

NOVEMBER, 2012 – Our 60th Edition



THE 28TH ANNUAL CANOE TOURNAMENT, while delayed a few days due to Hurricane Sandy, had 16 participants and was sponsored by Stone's Ginger Wine, Kentucky Fried Chicken and The Portland Chamber of Commerce. (ERROL FLYNN MARINA PHOTO)

CATCH US NOW ON FACEBOOK- While you get "Docklines" at the start of every month, you can get up to the minute news about the marina and boatyard as it happens now on Facebook. Check out "Errol Flynn Marina and Boatyard" The site will also include news of general interest to the Port Antonio area. As part of our goal to expand our coverage, also look for us soon on Twitter.

KEVIN KLINE TO STAR IN NEW FLYNN FLICK-Oscar winner Kevin Kline is attached to play screen legend Errol Flynn in "The Last of Robin Hood," an indie pic set up at Killer Films that "Quinceanera" helmers Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland will direct from their own original screenplay. Pic, which is based on Flynn's last days before he died of a heart attack at age 50, follows his relationship with 17 year-old Beverly Aadland, an actress who was allegedly seduced by Flynn when she was only 15 years old and eventually grew to love the "Adventures of Robin Hood" star. She also co-starred in Flynn's last film "Cuban Rebel Girls." Susan Sarandon is attached to co-star as Florence

Aadland, Beverly's stage mother who wanted to be a star herself but ended up living vicariously through her daughter. The elder Aadland wrote "The Big Love," a book about the taboo love affair that was later adapted as a play starring Tracey Ullman as Florence. "The Last of Robin Hood," which features a juicy role for a young actress, is slated to start production in January.

OUR TWICE-TESTED HURRICANE HOLE- Two direct hurricane hit in three years has confirmed what we always thought about West Harbour and the Errol Flynn Marina...that it is one of the best protected hurricane holes in the Caribbean; bar none. The recent Hurricane Sandy, belted the marina with near Category Two winds from the south, **taking** with it extensive amounts of trees and shrubbery, but leaving some 40 yachts unscathed. One yacht sustained only some minor window damage from flying debris. Some three years ago, another hurricane, "Isaac", went across Haiti to Cuba and then reversed its course and headed directly south to Port Antonio, hitting the marina head-on. No yachts were damaged, but foliage was strewn about extensively. We don't pretend to represent our location as being 100 per cent hurricane safe as a Category Four storm could be a completely different story. We do know that from a protection standpoint, it will be hard to find a better location in the Caribbean hurricane belt.



ERROL FLYNN MARINA SCENE DURING "SANDY" A major segment of the boats participating in the 49th Annual Port Antonio Marlin Tournament sought refuge at the marina as the eye of the hurricane passed over the harbor. (ERROL FLYNN MARINA PHOTO)

CRUISE SHIPS RETURN NOV. 22- "Quest of Adventure" will be our first cruise ship visitor of the season, arriving for the day on Nov. 22. "Columbus" will follow on Nov. 29 with an estimated 500 passengers. A special beach picnic party is planned for the visitors during the afternoon. Presently a total of five "calls" are expected during the season through March, 2013.

MARINA HURRICANE RECOVERY UNDERWAY- While no yacht in the marina or shipyard was damaged during Hurricane Sandy, Wednesday, October 24, the marina park grounds took a severe beating, according to General Manager Paul Dadd. "Landscape and maintenance crew had their work cut out for them" and put in long hours to bring the marina back to its normal state in as short a time as possible," Dadd noted. Hurricanes also have a strange ways that are hard to explain, he reminded. "We lost most of our beach sand in a late September torrential rain, only to get it back after Hurricane Sandy, plus the sea grass at the beach is now mostly gone, "Dadd said.

"DIANA" TAKES TOP MARLIN TOURNEY HONORS- In a heavily rescheduled 49th Annual Port Antonio Marlin with the eye of Hurricane Sandy passing almost directly overhead, the Sport fishing Yacht "Diana" took top honors once again. Operated by Richard and Diana Stewart of Kingston and Port Antonio, the boat has been one of the most ardent supporters of the annual tournament, which is hosted by the Sir Henry Morgan Angling Association. The tournament was officially kicked off on Monday, Oct. 22 with a excellent full day of fishing. With the approaching Hurricane Sandy on Tuesday, Oct. 23, the weather began deteriorating, resulting in a number of yachts retiring early to find available refuge at the Errol Flynn Marina. The local boat 28th Annual Canoe Tournament, schedule for Wednesday, Oct. 24, when the hurricane hit almost directly, was rescheduled to the following Sunday. On Thursday, regular fishing was suspended to get through the aftermath of the hurricane. Fishing continued on Friday and Saturday with prize giving on Saturday night. The canoe tournament went off on Sunday with 16 boats participating.

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