



JUNE 2010

JAZZ ON THE PIER (PART 2) JUNE 18 - The Portland segment of the 2010 Ocho Rios Hazz Festival will again be held on the Ken Wright Pier at the marina on Friday, June 18 from 7 p.m. Considered one of the Marina's Signature Events, the "Jazz on the Pier" night brings together a highly entertaining collection of international and Jamaican jazz and blues artists giving their all for charity. This year's beneficiary is the Muirton Boys Home in East Portland. The event is under the joint sponsorship of the Custos or Portland Magistrate's Association and the Ocho Rios Jazz Festival, an outreach programme dedicated to promoting the musical arts in Jamaica. Tickets, at \$1,000 JAD are available at the marina office.

GOING TO CUBA? GET INSURED - Heading off to that forbidden place to the north of Jamaica? Better be sure you're insured as Cuban authorities from May 1 are insisting all visitors must have adequate medical insurance. If you don't have any, the Castro Brothers will be happy to sell you coverage for your stay there at the rate of \$3.00 USD per day per person through their Cubatur agency. It's a bit higher than that if you're over 70 years old (or is it young?). Our Cuba intel sources say the enforcement of the new rule is a bit spotty but you can be certain it will improve as time passes. Oh, and yes, the Cubans will not accept policies from any USA insurance underwriter! (No big surprise there!) Port Antonio is oft referred to as the "back door to Cuba" for its proximity to scenic Santiago de Cuba in the island's southeastern sector.

NAVY ISLAND GETTING FACELIFT- Several vendors have already expressed an interest in taking over the Crusoe Beach facility at Port Antonio's Navy Island. The area from the main island docks to the beach on the west side of the property is about to get a proper facelift after years of neglect. As all areas in and around the East and West harbours, Navy Island is administered by the Port Authority of Jamaica through the Errol Flynn Marina's management team. For details on the business opportunities on the island and at other Port Antonio facilities for lease, contact Dale B. Westin, general manager at 876-715-6044 or email to: dwestin@portjam.com

OPPORTUNITIES, OPPORTUNITIES, OPPORTUNITIES - Business opportunities in the marina are now starting to be snapped up by forward looking entrepreneurs sensing a turnaround in the world economy and evidenced by unprecedented numbers at Errol Flynn Marina during the past season. Among properties currently available are the following:

Boundbrook Wharf- Full deepwater port suitable for a RO-RO container operation (Roll-Off, Roll-On), huge cold and dry storage facility plus massive office space, parking and shop facilities. The facility was recently occupied by Banana Export Company.

Delicatessen/Gourmet Shoppe - located on the main marina premises, ideally suited for a sidewalk café and gourmet foods operation catering to the yacht and high end villa market. Ample parking, exceptional scenic seaside location.

Marina Boatyard- This needs a serious operator with some funds to invest- The boatyard has been declared a duty and tax free zone to facilitate stocking and supplying the facility and enabling the operator to be competitive with USA pricing.

Office/Shop - Originally designed as a crew's lounge, the facility was most recently occupied by the Tourist Product Development Company until their recent office consolidation. Prominently located on the ground floor of the marina administration building, this facility is in outstanding condition and available for immediate occupancy.

For complete details, lease applications, etc. on any of the above listed property, please consult Dale B. Westin, general manager at 876-715-6044.

FLYNN "FLIMS" THURSDAY NIGHT- No, that's not a typo, that's how we say and spell "film" in West Indian patois down here! Try saying "Flynn Flim Fest" three times, really fast. Check out "Captain Blood", "They Died With Their Boots On", "Sea Hawk" and other Flynn signature features from about 7 p.m. on subsequent Thursday nights. The "flims" are free but you must pay for the popcorn! A documentary on Errol Flynn's famous schooner "Zaca", narrated by Flynn's widow, Actress Patrice Wymore Flynn, will also be shown on the jumbo screen projection TV.

CHECK OUT WWW.SEAWORTHY.COM – Our good friend, Steve Pavlidis, author of numerous yachting guides to the Caribbean, has an interesting website our readers should find helpful in selecting harbours, marina services, etc., throughout the region.

TROPICAL WEATHER HQ. – With hurricane season officially underway from June 1, we find that www.stormpulse.com is our best source for reliable tropical activity in the Caribbean. The site has an excellent user-friendly format that provides the most up-to-date data available from a myriad of sources. The site also includes useful data from numerous ocean buoys scattered through the region.

YUMMIES FOR THE TUMMY - . Looking for a great way to chill out a bit on these hot sultry nights? Try one of the long list of Scoops sumptuous ice cream flavours on a sugar cone and you're on your way to summer heaven. Then, top that off with a stroll on the marina promenade or just lyme a bit in one of the many gazebos along the way. A perfect way to cap of a moonlit night!

RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET??? While Errol Flynn Marina is noted for being the most beautiful facility of its type in the Caribbean, most don't know that it is also the sight of some of the most spectacular sunsets anywhere. Anytime you're around at sundown, be sure to check it out from one of the many vantage viewing locations and don't forget your camera! If you can't get here and would like to find out what you're missing, just drop us an email and we'll send you a sample photo or two. Just email us: dwestin@portjam.com and we'll send them at no charge. They make great screensavers too! How's this one taken by USA Peace Corps Volunteer John Hunter:



Photo by Josh Hunter

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