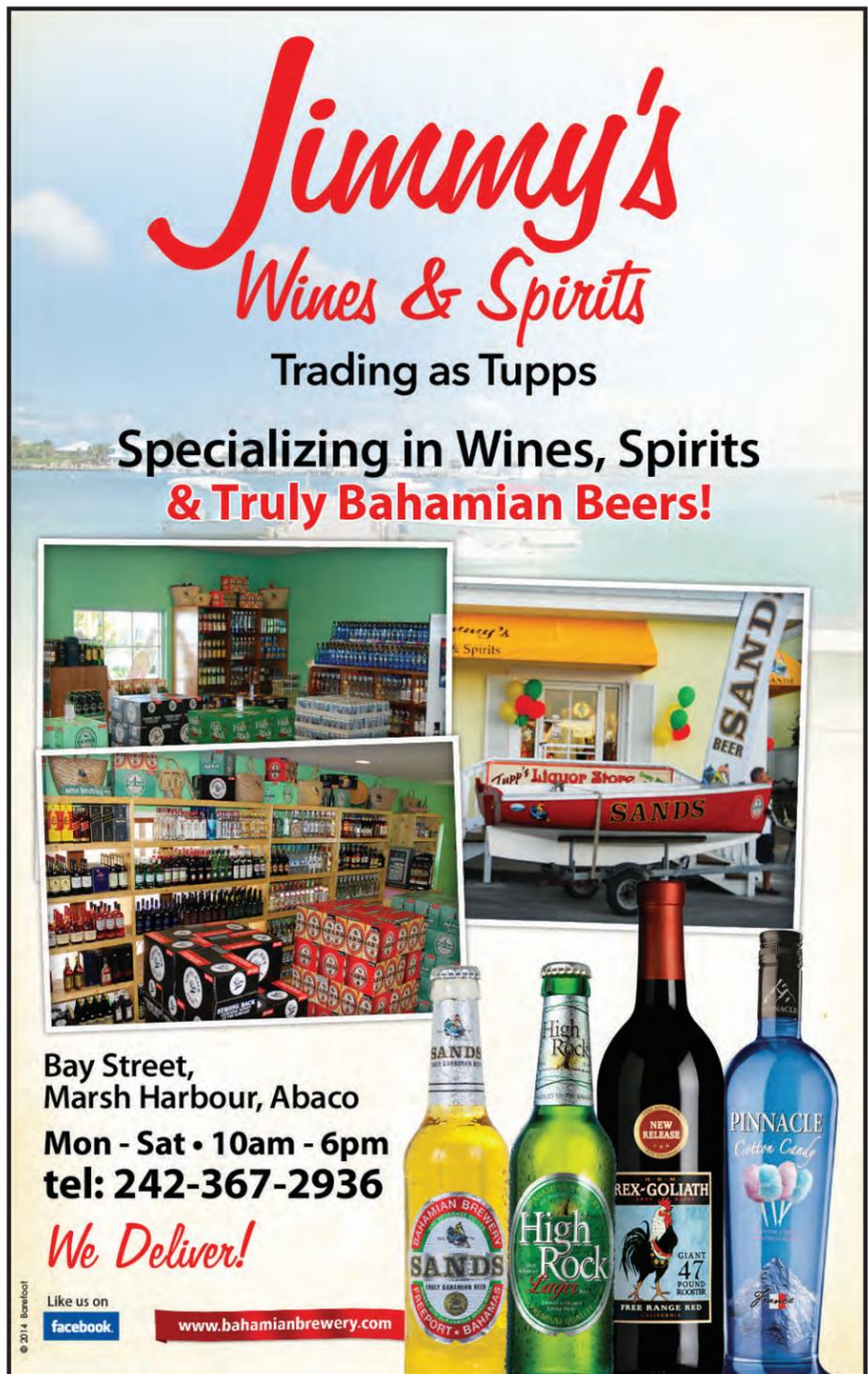
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# The Cays

## Heritage Festival shares Abaco's culture

By Timothy Roberts

Sharing Abaco's Culture was the theme of the Tenth Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival (IRHF) in Green Turtle Cay where locals and visitors alike were treated to a variety of native foods, music, drama, games and informative talks on May 2 through 4.

Opening mid-day Friday, May 2, visitors were treated to a number of informative talks throughout the day on Bahamian culture, by Shane Cash, Lighthouses, by Annie Potts, The Bahamas DNA project, by Peter Roberts and boat building, by Timothy Roberts.

At the Festival site visitors were presented with an assortment of Bahamian cuisine as large crowds gathered around food booths to get scorch or conch salad, conch fritters and more. There was also a large selection of 'sweets' with cakes, cookies and goodie bars; enough to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

There were myriad activities throughout the weekend with something for everyone whether participating or just spectating. Young and old alike enjoyed several tug-of-war matches, egg and spoon races and sack races, all of which were coordinated by the lovely wenches, dressed in period costumes dating back to the late 1700's.

Children from the settlement put on a fine display for the Plaiting of the May Pole, a centuries old British tradition, and



Above: children enjoying sack races at the Green Turtle Heritage Festival.

then helped the audience to get in on the plaiting too.

There was also a variety of fun and cultural entertainment throughout the weekend with David Wallace's group performing "Election 2012: What Just Happened" on Saturday evening. The ever popular Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching and Pop Band performed as usual, drawing a crowd to watch and sometimes even get involved. There were also delightful performances by Amy Roberts Primary School and the Tiny Turtles during the day.

At night guests were entertained by a variety of Bahamian musicians - including Tea Time Rake and Scrape, and the World famous Gully Roosters as well as being treated with the colorful and beautiful sights and sounds of Junkanoo by the

hometown group the Green Turtle Cay little Island Slammers.

The weekend was concluded by an ecumenical service, which was expected to be held under the tent at Settlement Point,

however some strong winds upset the tents and the location was moved to New Plymouth Gospel Chapel. There churches from Green Turtle Cay came together and gave thanks, singing and worship together and hearing from visiting preacher Cranston Knowles.

The Bahamas National Trust and the DNA Project and family tree research by Peter Roberts also had tables set up to give information and literature on their various research and education. The family tree research group lead by Peter Roberts set up in the Gospel Chapel Education Hall where they took saliva samples for DNA tests and assisted persons with their finding their ancestral roots.

North Abaco Minister of Parliament, Renardo Curry noted during the opening ceremony the historical roots of the festi-

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Above: North Abaco MP, Renardo Curry, inspecting some straw work.



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# The Cays



Above: plaiting the maypole is an old tradition relived in many heritage festivals across the cays. Photo by Tuppy Weatherford.

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val and the bond connecting Key West – also known as the “Conch Republic” – to Green Turtle Cay. “This festival really works the spirit of unity and oneness” with Key West he said. “We are very proud of the committee for the job they have done and making this such a wonderful event.”

Harrison Thompson, Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Tourism, spoke on behalf of the Minister of Tourism Obie Wilchcombe who sent his apologies. He said that the Minister and everyone at Tourism are extremely proud of this event.

“It brings together everything we

imagine accomplishing in tourism. IRHF brings the community together in a special way. This gathering is a celebration of our traditions, practices and values that have bound us together as a people. More importantly we are handing those traditions and values on to our young people. In this way we never forget who we are so our way of life may never be lost.”

Annabelle Cross, head of IRHF Committee, thanked all who assisted in making the Island Roots Festival a success. She said that IRHF is a work in progress and each year they build on the experiences of past festivals. She thanked Karen McIntosh for the part she played in developing the festival over the last ten years.

## Hope Town District Council approves \$28.4 million worth of construction in historic session

### Press Release

The Hope Town District Council held a record breaking meeting on April 29, 2014.

During the Town Planning segment of the meeting, the Council approved \$28,472,150.00 worth of home construction.

Hope Town District Council Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting said, “This amount has far surpassed any other amount passed in a single meeting by this body since the inception of local government from 1996.”

Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham also stated that not only has the District Council broken a record of their own, but it is most likely that this approved amount is greater than any other district in the history of local government in The Bahamas.

Chief Councillor Sweeting used this point to reiterate and commented, “It is because we live in and operate in an extraordinary district that we should, and we must, receive an increase in our upcoming budget.”

He went further to say, “I trust that

when the government debates the national budget in their upcoming budget debate in parliament, they consider the sheer volume of applications this council considers, which to handle applications correctly, results in site inspections. The cost of travel to the three cays in our district is astronomical, and we deserve an increase in our budget. Geographically our district is spread out over 30 miles. All of this construction that gets approved from month to month, among other revenue enhancers, this district pumps untold millions into the public treasury and I have the numbers to prove this. We need to be given serious consideration for an increase in our budget so that we may adequately carry out our duties and responsibilities for our communities, duties that we are mandated to carry out under the Local Government Act.”

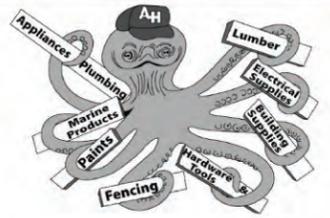
The Hope Town District Council holds a town planning segment in their meeting each month during their District Council meetings.

The Chief Councillor puts out an annual District Council report every year. The report isn’t mandatory but it is very informative. The last fiscal year, the Hope Town District Council passed \$40.6 million dollars-worth of home construction. The amount has averaged \$40 million over the last five years. This amount will obviously be increased this year, with the single meeting approval of \$28.4 million dollars in building application approvals.

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- B BEACH TOWNHOUSE **New Price** End unit. **WEB: 4000012691 US\$249,000.**



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- D CROSSWINDS 4b 3b w/ beach views. **WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k.**
- E SUNRISE POINT #1 Beachfront Lot, 27,110 sq. ft. **WEB: 4000030636 US\$499k.**
- F WATERFRONT BEACH HOMESITE Lot. 90 ft of beach frontage. Beautiful rock walls on the beach & road. Utilities at Road. **WEB: 4000039430 US\$599,000.**
- G HIGH & DRY Canal view home, 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3b 2b, furnished. **WEB: 4000032980 US\$465k.**
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- V BAH. PALM SHRS. LOT 38 Residential lot in Section 1. \$25k. Bill Albury
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- X MARSH HBR. Sunrise Bay #1 w/ foundation **WEB: 4000036762 US\$165k.** B.Albury
- Y MARSH HBR. Sunrise Bay #33 17,000 sq. ft. **WEB: 4000038014 US\$280k.** B.Albury
- Z GREAT CISTERN 27 Elevated lot w/ water views. **WEB: 4000040794 US\$125,000.** B.Albury
- AA LITTLE HBR. Waterfront 1 acre. **WEB: 4000036442 US\$199,500.** L.Schreiner
- AB PELICAN SHRS. 3 waterfront lots. **WEB: 4000038553 US\$249,000.** B. Albury
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# South Abaco

## Artisans show their stuff at the Little Harbour Spring Art Show

By Mirella Santillo

Some of the best artists and crafts people of Abaco displayed their creations at the Little Harbour Spring Art Show held at Pete's Pub on Saturday, April 26.

It was the perfect day for an art show in the open, albeit a little hot. However, a cool ocean breeze came through as periodic relief.

Under a large tent, close to the parking lot, craft artists offered their latest creations in a medley of jewelry, ceramic, sewn items and pine needle work.

The first table many visitors saw held the creations of Peter Bradley. Mr. Bradley, a silversmith, gets his inspiration from the local sea-fauna, producing delicate and exquisite pieces in sterling silver or silver overlay, such as starfish, seahorses, sand dollars and more. These pieces become part of a bracelet, a pendant, or earrings. Some of his creations are also functional such as one of his latest pieces, a bottle opener - the handle made of boar tusk.

Kim Roberts, of Dawn Design, is fa-



Above: Attila Feszt stands by his original designs which are colourfully printed on various media.



Above: Marjolein Scott showing her vibrant paintings, prints and tile work during a warm, Little Harbour Art Show.

mous for her kilts, but is always exploring new media. She has now added ceramic to her work. She also gets her decoration inspiration from nature.

Quite a few people gathered at Christine Sawyer's table which displayed pine needle and clay-fashioned items. Many were particularly interested in the earrings and pendants that make unique, casual jewelry.

The "Bead Lady," had her usual display of sea glass items. Earrings and pendants crafted out of rare black and blue sea glass also attracted many onlookers.

Wood-turner, Stephen Albury, offered a large selection of wood crafted items, such as bowls, pestles, pot-pourri holders and more. The wood is polished to a high shine with some items decorated with semi-precious stones.

An array of sewn items such as place mats, phone covers, iPad covers, cushions, purses, key-chains crafted in colourful and varied fabric was spread over the table of Vonda Bethel.

