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MARITIME AUTHORITY SEEKS TO REGISTER “LOCAL” BOATS- The Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) is seeking to familiarize “local” boat owners of the requirements of soon to be effective legislation requiring registration of boats normally “resident” in the country. Jamaica pleasure craft owners have preferred to register their vessels in other countries because of the possible duty implications for them in registering in Jamaica. *The concern remained valid even in the absence of strong evidence that the customs department sought to collect duty on pleasure craft so registered. Through a collaborative effort involving the Maritime Authority and its parent Ministry, the Custom's Department and its parent Ministry as well as representatives of the pleasure boating community, a framework for the admission into Jamaica of such vessels without the 'threat' of current duty, was agreed upon and is expected to shortly become law.* “In anticipation of this, we seek to ensure a mechanism is in place to provide fair notification of the agreed conditions, their application and implications. We believe a direct interaction with owners is best,” according to MAJ’s Seymour Harley. It is expected that between now and the end of the year, a variety of explanatory sessions will be held throughout the country to fully elaborate on the new law. Specific questions should be directed to MAJ at 1876-967-1060.

Governor General Opens Marlin Tournament Oct. 22- The 49th Edition of the Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament gets underway from Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Old Marina in Port Antonio. At Docklines press time, an estimated 30 fishing yachts were expected to participate in the weeklong event. The hard-core fishing actually kicks off on Monday, Oct. 22 when Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen officially opens the tournament at 7 a.m. The Governor General will be marched onto the Old Marina by the Port Antonio Strykers Marching Band. Following various formalities, Sir Allen will officially start the parade of yachts and the fishing will begin. Official fishing days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, commencing on Oct. 22. In the middle of the Marlin Tournament is the Portland Chamber of Commerce’s Canoe Tournament for local fishing boats on Wednesday, Oct. 24. As many a 40 local canoes are expected to enter this year. Details on the Marlin Tournament can be obtained from Chairman Dr. Ron DuQuesnay at 1876-909-8818.

PAUL DADD NAMED ERROL FLYNN MARINA MANAGER- The Port Authority of Jamaica has named Paul Dadd as the new manager of the Errol Flynn Marina and Boatyard. The position also includes responsibilities for the Ken Wright Cruise Ship Terminal, Navy Island, Boundbrook Wharf, and various Port Authority of Jamaica properties in Port

Antonio. *Paul, of Kingston, is an inveterate sailor and an active member of the Sir Henry Morgan Angling Association, operators of the annual Port Antonio Blue Marlin Tournament. He succeeds Dale Westin who concludes five years in the position effective Oct. 31.* Paul has spent the better part of his life in the service industry, in Jamaica and overseas. Born in St. Andrew, Paul emigrated to Ontario, Canada in 1960, where he completed formal high school and college education, attaining qualification in nursing. He then moved to British Columbia where he started his first charter boat business, cruising the islands off the west coast of Canada, while working as an emergency medical technician/paramedic to help fund his further education in nursing. *Returning to Jamaica 'briefly' before starting the new semesters in 1983, his calling for the marine life diverted his course to establishing and operating a diving and watersports business in the Ocho Rios area. This was expanded to three locations on the north coast and one in Kingston, during which time he also obtained his diving license as an Instructor Development Certification (IDC) staff instructor with the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) and instructor trainer with the American/Canadian Underwater Certification (ACUC) Institute.* In 1989, after single-handed renovation of a 41-foot Morgan sail boat (derelict of Hurricane Gilbert) Paul introduced this vessel to her place in the charter business, doing round-the-island sailing as well as cruises to Cuba and the Bahamas. In between growing and marketing his business and attending various diving and boat shows, Paul found time to pilot boat deliveries from Florida and the British Virgin Islands to Jamaica. *A determined environmentalist, he engineered the sinking of two wrecks in the Ocho Rios area to stimulate reef-building and fisheries and enhance the diving attraction to Jamaica's tourism product. The "Kathryn", a 250-foot Canadian minesweeper was similarly dedicated to the parishes of St. Ann and St. Mary, during a handing-over ceremony to the Custodes.* Over the past 12 years, in keeping apace of technology, Paul qualified himself with the prestigious MCSE License (Information Technology) and is an IT consultant to many companies, including accounting and legal firms, hotels and sports bars throughout Jamaica - including Usain Bolt's famous Tracks & Records - implementing, training and managing their systems. Unstoppable in the quest for knowledge, he is currently pursuing a degree in business management. His involvements have included: St Ann Chamber of Commerce, Georgian Society and was this year appointed Justice of the Peace for the Parish of St. Mary A natural 'people-person', Paul is married, to Karen and is a role model for three children; Paul, 25; Samantha, 15; and Gregory, 13.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING SHOW OCT. 14- Port Antonio's Synchro Swimming Group will be presenting their latest routines Sunday, Oct. 14, from 4 p.m. at the Fern Hill Club in San San. Fern Hill Club is located at the top of Fern Gulley Road which is opposite the entrance to Frenchman's Cove Resort. According to Olga Lee, their Olympic gold medallist coach, the group has added a significant number of new members since their last show and will be presenting many new routines in addition to some of those seen previously. Tickets, at \$300.00 JAD, can be obtained at the Dekal Wireless office in Port Antonio, The Lady G Diver at the marina and also at the door of the event.

IF YOU DON'T HEAR A GOOD RUMOR BY 10 O'CLOCK ... you simply start one! Or so goes the saying throughout the Caribbean! Well, we heard there will be some heavy betting going on as to which of 40 or so canoes entered in the Portland Chamber of Commerce's annual tournament Wednesday, Oct. 24, will be bringing in the biggest catch. Now it is no big secret that the canoe tournament, featuring seasoned fishermen with the most basic of equipment, bring in the biggest fish; in fact often a lot bigger than those with the fancy equipment and big boats. It will be especially interesting to see which canoe wins the tournament and brings some luck better a big upturn in cash flow!

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Why did reporters for years end their stories by writing "-30-"? The use of the symbol was once so prevalent that it made its way into Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, which says 30 is "a sign of completion." But the tradition of using it to cap off a piece of sprightly copy dropped off considerably when the computer replaced the typewriter — the *what?* — in America's newsrooms. So it's a term whose meaning is lost on many younger journalists. *Irrespective, it's this former journalist's way of saying a fond farewell to a five-year-era of my life here as general manager of Errol Flynn Marina. I've had the privilege of making numerous lifelong friends and working with the best "A Team" I've ever had. We all go through life thinking of some of the outstanding folks we've worked with over the years and I will long remember the Errol Flynn team as the "best of the best".* My special thanks to Dockmaster-Operations Chief George Munro, who always walked that extra mile when needed; and to a tiny bundle of energy named Christine Downer, our office manager, that "mostly" kept me out of trouble and steered me through the maze of Jamaican Government rules and regulations. (Proper Procedure, You Know!) *It's true that all good things must come to an end and the Port Authority of Jamaica simply elected to not renew my contract. From Nov. 1, I will be returning to my original career as a journalist with the intent of completing my book "Caribbean Reflections" (That's only the secondary title!) covering my experiences in the region since 1979. To all, who made my tenure here so enjoyable and memorable, my most sincere "Thanks".* For most, the origin of "-30-" is less important than what it represents, a remnant of a bygone era when shouts of "copy" echoed through the newsroom and computers seemed only the stuff science fiction was made of. - Dale Westin

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