The upstairs decks were reserved for the painters: Eyma Ritchie, Jo-Ann Bradley and Marjolein Scott.

Turtles were the emphasis of Mrs. Scott's work. So realistic was her rendition of our local sea life that they seem to jump out of tiles, paintings and prints to greet onlookers.

A huge woodpecker eating berries, on a beautiful foliage background immediately attracted attention at Jo-Ann Brad-

ley's booth.

The delicate seascapes of Eyma Ritchie reminded one of a lazy day at sea watching the sail boats go by. Using oil for the originals, he also offers them as prints.

Attila Feszt's table displayed stamped canvas fabrics and t-shirts stamped with the same original motifs. He explained that he was in the process of creating a whole new line.

A new-comer, Francoise Hedden, explained that she painted scenes inspired by the natural designs on wood.

Brendon Pinder, another new-comer to the Abaco art scene, occupied the second floor deck together with the Cancer Society table. A young artist who is just exploring his potential, he is trying his style in a variety of media, even using different media in the same painting.

Of course, the Foundry Gallery was open, featuring the bronze work of Pete Johnson.

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## Cherokee community comes together to help neighbour

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Outside the gallery two nature lovers, Lainie Snow and her daughter Erin Albury, occupied tables. Ms. Albury offered a variety of functional and decorative items created from shells, drift wood, and sea glass.

Mrs. Snow's booth was a jungle of orchids, air plants and other bromeliads in various stages of flowering, spreading from the display table to the wall of the building. Delicate sea urchins holding miniature air plants, hung from lattice, sharing the space with larger ones.

As the afternoon went on, crowds of people arrived. Wild boar was on the menu and music filled the air. The fun lasted well into the evening.

Well-attended, it seemed that the Second Annual Little Harbour Spring Art Show was a great success for organizers and participants.



Above: volunteers working on Margaret Schuitemaker roof.

*By Lee Pinder*

Margaret Schuitemaker, a widow and a long-time resident of Cherokee, received a new roof this past weekend courtesy of her neighbours. She paid for the materials,

but the labour was all volunteers.

The men of Cherokee gathered on Saturday morning, May 10 to come to Mrs. Schuitemaker's aid. She needed repairs and replacement of the roof on her

tiny home in Cherokee. A group of eight local men came to her rescue to remove the old roof and replace some of the wood and shingles needed for the new roof.

People still care. There probably are not many places left in the world where your neighbours would come to your assistance when you need them, but in Cherokee they do. It would be impossible to recall all the good deeds people do for each other in the little community of Cherokee.

In Cherokee, neighbours watch out for each other and try to help others whenever, and wherever, they can.

### Phenomenal Women's Luncheon held in Cherokee

*By Lee Pinder*

There was a hint of rain, but thankfully it never materialized and the sun continued to shine on Wednesday, April 16 when Reverend Marie Neilly of Epworth Methodist Chapel in Cherokee Sound, together with other Abaco ladies, gathered

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for a Phenomenal Woman's Luncheon. With maximum seating for forty persons, thirty six women met at the W. W. Sands Community Center to meet and greet other phenomenal women.

The main objective of the luncheon was to raise money for the renovations now in progress at the church. Besides the cost of the luncheon, the ladies were enticed to make bids on the Silent Auction items, and this time they didn't get any help from their husbands.

There were 27 donations on display and the ladies took advantage of the bargain prices, leaving only one or two things behind at the end of the day. Also on sale were T-shirts, caps, mugs and glasses with the image of Epworth Methodist Church and a little booklet outlining the church's history.

Sales from all these items helped to reach the day's goal.

The community center does not have a kitchen or even any running water and everything, except the tables and chairs, had to be transported from somewhere else in the settlement. The tablecloths were spread, the place settings were complete with small remembrances of the day for each guest to take home and fancy china tea cups were set out for the ladies to enjoy coffee and cake afterwards.

Young waitresses were there to serve the ladies and subtle decorations helped to enhance the atmosphere and calm the nerves of the day. It's not often that many of the guests take a break for themselves. This was the object of the luncheon, to realize and recognize some of the exceptional qualities and to celebrate them with other phenomenal women.

When invited to the event none wanted to admit that they were exceptional or extraordinary and many were too shy to highlight their own virtues in the midst of other phenomenal women. However, they were all requested to speak briefly about something or someone from their past that may have changed their lives or possibly influenced them into taking a different path; a mentor, a pastor, a family member or a casual encounter with a complete

stranger.

As the ladies themselves were to be the program for the day, those who chose to speak gave some interesting recollections.

Those who were invited but could not attend were sorely missed, as there is something in all of us that sits us apart and makes us phenomenal.

One set of phenomenal women recognized were mothers, especially those from the community of Cherokee. These same women had to tote water from the community rainwater tank or, if they were lucky enough to have a sweet-water well they would have to pump enough water for all of their family's needs.

Living by the sea they could always get a meal of fish for their family. They would catch the fish, scale it and cook it, always preparing enough to share (for Cherokee women are still seen every day carrying a covered plate of food to a neighbour or family member.) This generosity always amazes our visitors and by sharing their food there also were never any leftovers.

They did their cooking in a wooden box placed in the kitchen filled with sand called a galley, that had to be kept burning, day and night. This is where seasoned resident Patrick Bethel is remembered as "coming for a stick of fire," meaning he came to get hot coals to start their coals burning again after theirs had died down. I can hear him now, saying "I can't stay long," as he rushed in and out, and even today he's still always in a hurry.

These mothers endured extraordinary hardships for sometimes twelve weeks or more at a time while the men were off on their fishing trips. Exceptional women, Phenomenal Women, and I believe some of the ladies who attended the luncheon are the grand-daughters and great-grand-daughters of those same women, and they probably heard these stories repeated many times at their own family reunions.

These women would get up at 5:00 am to knead and bake the bread every day except Sunday. They baked in homemade rock ovens built with mud taken from the creek along the track rocks and constructed out in the yard, away from the house.

Besides their everyday routine, Monday's they did their family laundry on a washboard by hand and hung the clothes out in the yard. Tuesday's they starched and rolled the pieces of clothing and placed them in a laundry basket ready for ironing. Wednesday was set aside for sewing and mending. They sewed complete sets of clothes for the whole family, from underwear to Sunday-Go-To-Meeting outfits, from remnants of cloth brought from Nassau by the fishermen off their last trip or something they would have salvaged from the flour sacks or used feed bags. And all on an old-fashioned-hand-operated Singer Sewing Machine that was probably handed down to them by their Momma.

Every family had chickens, some had goats or hogs which they kept in Yellow Wood or on Duck Cay. All this helped to feed the family till the fathers returned home. General housecleaning took place every Thursdays, and if there was any time left they visited the sick and elderly on Friday.

On Saturday mornings the women stewed fish and the younger children brought clean white sand from the beach and spread it over the yard (no one had any grass back then) and one of the chores of the older children was to use a turbot skin to scrub all the floors in the house till they gleamed and smelled like the yellow pine trees from the nearby forest that they were built from.

Sundays everyone was in church, in fact, families gave an extra donation to assure a reserved pew back then, because the church was always full with over 400 persons living in Cherokee and all the children came to Sunday School at the Methodist

Church at 3:00 pm on a Sunday afternoon.

They also made sure the children attended school every day, except maybe during the rainy season when they knew the crabs would be crawling, or it was the time of the year to go hunting for the wild white-crown pigeons, or the lobster were on the march.

Then the week started all over again, just like the one before. They made sure the children had a good Christian upbringing that would carry them through life. Young women learning what their mothers taught them, growing up to take their place in the community, and preparing them to be good wives and mothers; these were the real Phenomenal Women.

Marie Merlieu, a resident of Cooper's Town attended the luncheon and recited the poem to the delight of all the ladies there. There was no doubt about it she won everyone's love and admiration at the luncheon. A seemingly shy young lady, she certainly had a way of bringing out her assets in a very visual and convincing performance and the audience showed their great appreciation in their applause. She is a promising future star.

If nothing else, the luncheon achieved one thing - the next time any of these thirty six ladies happen to meet on the street they will all feel a certain amount of pride and kinship in that they met once before, in Little Cherokee, at a special luncheon with other Phenomenal Women.

Many of the women who agreed to come to the luncheon hold extremely impressive qualifications in their particular fields, many hold none except that of being a phenomenal housewife or mother.

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**"Casa Pita", Ocean Blvd.** #2334 - Luxurious 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 5,234 s/f furnished beachfront estate home on 51,452 s/f landscaped lot w/110' beach frontage. Includes guest house & 2 double garages. **\$3,495,000.**

**"Hayes House"** #2452 - Luxurious 3 level, 4 bed, 5 bath beachfront estate home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,600 s/f under roof, plus 3,400 s/f verandahs. Elegantly furnished, well maintained. Includes Vehicle & golf cart. **\$2,995,000.**

**"The White House"** - # 2131 - Awesome 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 level tastefully furnished Ocean Blvd. beach home, 3,312 s/f under air, plus garages 58,500 s/f landscaped parcel - 150' beach frontage. panoramic sea & beach views. **\$2,655,000.**

**"Peace & Plenty"** # 1927 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 3.5 bath 1,930 s/f furnished beach home, plus 1485 s/f covered balcony. 163' beach frontage on 1.453 landscaped acres. Separate guest cottage. Recently renovated. **\$2,495,000.**

**Brigantine Bay Canal Home** - # 1589 - Luxuriously furnished 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 4,850 s/f under roof, double garage, covered verandah, 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, 25' finger dock, boat lift. **\$2,495,000.**

**"Top of the Rock"** # 2014 - 3 bed, 3 bath "turnkey" furnished home, 1,824 s/f living space, 740 s/f covered porches, double garage. 198' beach frontage on 2 lot parcel. Fantastic elevated views along entire Treasure Cay beach. **\$2,300,000.**

**"Sea House", Windward Beach** - #2594 - 2 level furnished executive beach home, plus 1/2 acre parcel. 2,600 s/f under air, 4 bed, 4 bath, pool, private slip/lift on canal lot. **\$2,295,000.**

**Cutwater Way Canal Home** - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**

**# 12 Ocean Blvd.** # 1007 - Elegant 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath 3,500 s/f furnished beach home. 100' beach frontage, pool. Recently refurbished Excellent vacation rental income earner. **\$1,995,000.**

**"Trident House"** - #317 - 3 Bed, 5 Bath 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home, 4 garages, 16,000 s/f parcel, 100' beach frontage, fabulous Sea Views. **\$1,795,000.**

**"Windward Palms"** # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof, 1,600 s/f patios & walks, 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel, 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, **\$1,349,000.**

**"Rising Sun"** # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**

**"Helen's Point"** - # 1791 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 1,800 sq. ft. furnished home on 27,908 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkheaded seawall & dock. **\$1,095,000.**

**"Hull's Landing"** - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch. Pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$995,000.**

**"Harbour's Edge"** - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof. 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel, 90' deep water frontage. **\$949,000.**

**"Full Moon"** - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$895,000.**

**Galleon Bay Beach House** # 2574 - New, furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,720 s/f under roof, + double garage. 158' beach & dock frontage, boat lift. 24,732 s/f parcel. **\$875,000.**

**"Treasured Times"** # 2365 - 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished canalfront home, 3,430 s/f under roof, fully refurbished in 2007, double garage, many upgrades & extras. 16,000 s/f lot, 90' canal frontage. **\$779,000.**

**"Yellow Coconut Cottage"** - # 2211 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay canal home. 1,541 s/f under air, plus balconies, patios & garage. Private boat slip & 20,000 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$749,000.**

**"Harbour View House"** # 1380 - A Bonefish Paradise! Furnished 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 3,314 s/f under roof.. 18,800 s/f lot, 150' beach frontage. Elevated sea views. **\$699,000.**

**"Galiano"** 4 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,740 s/f under air, 2 level multi-family sea view furnished home, plus 3,280 s/f patios, verandahs, gazebo & garage. Newly built, well maintained, Close to beach. Great rental income potential. **\$649,000.**

**"Galiano"** & adjoining lot package available at **\$979,000.**

**"Deelarryus"** #2305 - 4 bed 2 bath furnished Sea of Abaco home. 1,674 s/f under air, + covered patio & garage. 16,326 s/f parcel, 100' seawalled frontage. **\$599,000.**



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**"Sea Cliff"** # 2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level sea view home. 2,550 s/f tastefully furnished. 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental potential. **\$549,000.**

**"Laguna"** - # 1875 - Charming 1,550 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **\$595,000.**

**"Sunny Side"** #2013 - Luxurious 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,704 s/f furnished sea view home on 15,750 s/f landscaped lot. Well maintained, close to Treasure Cay Beach & Windward Beach. Many upgrades. **\$499,000.**

**"Elysium"** #1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 2 lots (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$497,000.**

**"Canal's End"** #2573 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 level furnished home at end of Galleon Bay canal. 1,680 s/f 2nd level living. 1,280 s/f garage, 89' canal frontage, 11,338 s/f lot Superior canal views. **\$395,000.**

**Beach Villa 676** - #2488 - Large 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,250 sq. ft. furnished villa near beach. Owner occupied, but with excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

**Treasure House # 7** - #2455 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f furnished Topsider beach home. Community pool, Well maintained. Excellent rental income potential. **\$329,000.**

**Beach Villa # 638** - #2306 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,127 s/f tastefully furnished home on large double lot, washer/dryer in unit, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$324,000.**

**Ocean Villa 925** - #2587 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f furnished ocean view villa. Near beach shopping & marina. Excellent rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

**"Blue Treasure"** #2533 - Fully renovated & upgraded 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f unfurnished home, 700 s/f open deck on 13,500 s/f parcel. Move-In Ready. Enclosed Yard. Auxiliary generator. **Exceptional Value. \$279,000.**

**#1898 - "Starfish Cottage" Beach Villa 503A & B** 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential. **\$299,000.**

**Beach Villa # 715** - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa, well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

**Beach Villa # 655** - # 2241 - 2 bed, 2 bath exceptionally large 1,013 s/f attractively furnished villa near beach. Excellent vacation rental income potential **\$299,000.**

**Ocean Villa 923** - #2332 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f furnished villa near to beach, marina & shopping. Well maintained, Excellent rental income potential **\$299,000.**

**Beach Villa 506** - # 2495 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,250 s/f furnished garden villa comprising 2 back-to-back units. Ideal as a prime vacation rental income property. **\$299,000.**

**Beach Villa 685** - #2360 - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 886 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa just 2 minutes from beach. Renovated & refurbished. **\$249,000.**

**Beach Villa # 605** - # 1635 - 2 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades, new air conditioning & asphalt architectural shingles. Close to beach. **\$229,000.**

**Beach Villa 607** - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f villa, furnished near beach, pool, shops & marina. **\$229,000.**

**Beach Villa 673** - #1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f, Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. **\$225,000.**

**Beach Villas # 651** - # 2230 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping. **\$209,000.**

**Beach Villa # 601** - # 2240 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 865 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa. Recently upgraded, well maintained, near beach. Priced to Sell! **\$199,000.**

**Beach Villa 648** - # 2420 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,050 s/f furnished villa near beach. Recently renovated and expanded. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$199,000.**

**Condos**

**Bahama Beach Club 2020** - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2047** - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$795,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2030** - # 2364 - 3 bed, 2 bath elegantly furnished 1,650 s/f 2nd level luxury beach condo. Well maintained, owner occupied. Many upgrades. **\$679,000.**

**Pineapple Point Resort, Unit 9** - #1700 - Newly built, furnished 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level luxury waterfront condo. Private deep water dock. Community pool. **\$675,000.**



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**Bahama Beach Club # 2025** - #2057 3 bed, 3 bath ground level condo, 1,650 sq. ft. Tastefully furnished, well maintained. Great views. Excellent rental income. **\$599,000.**

**Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1** - # 1621- 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **FURNISHED - \$599,000.**

**Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2, 3 & 4** - # 1620- 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW EACH \$599,000.**

**Palm Bay # 9** - # 2108 - 4 Bed, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip, Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$579,000.**

**Sandollar Condo 8** - #2575, 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,500 s/f 2nd level plus loft tastefully furnished beach condo. Well maintained. Sea & beach views, community pool **\$495,000.**

**Royal Poinciana 2612** - #2552, Charming & well maintained 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,600 s/f 2nd level furnished beach condo w/loft. Spectacular sea views. **\$475,000.**

**Royal Palm 2480** - # 2310- 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. Deep water dock, artwork, van & golf cart included. Near beach. **\$463,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2023** - #2456 - BEST PRICED 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,645 s/f ground level tastefully furnished, owner occupied beachfront condo. Includes golf cart garage. Excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$449,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club # 2035** - # 2081 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club **\$429,950.**

**Royal Palm 2401** - # 2607, 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level unfurnished harbourfront condo, well maintained, fully refurbished in 2009. Boat dock/slip, storage garage **\$425,000.**

**Royal Palm 2402** # 2544 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,264 s/f well maintained 2nd level turn-key furnished harborfront condo w/ loft, private boat slip/dock on and golf cart. **\$399,000.**

**Royal Palm # 2437** - # 2286 - Well maintained 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level 1,264 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Panoramic harbour views. Boat slip & dock. **\$389,000.**

**Royal Palm # 2435** - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$369,000.**

**Sand Dollar Condo # 7** - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$369,000.**

**Royal Poinciana # 2511** - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

**Royal Poinciana # 2512** - #2060 - 2 bed, 2 bath, ground level furnished beachfront condo, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$325,000.**

**Royal Palm 2301** - #2311 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,000 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Desirable "end" unit. Private finger dock & slip. Golf cart. **\$299,000.**

**Atlantis 2201** - # 2537 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished Brigantine Bay condo. Desirable "end unit". Private finger dock, boat slip. **\$295,000.**

**Atlantis 2107** - #2392 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished canalfront condo. Includes private dock slip **\$285,000.**

**Royal Palm 2325** - #2285 - Well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,000 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Great harbour views. Private finger dock & slip. **\$259,000.**

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**

**#2480 - Mariner's Cove 1511** - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level 845 s/f furnished condo overlooking Treasure Cay marina, Well maintained, near beach, close to shops. **\$239,000.**

**#2390 - Condo # 1412** - 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront condo, garage. **\$199,000.**

**#985** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Totally upgraded in 2013. Priced for immediate sale. **\$ 188,500.**

**#655** - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$189,000.**

**#2391** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, 732 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes garage. **\$175,000.**

**#2073** - Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great views. **\$149,000.**

**#2359** - Condo # 1108 - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished condo overlooks harbour. **\$139,000.**

**# 2321 - Mariner's Cove 1217** - 1 bed, 1 bath, 2nd level, 540 s/f furnished unit overlooking harbour & marina. Great vacation rental income potential. **\$139,000.**

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Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

**Thurston Bay Development Parcel** - #1579 - 108 acres at entrance to Treasure Cay w/2,300' shoreline w/1,300' sandy beach frontage. Abaco Highway & Treasure Cay Dr. frontage. Great development potential. **\$3,900,000.**  
**Ocean Blvd. Beach Lots 92A & 93** - # 2361 - Exceptionally large 2.0 acre beach parcel w/174' sandy beach frontage. Cleared & level lot, electricity installed. Incredible sea views. **\$2,300,000.**  
**Ocean Blvd Lot 10**, # 1842 - Oversized 54,963 s/f parcel w/165' pristine sandy beach frontage. All utilities available. Phenomenal sea views. **\$1,495,000.**  
**Beach & Canal Lot Package** #941- Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,205,000.**  
**Beachfront Lot 11, Treasure Cay Beach**: # 2270 12,866 s/f elevated, cleared parcel with 118' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous panoramic beach & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,199,000.**  
**Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13** # 2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage each, 21,675 & 23,000 s/f cleared, walled parcels. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **EACH \$599,000.**  
**Beachfront Lot 58, Windward Beach** - # 2333 - 22,900 s/f level parcel with 101' Sea of Abaco beach frontage. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$599,000.**  
**Rock Point Beach Lot 9, Block 233** - # 2140 12,257 s/f parcel with 90' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

**Treasure Cay Canal Parcels**

**Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot** - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**  
**Brigantine Bay** # 1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**  
**Galleon Bay** # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**  
**Galleon Bay** - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$348,500.**  
**Harbour Canal Lot 4, Block 200** - # 2500 - 20,000 s/f parcel with 131' sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. **\$329,000.**  
**Brigantine Bay Harbour Lot 55, Block 199** - # 2549 - 15,187 s/f parcel with 90' sea walled harbour frontage, includes 65' dock w/dolphin pilings, power & water installed. Fantastic harbour views **\$299,000.**  
**Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Block 203** - # 1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$275,000.**  
**Galleon Bay Canal Lot 102** - #1580 - 12,000 s/f elevated parcel w/108' ,deep water sea-walled frontage. Utilities available. **\$275,000.**  
**Brigantine Bay** # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**  
**Brigantine Bay # 1622-1625** - 4 adjoining level & cleared canal lots from 11,693 s/f to 13,876 s/f with canal frontages from 74' to 87'. All lots with sea walls installed. Utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. **From \$266,000. to \$592,000.**  
**Galleon Bay Canal Lot 34, Blk. 203** - # 2320 - Cleared 15,045 s/f parcel with 126' seawalled canal frontage, dock with power & water, dolphin pilings. **\$249,000.**  
**Galleon Bay Canal Parcels**: # 1319,1320,1801 - Your choice of 3 lots, each with 111'+/- seawalled canal frontage, from 15,270 s/f per lot, utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**  
**#1173 - Brigantine Bay Lot 8, Block 191** - 11,200 s/f parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage. **\$195,000.**  
**Sea of Abaco Lot 5, Rock Point** - # 1543 - 11,700 s/f cleared lot /w 77' sea front. Utilities available **\$179,000.**

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**Treasure Cay Inland Parcels**

**St Andrews Estates Golf Course Lots 8 & 9** - # 2467 - 2 adjoining lots, total 28,713 s/f w/317' of golf course frontage. All utilities available. **\$79,500.**  
**Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**  
**Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #2036 - Prime residential lot # 17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**  
**#2217 - Lot 78, Block 1** - Prime 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' road frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$49,995.**  
**Multi-Family Lot 45, Block 167** - # 2436 - 15,000 s/f parcel, near beach, shopping & marina. **\$39,950.**

**Treasure Cay Development Parcels**

**Multi-Family Zoned Harbor Basin Parcel** - #2591 - cleared 31,000 s/f, 265' waterfront development parcel ideal for condos, townhouses, etc. Utilities available. **\$995,000.**  
**Sandbank Creek Open Zoned Acreage**: #2504 - 12.5 acres with frontage on Treasure Cay Dr. & water frontage on Sandbank Creek. Good elevations, utilities available, ideal for commercial venture. **\$499,000.**  
**9.40 Acres - S.C. Bootle Hwy (Near Treasure Cay)** # 1718 - Open zoned acreage, 438' highway, 770' depth, wooded parcel, 1/4 mile north of Treasure Cay. **\$199,000.**  
**3 Prime Commercial Lots on Treasure Cay Dr.** # 2502 - Each lot features 15,000 s/f with 100' of road frontage. near Treasure Cay entrance. Zoned for retail business. Utilities available. **EACH \$85,000.**

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

**# 2176 - "Rivendell"** - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 17,090 s/f parcel with 110' of Sea of Abaco frontage. **\$359,000.**  
**# 1197 - Beachfront Lot # 7**, 17,095 s/f with 126' hard rock & sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Enchanting Sea of Abaco views. **\$259,000.**

**GUANA CAY**

**"Ridge Runner"** # 1185- 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,899,500.**  
**Orchid Bay Beach Lot # 25** - # 1530 - 1.173 acre beach lot with 135' Atlantic Ocean beach frontage. Usage of Orchid Bay amenities. **\$1,499,000.**  
**"Ocean Symphony"** # 6 Ocean Ridge Estates - # 2346 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath newly built & furnished 2,235 s/f Atlantic Ocean home & pool on 16,725 s/f parcel w/111' hardrock shoreline. Dock slip on Sea of Abaco. **\$1,495,000.**  
**"Wave Watch"** - # 2030 - Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath, elevated 2 level, 2,000 s/f turn-key furnished Atlantic ocean view home. Golf cart included. **\$449,000.**  
**Cottage Lot C-10, Orchid Bay** - # 1884 - Sea of Abaco building lot, 14,574 s/f, 82' hardrock shoreline, majestic sea views. Orchid Bay amenities. **\$199,000.**  
**Sea View Lot K-82**: # 2298 - 8,744 s/f lot located less than 200' from Sea of Abaco dockage. Access to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$199,000.**  
**"Secret Beach"** # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

**Beachfront Lot 5 B** - # 714 - 1 acre elevated parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage, utilities available. **\$195,000.**  
**Inland Lot - Near Beach** - # 2022- Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$49,000.**  
**Inland Lot - Near Beach** - # 1176 - 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, Power & telephone available. **\$35,000.**  
**Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4** # 1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

**#2269 - Turtle Rocks West** - 2.50 acre waterfront parcel extends from S.C. Bootle Hwy. to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

**"Casuarina Cottage"** # 1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

**NORTH ABACO**

**"Fisherman's Paradise Marina", Loggerhead Creek** - # 2355 Under development on 47 acre tract w/1,500' shoreline. Designed for 67 deep water slips for vessels up to 35'. Electricity installed. **"As Is" \$2,495,000.**  
**Sugar Plantation 36**: #2238 - Lovely 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 level 3,400 s/f tastefully furnished Sea of Abaco waterfront home, plus 1,000 s/f garage & guest house. Pool, private dock, boat lift. 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline **\$895,000.**  
**Boiling Hole** # 1029 - 10.9 acre wooded tract with 156' Sea of Abaco bayside Sea of Abaco frontage. Utilities available at road boundary. **\$107,800.**  
**Blackwood Waterfront Parcel** # 1521-38,514 s/f parcel, 167' deep water Sea of Abaco frontage & highway frontage. Ideal for a marina site. Utilities available. **\$75,000.**  
**Boiling Hole** - # 1030 - Two Sea of Abaco waterfront lots (16,689 s/f & 18,192 s/f) 73' & 80' water & highway frontage. Hard rock shoreline. Utilities available. **EACH \$65,900.**

**SOUTH ABACO**

**156 Acre Beachfront Parcel** - #2435 Elevations to 60' w/3,152' sandy Atlantic Ocean beach frontage adjacent to Long Beach community. Sensational sea views. Ideal for residential or resort development **\$4,500,000.**

**SCOTLAND CAY**

**#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "K"**: Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$439,500.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$168,000.**

**JOE'S CREEK**

Lot "B" - Joe's Creek Vicinity - # 2253, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

**LEISURE LEE**

**"Tranquil Palms"** # 2366 - Well maintained & inviting 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,790 s/f turn-key furnished split level canal front home, good elevations. 110' sea-walled canal frontage, deep water dock, tropically landscaped grounds. **\$749,000.**

**A Boater's Delight Bayfront Home** # 2589 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath newly constructed, unfinished, 2,240 s/f under roof, private boat slip, 108' water frontage, 18,600 s/f parcel. **\$499,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$420,000.**

#2213 - "Leisurely Times" - 2 bed, 1 bath, 845 s/f furnished canal home on 12,100 s/f parcel w/110' bulkheaded canal frontage & 50' layalong dock. **\$299,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

**#130** - 22,949 s/f beachfront parcel with 365' of Sea of Abaco water frontage. Great Sea of Abaco views. Electricity, water, telephone & DSL internet at road boundary. **\$365,000.**

**#1593** - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**

**#2054** - Lot # 204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

**# 1844** - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$125,000.**

**Lot # 15 - Great Abaco Hwy - Near Leisure Lee** - # 567 - 2.139 acre parcel w/ 50' elevations & 119' frontage on both highway & Coromont Pond. Utilities available. **\$129,000.**

**Canal Lot 186** - # 2469 12,535 s/f parcel on quiet cul-de-sac with 174' of deep water sheltered canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$119,000.**

**Lot 209** - # 2519 - 12,828 s/f parcel with 100' extra deep water, sheltered canal frontage, All utilities available. **\$115,000.**

**1080** - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$109,000.**

**# 811** - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$69,900.**

**# 1902** - Lot # 170 - 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available. **\$49,900.**

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# South Abaco

## Bahama Palm Shores is location of new casting workshop

By Jennifer Hudson

Recently, master craftsman, Don Wood, carried out his second session of casting in his new location at Bahama Palm Shores. Mr. Wood has been casting and selling jewellery and small pieces for many years in his Marsh Harbour studio next to Memorial Plaza, but he has for some time wanted to be able to cast much larger pieces. He has therefore set up a much larger kiln on his Bahama Palm Shores property.

When I arrived the process was well underway with an amazing heat already emanating from the gas-fired kiln. On this particular day Mr. Wood was concentrating on casting aluminum and a temperature of 700 to 800° was required. On days when he casts in silver a temperature of 1800° is required and bronze requires an even greater heat of 2300°. His kiln is capable of reaching a maximum of 2500°.

Dealing with equipment at such extremely high temperatures requires much skill and care and Mr. Wood and his assistant for the day, Bahama Palm Shores Fire Chief Bruce Smith, were well protected

with specialised gloves, aprons and protective coverings over their jeans.

The pieces being cast that day were aluminum bonefish and Mr. Wood described the several stages of the painstaking process thus:

1. A model of the desired finished piece is first carved in wood.
2. A rubber mould is then formed around the woodcarving.
3. Wax is then heated and poured into the rubber mold. By this stage a wax bonefish has then been produced.
4. This wax model is then coated in a liquid clay.
5. This clay piece is then covered with fine sand and left to dry then covered with coarse sand and allowed to dry to the thickness wanted.
6. The piece is then taken to the burn-out oven where the wax becomes burned off leaving the shell.
7. The metal is then heated in a crucible in the kiln. When the molten metal is ready, the crucible is then removed with specially designed tongs handled by two people and is poured into the shell.
8. The aluminum in the clay shell is allowed to cool then the shell is cracked to release the finished piece.

The beautifully detailed bonefish, which are the end result, are a beautiful,

shiny silver and look very much like the bonefish caught in our Abaco seas.

Mr. Wood owns a lot of equipment for casting all of which he built himself by studying books. He has also worked at casting with the University of North Carolina. Brian Glasds, art instructor at the Blue Ridge Community College, brought

15 students from the college to learn from Mr. Wood at his first casting.

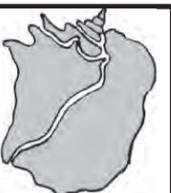
Several pieces were cast at this second session with which Mr. Wood was very satisfied. Casting is very demanding and by the end of the morning Mr. Wood was very tired but also very happy because; "I just love to do it," he said.



Above: Don Wood (left) assisted by Bruce Smith (right) removing crucible from kiln.



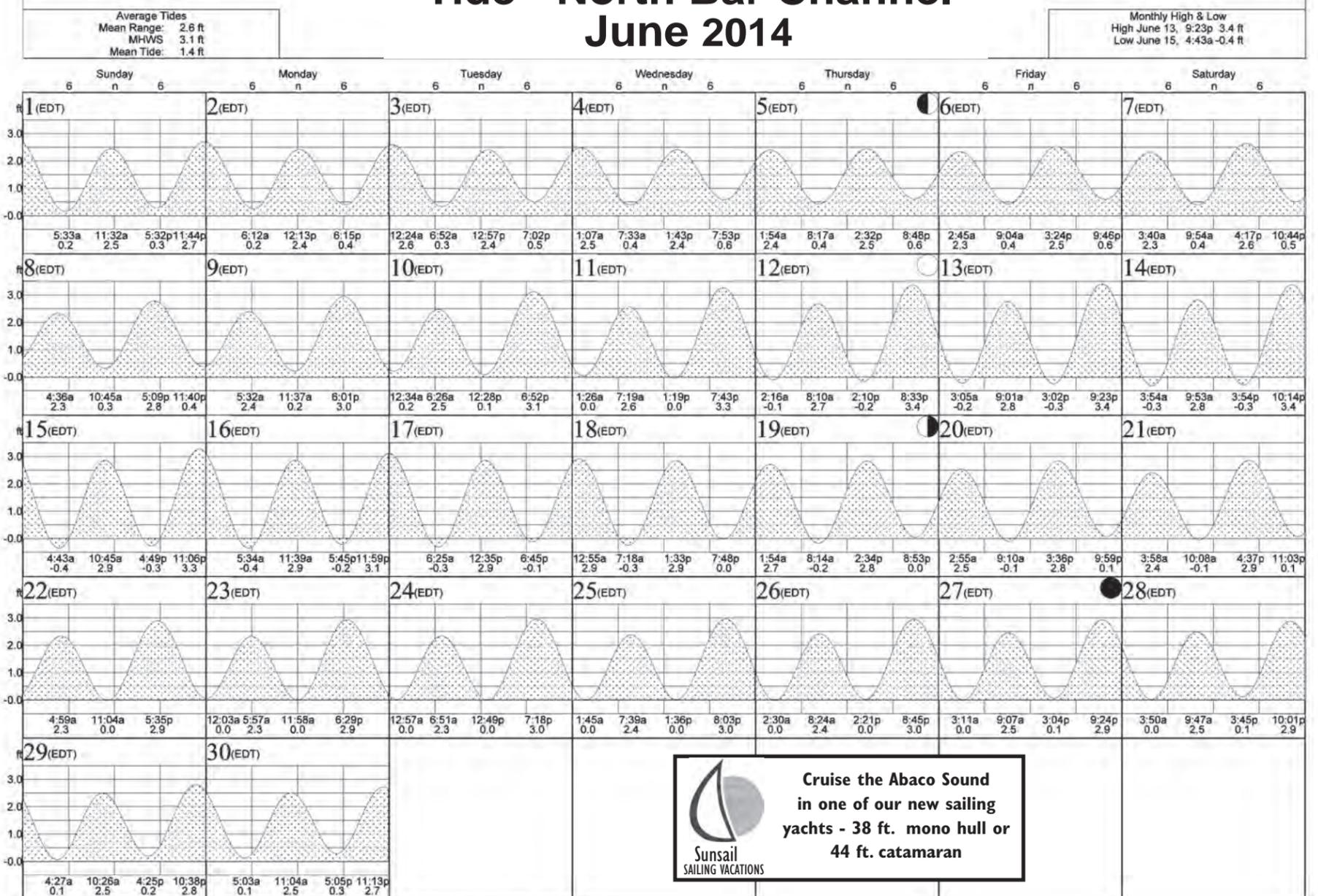
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# The Cays

## Purchase of Walker's Cay "Very close!"

By Timothy Roberts

It was recently reported in a national newspaper that the Government believes the sale of Walker's Cay could be sealed by June, placing The Bahamas "back in play" as a top investment destination.

Khaalil Rolle, minister of state for investments, told The Tribune that the sale for Walker's Cay was "very, very close", with two rival groups vying to purchase the island.

He said that the imminent purchase is just one indication of the "new life" he and the Bahamas Investment Authority (BIA) were seeing, as investors 'dusted off' projects which have been on hold for several years due to the 2008-2009 recession.

"We're doing some good things," Mr Rolle said, indicating that the pick-up had been especially noticeable on Abaco. "We are now very close to a deal, we think, to getting Winding Bay restarted. There have been significant talks."

Mr Rolle, meanwhile, was just as upbeat on the prospects of securing a buyer for Walker's Cay. While declining to identify the two contenders, he said, "We've been having very productive talks on Walker's Cay."

"We feel it will be finalised by June. There are two proposals. With this one, we're very close. Very, very close."

## Shane Cash talks on "Bahamian Culture" at Island Roots Festival



Above: Shane Cash.

By Canishka Alexander

One of the Informative Talks scheduled for the 10th Island Roots Festival was Shane Cash's talk on "Bahamian Culture."

A history teacher at Forest Heights Academy, Cash explained to the audience that there are sub-cultures and microcosms in every Bahamian community along with aspects of African, British and American culture.

During his presentation, Cash listed the national symbols of The Bahamas, different types of Bahamian cuisine, and the prevalence of festivals and celebrations that showcase who we are as a people and vary from island to island.

The popularity of Junkanoo and its

origins were explored. He said that Junkanoo is arguably the greatest symbol of Bahamian culture.

Cash also spoke about Bahamian drama and famous actors like Sir Sidney Poitier, a Bahamian-American actor, film director, author, and diplomat, who became the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor in 1964 for his role in Lilies of the Field.

Bahamian folklore and literature were also discussed, before Cash went on to talk about Bush Medicine and its benefits. Bahamian dialect is also a big part of Bahamian culture, so Cash offered a number of phrases to give the audience insight on how Bahamians communicate.

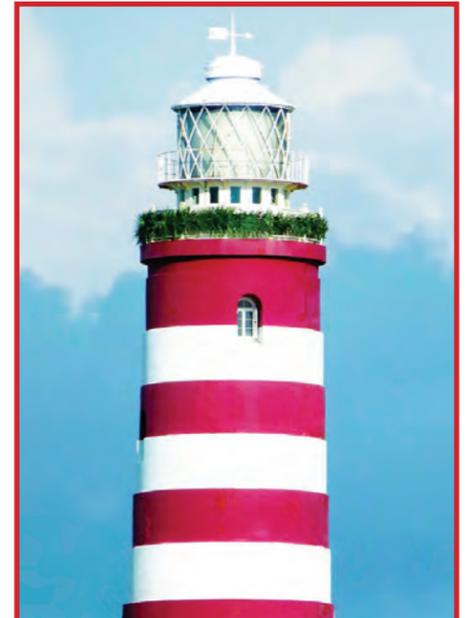
Of course, Bahamian athletes and sporting events were of great interest particularly with U.S. sports. With sailing as our national sport, it was no surprise that The Bahamas achieved its first gold medal in the Star class sailing with Sir Durward Knowles and Cecil Cooke at the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Then there was music, a topic Cash left for last because it something he is most passionate about. He said that Bahamian music has evolved over the years, and includes rake n' scrape and Junkanoo music with outside influences of soca, calypso and reggae. He talked about earlier music being centered on gospel and folk music genres along with notable pioneers of Bahamian music like Joseph Spence, Blind Blake and Ronnie Butler.

As the presentation began to wind down, he emphasized that it is important to stay true to our cultural roots because it is a part of our identity as Bahamians.

Cash said: "It is important to have festivals that bring things to the forefront that we can share with visitors. They can take a piece of Bahamian culture back with them."

## "Mr. Lighthouse" remembered for years of preservation work



Above: a palm frond wreath was put up on the Hope Town Lighthouse in remembrance of Cullen Chambers.

On Saturday, April 19, the Elbow Reef Lighthouse was decorated to honor Cullen Chambers (AKA Mr. Lighthouse). Mr. Cullen was in Abaco doing an assessment on the lighthouse and died suddenly only two days after returning to his home in Tybee Island, GA.

Mr. Cullen was a noted lighthouse preservationist, advising and planning for preservation of several lighthouses in the US as well as the Hope Town Lighthouse.

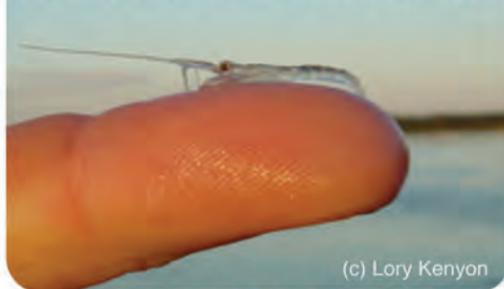
A wreath was put up in his honour.

# THE EAST ABACO CREEKS

### SNAKE CAY CREEKS



Juvenile crawfish in Snake Cay Creek



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(c) Tim Higgs

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# The Abaconian presents

## "Is the Airport Open Yet?"

### Part X



# No.

**Why?** May 27 is apparently the last deadline according to the official government line. So next issue you might be reading this section in the Leonard M. Thompson International!

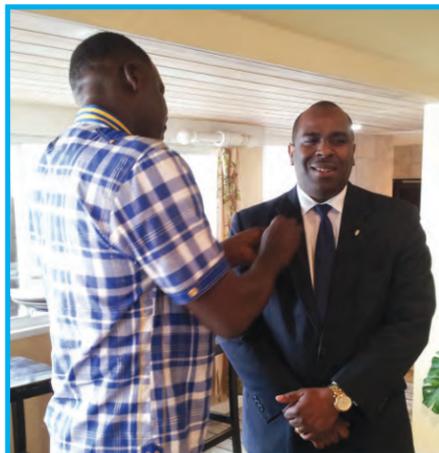
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## Airport Opening Special Issue\*

\*It would be shame on everybody if those airport doors were still closed on May 27 - but this publication will highlight whatever happens: be it a great day for Abaco... or a slap in the face.

### MP Curry speaks at Rotary

#### Highlights positive economic outlook



Above: Abaco Rotary President Desmond Bootle (left) pinning MP Curry as a thank you for presenting at the club's weekly meeting.

Member of Parliament for North Abaco, and Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Renardo Curry, was the guest speaker at the Abaco Rotary Club on May 12. Mr. Curry highlighted several projects and expressed optimism about Abaco's prospects.

Mr. Curry began by confirming the date of the airport's opening: May 27. He assured Rotarians that his government had confirmed this date for a "Soft Opening."

Mr. Curry also confirmed rumors surrounding the sale of Treasure Cay Marina. Though he withheld certain information, he did say that information would be forthcoming soon and that the government was helping facilitate talks.

Regarding the new mini-hospital, Mr. Curry felt confident that Abaco could expect a summer opening of that facility.

He also encouraged the Rotarians that projects are coming on stream in the future that will continue to buoy Abaco's economy.

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4:00pm / 5:45pm

**Hope Town to Marsh Harbour**  
8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am / 1:30pm 3:00pm  
4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

**Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War**  
20 minute ride  
7:15 / 9:00am / 11:00pm / 12:15pm  
4:00pm / 5:45pm

**Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour**  
8:00am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm / 5:00pm

**Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay**  
30 minute ride  
6:45am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm 5:45pm

**Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour**  
8:am / 11:30am / 2:30pm / 4:45pm / 6:30pm

Any stops outside the main harbour will be a minimum charge of two persons. Two persons or over will remain at regular charge.

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#### REGULAR FERRY FARES

One Way: \$17.00  
Round Trip - Open Return: \$27.00  
Children 6-11: Half Price  
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Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.  
Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.  
Prices subject to change without notice.

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### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

- Cute 1 bed, 1 bath, furnished cottage, close to beach \$116,000
- 1 Acre beachfront lot, section 1, only \$155,000
- Beautiful interior lot \$18,000
- Beachfront lot - \$98,000
- Interior lot 17, block 26, section 4 \$25,000
- Old Kerr - 4 acres beachfront \$150,000

### Island Properties



Bahamas



### MARSH HARBOUR



- 3/2 Centrally located home, office, laundry, 1/1 apartment, storage shed & more
- Pelican Shores waterfront lot 1.3 acres elevated hilltop on the harbour, dock & seawall \$895,000
- Eastern Marsh Harbour lot, plans passed for 7 unit multi-family complex starting at \$135,000
- Commercial lot near hotel \$95,000
- Iggy Biggy complex & residences - call for details
- Commercial lot between Conch Inn & Boat Harbour with cottage \$200,000
- Murphy Town lot - \$20,000

### CASUARINA POINT



- 4 Bed, 4 Bath Beachfront home, extensive decking, 2 cabanas \$695,000
- Beachfront lot \$152,000
- Sea view lot, 100 ft. to beach \$38,500
- Interior lots start \$24,000
- 4/4 Beachfront home/duplex \$375,000.
- Casuarina Point Beach Home \$230,000
- Canal lots \$70,000

### GUANA CAY

- South end hilltop lot \$86,000
- 2/2 Views, near beach, rental income \$265,900
- Lots near beach with views \$85,000

### HOPE TOWN

- Deeded Beach Access lot close to town \$120,000
- Ocean View Sub, Lot 4 \$111,000

### LYNYARD CAY

- 3 Waterfront lots, one dock starting \$137,000

### LONG BEACH

#### OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE

- Lots starting at \$15,000
- Hilltop lots with ocean view \$40,000 - \$70,000
- Gorgeous beach front lot 17,000sq.ft \$198,000
- 3/2 Homes - beach access \$ 175,000

### LITTLE HARBOUR

- Tom Curry's Point 1 acre waterfront lot \$193,000
- Hilltop lot with starter cottage \$185,000
- 68+ acres of prime property with oceanfront access. Great for 'off the grid' development site or private estate. \$1,980,000
- 2 Acres \$150,000, 4 Hilltop acres \$300,000
- 1 Acre waterfront \$150,000

### LEISURE LEE



- Spacious 3 bed, 2 bath home \$275,000
- Canal lot with seawall \$125,000

### SCHOONER BAY

- Seaview Hilltop Lot, \$30,000

### TREASURE CAY

- Ocean Blvd lot \$49,500
- Interior lot, Flamingo road \$48,000
- Rock Point waterfront lot, exc price \$120,000
- Golf Course Lot \$35,000 **BRING OFFERS**

### YELLOW WOOD

- Large building parcel \$55,000

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### Island-wide Abaco Listings

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Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529

### Casuarina Point

Sea Grape/Coco Plum 2 Units 367-2107

### Cherokee

Lee Pinder 3 hse 366-2053  
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### Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

### Green Turtle Cay

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Ocean Blue Properties 34 hse 365-4636  
Other Shore Club 365-4226  
Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

### Guana Cay

Dive Guana 11 hse 365-5178  
Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137  
Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133  
Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846  
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762  
Ruth Sands 9 hse 365-5140

### Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133  
Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164  
Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse 366-0035  
Firefly Resort 7 villas 366-0145  
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095  
Hope T Hideaways 63 hse 366-0224  
Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 3 Suites 366-0003

### Hope Town..cont

Hope T Villas 3 hse 366-0266  
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154  
Sea Gull Cottages 4 hse 366-0266  
Sea Spray Resort 6 villas 366-0065  
Tanny Key 43 hse 366-0053  
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

### Lubbers' Quarters Cay

Lubbers' Landing 4 villas 577-2000

### Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 2 hse 365-6048  
Waterway Rentals 14 hse 365-6143

### Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158  
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse 367-2719  
Abaco Towns 16 apts 367-0148  
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022  
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000  
Living Easy 16 hse 367-2202  
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776  
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681  
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600  
Regattas 32 apts 577-6764  
HG Christie 11 hse 367-4151

### Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139  
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119  
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 800-628-1447

### Spanish Cay

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Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

### Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch

Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm  
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 7:15am 9am 11am 12:15pm 4pm 5:45pm

Return: 8:00am 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay. From Conch Inn:

(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm

Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)

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### Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

T Cay Airport>Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm\*

5:00pm

Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm\*\*

\* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays

\*\* Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only

New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some GT Cay docks

### Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$50 Round Trip

T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$60 Round Trip

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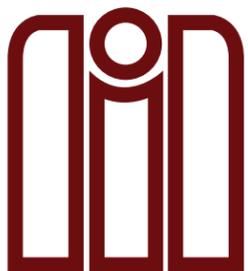
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## Play Ball! ASA opens Softball Season



Above: Creter's Bulldogs vs. Hope Town Wreckers on May 9 at the Murphy Town Ball Field. Pitcher Lyle Sawyer led his teammates to beat the Wreckers: 12 to 2. See page 10.

## Blue Sky opens 2014 BBC season with a win



Above: Team Blue Sky which took first prize in the Guana Cay Leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship.

### Press Release

Anglers Greg Smith and Dan Stacy had a great three days of fishing for Team Blue Sky to win the Guana Cay Championship. The 56' Viking from Pawley's Island, South Carolina released three blue marlin, one white marlin and one sailfish to clinch victory in the first leg of the 2014 Bahamas Billfish Championship series. Team Blue Sky released fish each day to earn a total of 2100 points and put them in the lead for the 2014 Bahamas Billfish Championship.

Anglers Bob Jacobson and Austin Burr guided Team Marlin Darlin to a second place finish with two blue marlin and three white marlin releases. The 62' Spencer from Clearwater, FL released their first blue on day one, a white marlin on day two and on day three finished up strong with a blue marlin and two white marlin released. It was an exciting final few hours to the tournament as Team Blue Sky and Team Marlin Darlin traded the top spot throughout the afternoon.

Tournament sponsors Hatteras and MarineMax teamed up to fish the 63' Hatteras Hatterascal. Angler Ken Reda released a white marlin the first day and a blue marlin and sailfish on the third day,

# School & Youth News

## ACH students celebrate their teachers



Above: Language Arts Teacher, Yasmin Ginton, receives a hug from student, Kermeisha Curry.

By Canishka Alexander

Teacher's Appreciation Week was observed at Abaco Central High School on May 9. Organized by students, teachers got front row seats to royal treatment during the Appreciation Program themed: "Recognizing the Greatness of Our Teachers."

As part of the line-up, poems, songs, dramatizations, quotes of appreciation and tributes, and a liturgical dance were given as tributes to the tireless efforts of the teachers.

Tears were shed, and applause given throughout the ceremony that seemed to forge a deeper bond between teachers and students. Each teacher was also presented with a gift basket as a token of appreciation.

## Abaco's Junior Minister of Tourism reminds people why the island is a tourists destination



Above: Tanisha Charlton, the Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, speaking at the Island Roots Heritage Festival.

By Mirella Santillo

In a short, but to the point, address, Tanisha Charlton, the Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, reminded people why our island was an obvious tourist destination. She spoke to the crowd at the recent Island Roots Heritage Festival on Green Turtle.

She outlined the natural beauty of the surroundings, supported by a rich culture, in spite of social struggles.

She mentioned Goombay Festivals

and home-comings featuring native music of merengue, calypso, rake and scrape and delicious Bahamian dishes of fish, lobster and chicken.

Other activities offered to visitors were Regattas, fishing tournaments and religious functions and last but not least, the people are friendly.

There is enough there to inspire tourists to visit, she stated. So let's continue to share the uniqueness of our culture, our cuisine our Junkanoo, she concluded.

## James A Pinder students and staff honour special lady

By Samantha Evans

On the March 31, the staff and students of James A. Pinder paused to pay special tributes to a lady most worthy of praise and acknowledgement for her dedication and level of excellence displayed in her daily duties on and off campus. This lady is Rudimae Bain, who is affectionately called "Ms. Rudimae."

This day was extremely special as she celebrated her birthday as well. After surprising her, parents, students and staff showered her with love and affection through dance, songs, choral speaking and instrumental performances. Leading the show was Principal, Mrs. Brenell Higgs, with a dance while students escorted Ms. Bain to her seat.

Words to describe this gem of a lady were written using the letters of her name which was a beautiful gesture. Mrs. Higgs shared the history of Ms. Bain since she joined the staff and gave some characteristics of Ms. Bain which were some of the same adjectives used to describe her earlier such as responsible, energetic, bold, neat, angelic and dynamic.

Parents, staff and students were given

Please see Bain

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the opportunity to express their gratitude to Ms. Rudimae in their own words. After all tributes were made, presentations were given to the honoree on behalf of the staff, the P.T.A. and the Principal.

An emotional and thankful Rudimae Bain was called upon to give the vote of thanks before students were dismissed.

Special thanks was extended to lunch vendor, Mrs. Tina Burrows, who decorated the boards, Ms. Denise Neeley who assisted with food preparations, staff, students and parents for their preparation of the room and donations which helped to make this event a success. The event culminated with a Staff Luncheon in recognition of their hardworking honoree.

## SC Bootle takes top prize in Visual Exhibit



Above: Ms. Williams (center) and her students who took part in this year's National Arts & Crafts Visual Exhibition at the Mall of Marathon in Nassau.

### Press Release

S. C. Bootle High School took home the top prize in this year's Ministry of Education National Arts & Crafts Visual Exhibition, which was held at the Mall of Marathon in Nassau in March.

Principal Huel Moss was ecstatic over S.C. Bootle's win in the Family Island Junior High School Division over many schools from throughout the country.

He said that Tiffany Williams, the school's art teacher, has been working very hard with the students in getting them to realize the potential of their God given talents and to build self confidence in themselves.

Moss congratulated the students on a job well done.

## S.C. Bootle competes in IBS Build-a-Bridge Competition

### Press Release

The Technical Team from S. C. Bootle High School travelled to Nassau recently to participate in this year's IBS Bridge



Picture Shows: S. C. Bootle High School Bridge Building Team - (from left) Sandlee Brutus; Coach, Gavin Daziel; Johnny Augustine; and kneeling, Donald Pinder. Not pictured is team member Keeon Daziel.

Building Competition. Principal Huel Moss explained that the objective of the competition is to construct a bridge using 100 popsicle sticks to withstand the heaviest load.

Moss said that the S.C. Bootle team placed sixth out of 18 schools, and was the only school representing the island of Abaco. Their bridge withstood a load of 64 pounds before collapsing. The winning school, Anatol Rogers, constructed a bridge that withstood a load of more than 240 pounds.

Moss said that the team has high hopes in doing much better next year and solicits any help from persons who are able and interested in offering technical help.



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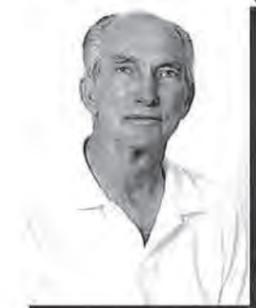
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# Business

## Second Annual Mortgage Seminar held at Royal Bank of Canada

By Mirella Santillo

The second Royal Bank of Canada Annual Mortgage Seminar was held in the evening of May 1 at the bank's premises on Don Mackay Boulevard.

"Property Buying Made Easy" was the scope of the seminar which included presentations by two of the bank's employees, Tamara Roberts and Brent Deveaux, as well as several presentations from real estate agents, appraisers, attorneys, insurance brokers and contractors.

The session was opened by Joyce Riviere, Area Vice President, who welcomed the assembly.

Tamara Roberts, Officer in Charge, Treasure Cay Branch, then laid out the purpose of the seminar, assuring the audience that "the bank wanted to put them in the best possible position to get a mortgage."

She also went through an overall itemization of qualification procedures and outlined the expenses associated with applying for a mortgage besides the downpayment required to buy the property. She stressed the importance of good financial planning.

Brent Deveaux, a Senior Account Manager and Certified International Project Manager with the bank went into a detailed itemization of the requirements necessary to qualify for a mortgage, starting with pre-qualification to determine how

much a prospect could afford. He outlined all the expenses that the bank takes into consideration to determine how much the buyer could afford and pointed out the fees and expenses associated with securing a mortgage.

Dwayne Wallas, a real estate agent and appraiser for HG Christie, spoke about selecting the right property. People choose a location for different reasons, but whether it is because it is close to work, to a school or to the place where one grew up, the right location is one of the major deciding factors for the price of a property.

Speaking about appraisal, Mr. Wallas stated that an appraisal is a third party independent opinion of value. It does not set value, only estimates it.

He advise people to buy a single family home rather than a duplex and also not to over-improve as more often than once, the money spent on certain improvements is not recovered when the house is sold. Kitchens and bathrooms, he explained, are the major determinant of the value of a home. Build a home keeping in mind that you might want to sell it one day.

The legal aspects associated with buying a property or obtaining a mortgage were covered by Attorney-at-Law with Alexiou and Knowles - Carlene Farquharson.

Ms. Faquharson stressed the importance of establishing the legal status of the property one intends to purchase. Find out if the property is in probate, if it part of an inheritance; ask for copies of the deeds and get a survey plan. Is the property in an established subdivision (with water and electricity access) or in an undeveloped area?



Above left to right: Gentry Morris, Dwayne Wallas and Carlene Faquharson - speakers at the RBC Mortgage Seminar.

Negotiate the price in consideration of completing costs.

She explained some of the costs associated in buying, such as attorney's fees that are 2.5% of the value of the transaction and stamp duty costs are usually divided between seller and buyer and can be as high as 10% depending on the price of the property; title search fees usually amount to \$250-300.

She discussed the possibility of stamp duty exemption in certain cases. There is a first time home owner exemption on a developed property but no exemption on vacant land. The bank has the opportunity to go to the Exemption Unit on behalf of a client.

She reminded people that it takes approximately 21 days to have a mortgage approved.

Mr. Trevor Wallace, an engineer and property developer gave recommendations on choosing the right contractor and of-

fered some tips on building.

When choosing a contractor, he advised, do not go with the cheapest bid. It is usually asking for trouble down the line. Get at least two bids, preferably three. Ask for references from previous clients and employees and go inspect some of the previous work of the contractor you think of employing.

Identify the necessary things in the house: floor plan, fixtures, tiles, etc. Start a booklet that you will share with the architect. The more prepared and the more precise you are will save you money in the long run. Get all the appropriate drawings on plumbing, electrical, gas and spell out all the fixtures, type of wood, ceilings, roof, etc so as not to leave anything out which could give the chance to a not-so-honest contractor to go with the cheapest materials.

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# SPORTS

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putting them in third place overall. Aboard the Hatterascal, John Ward, President of Hatteras Yachts, watched his team have an excellent three days of fishing and was pleased with their third place finish!

The Guana Cay Championship win earned Greg Smith and Team Blue Sky a Chris Costello handmade trophy presented by tournament sponsors Hatteras and MarineMax. In addition, Smith received a gift certificate for a new pair of Costa Sunglasses from tournament sponsor Costa as well as a gift certificate from Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting (ROFFS), longtime BBC sponsors.

Captain Steve Crammer and his crew each received Randy Rich designed crew trophies sponsored by the Lewis Marine Group.

The Second Place Chris Costello handmade trophy went to Marlin Darlin. Jeff Donahue and Team Hatterascal received the Third Place Chris Costello handmade trophy. In addition to the Chris Costello trophies, the second and third place teams also received gift certificates from Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service (ROFFS) and Costa sunglasses.

The Guana Cay Championship, hosted by Orchid Bay Yacht Club & Marina, produced 7 blue marlin, 11 white marlin and 2 sailfish. All billfish were released. All catches in Bahamas Billfish Championship tournaments are validated using time

and date stamped digital images. Affidavits signed by all participants fishing on each team further confirms that the fish was released in accordance with IGFA and Bahamas Billfish Championship rules.

Hatteras and MarineMax were the co-hosting sponsors of the BBC's season opener at Guana Cay. The companies' sponsorship included a special participants 'Pig Roast' dinner on Thursday evening at Nipper's. Other social functions during the tournament were hosted by CAT Marine Power, Ocean Club at Port Canaveral and ZF Marine.

The next leg of the 2014 BBC series will take place May 21-24 on Green Turtle Cay, cohosted by local resorts Green Turtle Club and Bluff House. Spaces are still available for teams interested in fishing this leg of the series.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship is the oldest billfish tournament series in the world. Anglers can fish any or all of the tournaments with cumulative points determining the overall Bahamas Billfish Champion. The BBC endowed two scholarships that enable Bahamian students the opportunity to pursue a degree in marine biology or advanced education in the marine technologies.

For the very latest tournament information, results, and overall standings or to register for any of the remaining tournaments, visit [www.bahamasbillfish.com](http://www.bahamasbillfish.com). Be sure to Follow on Facebook (Bahamas Billfish Championship) or now on Twitter @bahamasbillfish. View tournament photos at SportfishPictures.com. You can also download the BBC App for your Android or Apple device. Search 'Bahamas Billfish Championship' in the Play Store or App Store. To contact the Bahamas Billfish Championship call 866-920-5577 or e-mail: [jennifer@bahamasbillfish.com](mailto:jennifer@bahamasbillfish.com).

## International Judo champions no match for Abaco's best



Above: the Abaco Judo Team at the 2014 Bahamas Judo Open Tournament. Abaco rocked the competition (which included champions from the USA and Cuba) and secured 20 medals among its 13 fighters. Some even going against fighters in heavier divisions.

### Press release

The 2014 Bahamas Judo Open Tournament was held in Nassau on May 10th and Abaco did far better than anyone in the judo world expected, winning 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 9 Bronze medals with a total of 13 fighters.

"This year's tournament was far tougher than any ever held in the nation," said Head Coach Regina Parotti. "For the first time ever, Cuba sent its National Champions Team comprising six world-class fighters and the United States brought twelve USA National Champions to compete with The Bahamas' best. We entered several of our athletes in multiple divisions - their proper age & weight categories and also in the next heavier divisions - to give them as much fighting experience against world class players as we could."

"We were realistically hoping for perhaps a few silver and bronze medals against such high level, world-winning fighters" said Sensei Albert Lill. "What we really wanted at this tournament was to train with and gain experience from such an elite group of players. When Rebecca Strachan defeated an American National Champion to capture the Silver medal in the Women's Senior Division early into the tournament the stadium rocked with thunderous applause!"

Abaco's Gold Medalists were Sebastian Parr, Jonathan Strachan and Rachel Rolle. Silver Medalists were Colin Albury (Silver Medal in 2 Divisions), Desmond Bootle, Taryn Carroll, Rachel Rolle, Brad Cooper, Dre Hall and Rebecca Strachan. Bronze Medalists were Ben Belotte, Desmond Bootle, Taryn Carroll, Dre Hall, Nikhai Johnson, John Pintard, Jonathan Strachan, Rebecca Strachan and Ozeke

Swain.

Abaco Judo Club will be hosting its 4th Annual Abaco Open Tournament in Marsh Harbour on June 14th and the public is invited to attend no cost. For tournament details please contact Head Coach Parotti at 475-1632 or email at [reginaparotti@live.com](mailto:reginaparotti@live.com).

## Abaco canines return victorious



Above: Tara Lavallee with her winning pooches, Ari and Kai.

### By Candace Key

A group of four dogs and their owners/handlers traveled from Abaco to Nassau to compete in the 33rd Annual Bahamas Kennel Club International Dog Show returning with new titles and two Best in Shows.

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# SPORTS



Above: Maureen Koepp's Shetland Sheepdog, Odie won 5 Agility Legs.

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Candace Key and her Bedlington Terrier, Carley, competed in Conformation classes where a dog is judged against an ideal specimen in movement, conformation, coat and display of a show attitude and ring presence. Maureen Koepp with her Shetland Sheepdog, Odie, and Tara Lavallee with her dogs, Ari, a mixed breed, and Kai, a miniature Australian Cattle dog, competed in performance events of Agility, Rally and Obedience which require a working partnership between handler and dog to guide the dog over, under, around and through obstacles and hurdles.

American Kennel Club (AKC) judges are brought in each year to pass judgment on the dogs and handlers. These four dogs are also shown in the US and have many titles from there as well as The Bahamas.

"Carley" received her Bahamian Championship and was awarded two Best in Shows over all dogs shown in conformation classes. "Odie" won 5 Agility "Legs"

(or parts) toward a title or class. He is now being shown in the Master level which is not only the top level of Agility but also very challenging.

"Ari" earned 7 Legs and is moving up into the Master class as well. Not to be outdone, "Kai" earned 3 Legs at the show. She is so fast racing through the obstacles she is nicknamed the Pocket Rocket.

Carley's official name is now "Best in Show Am. and Bah. Champion Sandon n' Oakhill Small Craft Warning" She will now be competing for her Grand Championship title.

Odie's Official name is: "Champion Summerlove's Bark of the Bay CD,RE, AX, OAJ, OF." The initials after his name indicate an obedience, rally or agility title won.

Ari's official name is: "Abaco Ari RA,OA,OAJ,XF." Again the initials after his name indicate a title he has won in the Performance events.

Kai is: "High Banks Makin' Waves RN,OA, OAJ ,OF." She is catching up quickly to her brother, Ari in titles.

## ACH competes well at Bimini Tournament



Above: For ACH the junior boys won their division beating Turks and Caicos and the Senior boys defeated Turks and Caicos and receive 3rd place over all. The junior boy's record was 6-0 and the senior boys record was 4-1.

By Mirella Santillo

Abaco was well represented with several teams in the Bimini Gateway Christian Academy Basketball Tournament that took place April 23-26.

Abaco Central High School (ACH) and Youth in Action both fielded Junior and Senior teams. SC Bootle High School competed with a senior team of seven.

It was a win for the ACH Marlin Junior team who flew through the tournament undefeated, winning six games out of six. They won the championship game by defeating The Turks & Caicos' team.

The senior Marlins also defeated the Turks & Caicos' team, placing third overall, with one loss out of four games. The Youth in Action Junior team took a third place.

Coach Dean for the SC Bootle Dynamic Dolphins said that it was good experience for the boys, with this being the first time they participated in the Bimini tournament. They won one game out of four and were invited to play in Turks & Caicos.

Besides the Abaco teams, two teams represented the Turks & Caicos Islands; Bimini entered two teams also; Eleuthera and Andros were each represented by one team. It was tough competition all around.

The ACH Marlins have been playing extremely well this year, especially the Juniors, steadily winning championship games in the tournaments they entered. The MVP for the junior team was Vinson Ferguson.

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# SPORTS

## Forty-eight Abaco athletes make National Track and Field Team

By Samantha Evans

Abaco, unlike New Providence, does not have the state of the art facilities to train their athletes for track and field events. But with the facilities they do have, forty-eight students shined at the district island meetings sponsored by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture held recently and qualified to compete nationally.

The qualifying athletes represent the following schools: Central Abaco Primary-24 athletes, Cooper's Town Primary-7 athletes, Treasure Cay Primary-6 athletes, Fox Town Primary-4 athletes, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School-4 athletes and Agape Christian School- 1 athlete.

This is the first time in five years that a complete team will be representing Abaco at the National Sports Meet in New Providence on May 27-30, 2014.

There are some rising stars who will be going to this meet with district and national titles already, while there are others who are going there with hopes of bringing back some new titles for Abaco.

In the under 14 "A" Category the athletes to watch are: Faneya Nicholson-female 100M from St. Francis de Sales, Deavenek Russell-female 100M Treasure Cay Primary, Yvenski Alcime-male 100M (fastest male on the island) St. Francis de Sales, and Ashanti Thompson-female 400M Central Abaco Primary.

In the under 12 "B" Category the athletes to watch are: Shavante Roberts-female 100M and 200M national defending cham-

pion from Central Abaco Primary School, Richard Nelson-male 100M and 200M district champion From CAPS, Lovorvinsky Targeny-male 400M from CAPS, Uriel Delancy-male 800M from CAPS, Infiniti Walker-female 200M Fox Town Primary, and Ajaya Sands-female 400M district champion from Cooper's Town Primary.

In the under 10 "C" category the athletes to watch are: Wynsome Penn-female 100M and 200M district champion CAPS, Ryzen Fenelus-male 100M and 200M district champion CAPS, and Vonzel Strachan-800M district champion CAPS.

In the under 8 "D" category the athletes to watch are Soniya Arthor-75M female Fox Town Primary, Akiano Gatilus-male 75M district champion Treasure Cay Primary and Adrian Williams-male 400M district champion Cooper's Town Primary.

Now that the district team has been selected, organizer of the event, Geoffrey Victor, stated that all coaches are now training with the athletes to ensure that they are ready for this high level of competition in New Providence. They are each organizing fundraisers to assist with trip expenses. This team will receive some assistance of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture as a family island team but they will have to cover the majority of it.

The assistance of the public will be needed as they seek to raise funds for district uniforms and other incidentals. Persons wanting to assist can contact Mr. Victor at Central Abaco Primary School or any of the coaches from the named schools. Mr. Victor would like to thank the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture for organizing the two district sports meets and the general public for their support to date.

## ASA officially opens Softball Fast Pitch Season

By Canishka Alexander

The evening of May 9 initiated the opening of the All Abaco Softball Association's (ASA) 2014 Softball Fast Pitch Season. In the first game of the night, there was a showdown between the Abaco Groceries Diamond Dollz and the Golden Harvest Major Pain women's teams.

The veteran Dollz showed no mercy to the newcomers, and dealt the Major Pain a heavy blow to win: 20 to 2. Next in line, were the National Champions - the Creter's Bulldogs versus the Hope Town Wreckers. The Wreckers managed to score two points, but the Bulldogs seized 12 points to win the game.

The following night, the Hope Town Wreckers faced the Simple Solution Sharks. The Wreckers went on to gain their first win of the season, and beat the Sharks: 4 to 0. In the featured game of the night between the Bulldogs and DNR Sluggers, it was a landslide for the Bulldogs. DNR scored no points, while the Bulldogs scored 16 victory points for their team.

The stands were packed with cheering fans and entertainment was provided by MC Frankie alongside DJ Scarface. Deliciously prepared grilled and barbecued food served along with conch fritters and beverages were on sale as well.

ASA President Haziell McDonald thanked his committee member and all sponsors for a successful opening weekend namely Abaco Groceries, Abaco Petroleum, Standard Hardware, Abacays Caribe Freight Company and Quality Star Auto.

Leading up to the season opening on Abaco, Creter's Bulldog players - Lyle Sawyer, Grant Albury and Tyler Russell - travelled to Cali, Columbia to compete with the Bahamas National Softball Team. In their first game against Panama, Team



Above: Bulldogs pitcher, Lyle Sawyer. He, along with fellow teammates Grant Albury and Tyler Russell, travelled to Columbia to compete with the Bahamas National Softball Team.

Bahamas had a close call but emerged as the winner in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat Panama: 3-2. The team went on to accrue three consecutive losses against Mexico, Aruba and Guatemala and

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# SPORTS

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eventually failed to advance for a chance at qualifying for the CAC Games in Veracruz, Mexico.

Nevertheless, Abaco is proud of the performance of its players in qualifying on the national level for The Bahamas, and for their representation of Abaco and The Bahamas. Softball games continue at the Murphy Town Ball Field each weekend, and update schedules will be posted on the Abaco Softball Association's Facebook page.

## All Abaco Regatta Summer Celebration set for June 23-29

By Canishka Alexander

The All Abaco Regatta Summer Celebration is scheduled for June 23-29 and will launch with a church service at Change Ministries on June 22 at 3 p.m. leading up to the event.

All Abaco Regatta Commodore Kevin Archer has stated that the purpose of the event is to empower and bring Bahamians together and to restore Abaco to what it used to be. He said that the All Abaco Regatta is just the beginning of what the committee is hoping to accomplish on the island as they plan to host other events.

This year is a great year to begin because as Archer pointed out, 2014 has been deemed, "The Year of Culture."

The proposed Regatta Site is at the Green Turtle Cay Ferry Dock, and 30 boats are expected to participate in the sailing events. According to Archer, Bahama

Fast Ferries has come onboard as a major sponsor to assist with the transportation of the boats to Abaco, and sailors will be well-accommodated and receive complimentary meals on various days.

It is expected that The Bahamian Brewery – makers of Sands Beer and Triple B Malt – will come on board as a sponsor for the Junior Sailing Competition. Additionally, Treasure Cay Hotel, Marine and Resort is offering free airfare for guests who book reservations of four or more days at their resort.

Events for the All Abaco Summer Celebration include a press reception for national, local and international media; sailing events for junior and adult sailors; a Junior Sailing School; cultural events; Beach Concert; a Food Fest on Nassau to promote Food Fest for Abaco; Junkanoo Rush Out; Karate Match; Step Show; Model Competition; and a Post Celebration reception.

Anastacia Dawkins, All Abaco assistant secretary, also suggested a Treasure Hunt called "6 Cays to Discover the Treasure" that will be similar to a scavenger hunt where participants find clues on Abaco's various cays to find the ultimate treasure.

All Abaco Regatta events will take place in Sandy Point, Murphy Town, Green Turtle Cay and Treasure Cay to involve all residents and visitors to the island, and entertainment will be provided by Geno D, Colin McDonald, Jay Mitchell, Shane Cash as well as artists out of Nassau.

Sailing begins on June 25 with the Junior Sailing competition followed by a Celebration Reception at Green Turtle

Club to kick off the Adult Sailing Events. The top ranking winners will receive trophy cups aptly named after The Bahamas' three Prime Ministers as well as a Senator's Cup.

For more information, visit the All Abaco Regatta Facebook page.

## 39th Regatta Time in Abaco gears up for summer

Regatta Time in Abaco is once again planning its 2014 series of races and social events. This will be the 39th consecutive year for bringing hundreds of visitors to the island. The races will begin on the 3rd July and continue through July 10th. The five races will begin in Green Turtle Cay and will continue through Central Abaco to end in Marsh Harbour on the 10th.

The summer Regatta Time In Abaco sailboat racing series began in 1976 with three days of racing off Marsh Harbour. Over the next few years it expanded to its current five-race series and is held over the American and Bahamian Independence holidays. Its primary focus is for cruising sailboats although there is a special class for the serious racers.

Winter resident and renowned ocean sailor Bill Pascoe became the Race Chairman in 1979. His stature and knowledge from racing in the American SORC series took the Abaco Regatta to international recognition. The Ministry of Tourism has been a patron of the Regatta since 1981 when it recognized the potential for ex-



Above: it's not all parties, serious racing takes place during Regatta Time in Abaco.

panding marine tourism on Abaco.

The races are held on the waters off different towns from Green Turtle Cay to Hope Town. The event is designed so that several towns and resorts are the beneficiaries of the event. The entrants and the large number of followers are exposed to a variety of towns while experiencing the cruising area in protected Abaco Sound. The event, also known as Race Time In Abaco, has been a mainstay of Abaco's summer marine tourism.

The entrants pay to participate in the races and the trophies are authentic bronze sculptures by renowned Abaco sculptor, Peter Johnston and are coveted by the racers. Besides the publicity Abaco gains from these boaters, the economy sees a surge in revenues.



## Public Notice

The Ministry of Works and Urban Development and Bill Simmons Construction and Heavy Equipment Co. Ltd., are giving notice to the public that traffic on Don Mackay Blvd will be restricted in downtown Marsh Harbour from Thursday, May 8 through Sunday May 25, 2014 for completion of drainage works, reconstruction and paving.

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Do not let workers eat in a house: they tend to throw their food containers in the walls inviting insects and rodents. Make sure all the connections for utilities are in place.

The last presenter was Gentry Morris, an insurance broker with Nagico. Mr. Morris reminded the audience of a few facts concerning insuring their homes.

"Remember," he said, "that the appraised value takes the lot into consideration." An insurance company does not insure the lot, only the house.

"The insurance industry does not go with the market value but with the replacement cost of a building. Every policy is on a replacement cost basis. But also beware of under-insuring: you only get a portion of what you insure."

A new catastrophe -sub limit policy can help create savings for people stressed with coming up with the insurance premium.

After explaining the process of going through a claim, he urged people to insure their home for the right amount. Take photos and record what you have in the house.

The vote-of-thanks was proffered by Sylvia Poirier, an employee of both the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay branches.

Refreshments of fresh fruits and finger foods were served after the seminar which adjourned after 7:00 pm.

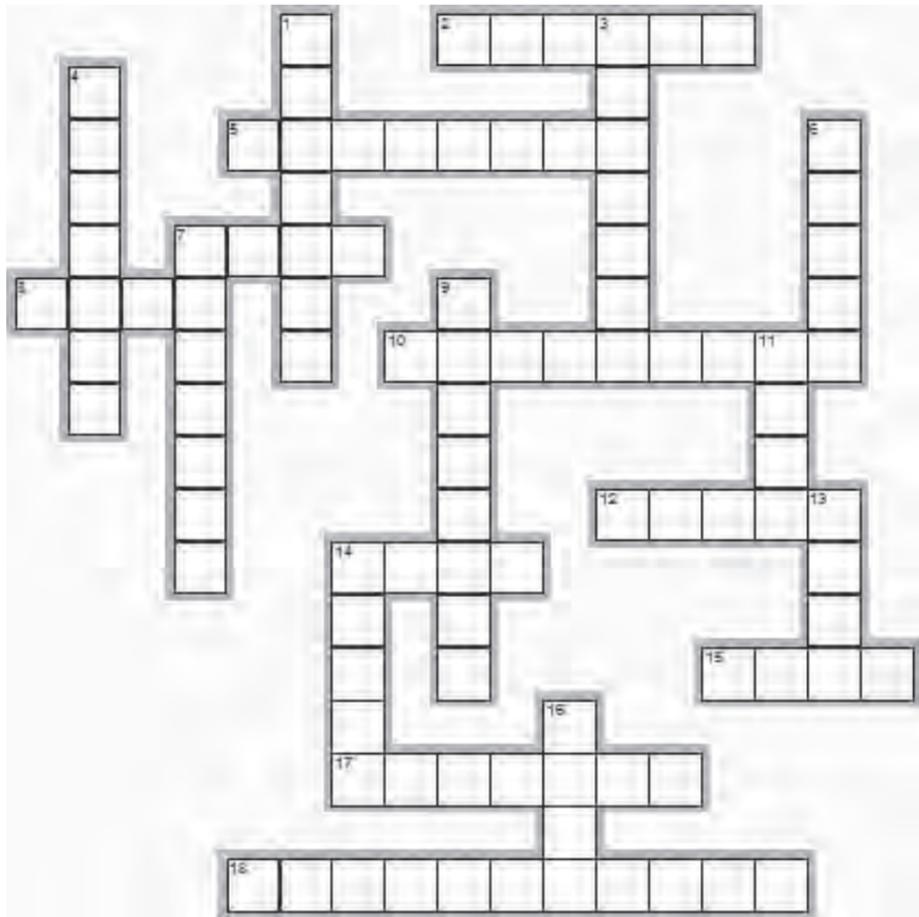
### Across

- 2. Popular freshwater fish
- 5. Sandy Point native who coined "It's Better in The Bahamas"
- 7. Hint
- 8. Popular building block toy
- 10. Lepidoptera
- 12. Predecessor of Rock N' Roll
- 14. Abaco forest.
- 15. Force sensitive warrior
- 17. National Sport
- 18. Fast, nectar eating bird

### Down

- 1. Worth 1,000 words
- 3. Commonly plaited at Heritage Festivals
- 4. Without fault
- 6. Ocean water
- 7. Helps find direction
- 9. Musical Bahmian culture
- 11. Social Media term of approval
- 13. Can't have a beach without it
- 14. Home of the Eiffel Tower
- 16. Monarch

# Crossword



## May 1 Answers

### Across

- 3. HIBISCUS—Tropical flower
- 4. MOORES—Island community off of Sandy Point
- 6. LIONFISH—Beautiful, Invasive Species
- 9. ELBOW—Cay with lighthouse
- 11. BREEZE—Light Wind
- 12. REPAIR—Fix
- 14. COFFEE—Filtered through grounds
- 15. ANGELS—Heavenly Host
- 16. JELLY—Edible part of the coconut

### Down

- 1. OLIVE—Virgin cooking oil
- 2. ARUBA—Location of 2014 CARIFTA Swimming Events
- 4. MOON—Controls the tides, romantic
- 5. CROWN—This Haven far north.
- 6. LIMESTONE—Bahamian rock
- 7. FALL—Autumn
- 8. HELP—Assistance
- 10. BOILING—212 Degrees Fahrenheit
- 13. PAST—Before the present



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# People

## BEC's Abaco staff supports co-worker with lupus

By Canishka Alexander

During the month of May, many seek to raise awareness about lupus in The Bahamas and worldwide. Among those showing their support is the Bahamas Electrical Corporation's (BEC) Abaco staff in support of Michelle Thurston, one of their planning assistants.

According to Toni Seymour, BEC's Abaco manager, this is the third year they have shown their support by wearing lupus T-shirts, caps and an assortment of purple paraphernalia; however, the BEC staff offers daily encouragement and assists Michelle whenever the need arises.

Michelle, 29, was diagnosed with lupus two years ago by her rheumatologist when she came down with pneumonia, and wouldn't get better.

The condition has drastically changed her life.

Records show that an estimated 5.5 million persons globally live with the chronic autoimmune disease brought on by genetics, environment and hormonal imbalances in the body.

"It's when your immune system no longer recognizes you as a part of it, and instead of fighting off infections and disease, it starts to attack normal, healthy tissues," Michelle explained. "So it will attack your kidneys, your lungs, your heart, your joints, your skin and so forth."

Common symptoms include debilitating pain, fatigue and unexplained flare-ups impacting random parts of the body especially internal organs – symptoms that



Above: BEC's Abaco Staff supports Michelle Thurston, a co-worker who has lupus.

Michelle is all too familiar with. When her flare-ups occur, Michelle experiences muscle fatigue, and flu-like symptoms that causes a high fever.

"It isn't like there's a disease in you; it's your own body fighting you," she said.

The flare-ups require doctor's visits, where she begins steroid treatments and has to be hooked up to a drip to get better. Besides steroid treatments, Michelle has to take four medications and four supplements. The main treatment for lupus is immune-suppressors to give the body the chance to rebuild.

Additionally, she has to take a liver and kidney test monthly, and every six months she has to see an eye doctor to ensure that platelets are not building up in her eyes.

The flare-ups lead to bloating and swelling of the joints not to mention lack of sleep.

"A lot of things I used to love to do,

I can't do because my lupus – it attacks my muscles," she reflected. "It's not the same for every person; it deals with each person differently.

"A lot of things I used to like to do like long walks, swimming, dancing, I can't do them anymore because my muscles are really weak and not as strong as they used to be."

Frequently, her veins have collapsed on doctor's visits, but she is fortunate that her liver and kidneys are still in good shape because lupus takes a serious toll on the body's organs.

"It's like we are the walking dead; we're dying inside, and we don't know," she said matter-of-factly.

One day, Michelle went home to rest because she was not feeling well. It was a good thing that her co-worker Roger Delancy stopped by to check on her. Her kidneys and heart had begun to fail with her blood pressure dropping, but thank-

fully she arrived at the doctor's office in the nick of time.

Michelle is known to be very independent, and help has to be forced on her.

"She understands the condition and she knows the nature of it, but she still hasn't gotten use to the idea of people being there for her and helping her and supporting her," Seymour said. "So what we did today, we came together as a group to show our unified support and to let her know that no matter what we stand behind her."

So with the help of family, friends and co-workers, Michelle enjoys some good days particularly when she has some coconut water to go along with it. Since her diagnosis, she has learned that there are a lot of people in Abaco with lupus who don't say anything because there is a stigma attached to it.

"When you tell them that you have lupus, the first thing they say is, 'Oh you're going to die.'" There is never anything good [said]."

While there are no concrete statistics on the number of Bahamians with lupus, the Nassau-based support group, Lupus 242, is geared toward establishing a local database of lupus patients in addition to raising awareness. Their activities include a balloon release, tea party and church service.

Her parting words as she appealed to Bahamians to support the Lupus Bahamas 242 community: "Don't give up. Lupus is a tough disease, but you're stronger. You're stronger than lupus and you gotta fight."

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Investigation continues.

## Alleged Drowning

On Sunday 11th, May 2014, at 6:25 p.m. a resident of Guana Cay contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that a male aboard a vessel traveling from Guana Cay to Hope Town fell overboard into the open waters off Guana Cay and drowned. Police assistance was requested.

Emergency Medical Services Technicians along with both Doctors of the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic responded and pronounced the male dead.

All parties aboard the rental vessel are reported to be United States Citizens who came into the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (Abaco Island) on Saturday 10th, May 2014. The deceased male is reported to have dived into the water to retrieve an item which blew off the boat, when he experienced respiratory challenges. His identity is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin. He is a 52 year old male from Virginia Beach Virginia, U.S.A. Investigations continue.

## Illegal Immigration

At 11:45 p.m. on Thursday 8th, May 2014, an anonymous caller contacted the Marsh Harbour Police Station and reported that a vessel was at Snake Cay, South Abaco with suspected illegal immigrants aboard. Police Officers accompanied by a team Defense Force Officers and Immigration Officers proceeded to Snake Cay where they arrested twenty-one (21) illegal Haitian Nationals. They were all brought to the Marsh Harbour Police Station for safekeeping.

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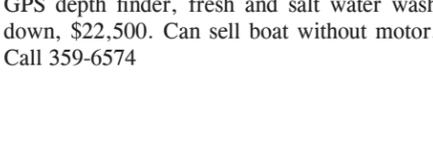

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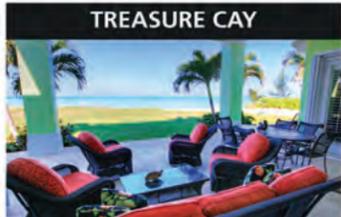
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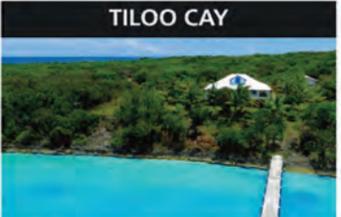
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This 3 bdrm waterfront home comes equipped with 2 docks, a pool and has been immaculately renovated from top to bottom.

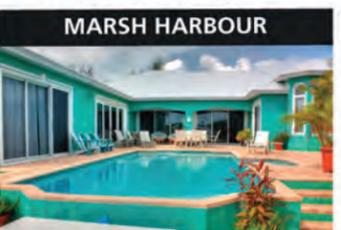
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**Hidden Paradise!**  
Tucked away on a protected harbour is this 1.61 acre private waterfront estate featuring two cottages.  
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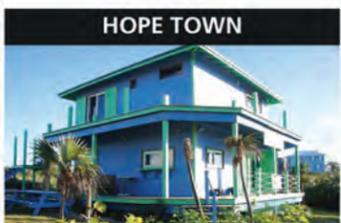
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**Luxury Canal Home!**  
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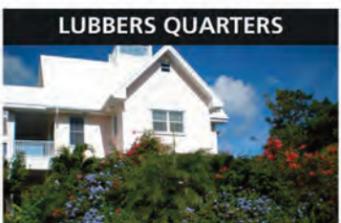
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Comfortable 3 bdrm home enjoys spectacular views on both sides of the house and private and protected dockage.  
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Charming 2 bdrm hillside cottage at the end of a quiet lane offers fantastic views of the Atlantic.  
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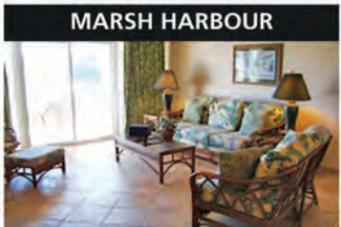
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**Well Built!**  
Newly constructed 3 bdrm hillside home enjoys tons of features and incredible beach and ocean views.  
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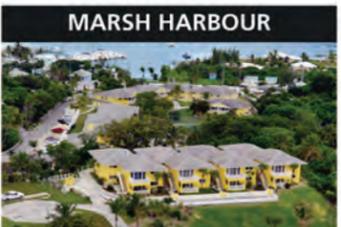
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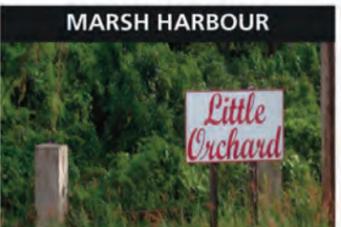
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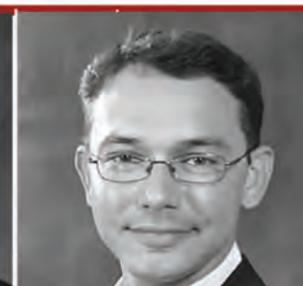
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