

## **JULY 2010 ISSUE**

**47<sup>TH</sup> MARLIN TOURNAMENT-** The 47<sup>th</sup> edition of the Port Antonio International Marlin Tournament will be held at the Port Antonio Marina (Old Marina) from Saturday, Oct. 9 through Saturday, October 16. The annual event will feature four days of intensive fishing coupled with several days of serious partying and entertainment. The week-long event also includes the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Antonio Canoe Tournament for local fishing boats Wednesday, Oct. 13 which is also the lay day for those in the regular tournament. Complete details and registration forms are available at the Errol Flynn Marina and the Port Antonio Marina or by calling (1)876-927-0145 or email to [rondq@mail.infochan.com](mailto:rondq@mail.infochan.com) To register on-line, go to [www.jamaicasportfishing.com](http://www.jamaicasportfishing.com)

**JERK FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JULY 4-** The nearby Folly Cricket Oval will be the site of the 2010 Portland Jerk Festival, Sunday, July 4, and will feature more than 25 authentic jerk vendors offering jerk pork, lobster, shrimp, chicken, goat, beef and conch, plus other jerked meats as reasonable prices. Entertainment will feature a combination of popular artists and cultural items throughout the day. Notable among the numerous artists is famed Grenada Calypsonian Mighty Sparrow. The Folly Oval is located a few kilometers east of Errol Flynn Marina along East Harbour and the North Coast Road.



It's a tough life, but these are the kind of sunsets that confront us almost every night in Port Antonio. (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)

**WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE HERE?** It is truly amazing how a few segments of the mainstream international press have blown recent events in Kingston, Jamaica, all out of proportion in their attempts to sensationalize and embellish. We even heard one TV report (from so-called "informed" sources) that Jamaican Army helicopter gunships were bombing and strafing certain areas of the city. Never mind the fact the Jamaican Army has no helicopter gunships! Or even an air wing! While its true there were serious problems in two areas of West Kingston, they were totally confined to those zones and had no effect whatsoever on any airport operations or areas frequented by tourists either in Kingston or anywhere else in Jamaica. In Portland Parish, where Errol Flynn Marina is located on the northeast corner of the island, it's business as usual. Portland not only enjoys the lowest crime rate in Jamaica, but the entire Caribbean!

**'KNOTTY' PLACE** - While most of our yacht crews are pretty well into knot tying, there is another kind of tying the knot now happening with increased regularity at Errol Flynn Marina. Most of the weekends between now and September are booked for wedding receptions on the Ken Wright Cruise Pier. Several marina facilities are available for special events including weddings, receptions, family reunions, concerts, seminars and special events. The marina's abundant display of flora also makes for a colourful background for those cherished wedding photos. For details on availability and rates, call 876-715-6044.



**Errol Flynn Marina's Boatyard is a busy place this season as a record number of yachts have selected Port Antonio as their hurricane hole for the coming season. (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)**

**IN/OUT HAULING FOR ONLY FIVE BUCKS!** – No, that's not a typo- you can get your yacht hauled out and relaunched for just US\$5.00 per foot. That works out to only \$200.00 for a 40-foot yacht. With a price like that it could be one reason we have a nearly full boatyard. For details contact Operations Manager George Munro at 876-715-6044. Our West Harbour location, with it's orientation to the northwest and our protection from the east by not one, but two mountain ranges, makes Port Antonio an ideal "hurricane hole". Neither we, nor anyone else, can claim their Caribbean location is 100 per cent guaranteed to be hurricane proof. We just know the odds are in our favour here!

**NEW JAMAICAN CRUISING GUIDE READY-** July 1 is the expected arrival date for the first edition of the Jamaican Cruising Guide. This very welcome on-line guide consists of more than 17,000 words and over 120 pages. It finally takes Jamaica from the "also ran" inclusions of many of the very early so-called Caribbean wide cruising guides. Naturally we are pleased by the many complimentary references to Errol Flynn Marina. Author of the guide is Frank Virgintino who recently cruised Jamaica extensively. Virgintino also has an on-line guide to the Dominican Republic. The Jamaican Cruising Guide can be found at [www.jamaicancruisingguide.com](http://www.jamaicancruisingguide.com). Frank always appreciates suggestions and comments regarding adjustments, additions or changes. There will also be a version in Spanish coming on line in the near future. Viva la Frank!

**'MORGAN' IN LIVING COLOUR-** We all remember the matter-of-fact (yes, mundane, boring) descriptions of the illustrious Buccaneer, Henry Morgan, from high school history text books. Now, at long last there's "Morgan"; a fast-reading, earthy account of Sir Henry's infamous raid on Maracaibo, Venezuela. It's penned by Rolf Lyon, a recent Errol Flynn Marina visitor, sailor and inveterate researcher into the lives of the Buccaneers. The year 1669 was at the peak of the Renaissance and there were more geniuses on the planet than at any time before in history. Henry Morgan was one of these people. Along with two-thousand Buccaneers, Morgan initiated a series of attacks against Spanish cities in the New World that eventually brought Spain to her knees. This is the story of one of those raids; the sack of Maracaibo. Your Docklines editor rates this a "don't miss".

**ART SHOW EVERY SUNDAY-** Check out the collection of original art pieces every Sunday around the swimming pool at the marina. The free show features a variety of works by up and coming local and regional artists. Local artists are always invited to participate and there is no cost to be included in the exhibit.

**NEED A TEMP SKIPPER?** – We know there are a number of yacht owners that would like to visit Port Antonio and the Central Caribbean, but simply don't have the time to make the passage. We have several fully licensed skippers, based in the USA, Bahamas, and Jamaica, available to assist. All have a significant track record of deliveries to the Caribbean. For a listing of available captains, please contact us at [info@errolflynnmarina.com](mailto:info@errolflynnmarina.com) or call us at 876-715-6044.

**INTERESTING PERSONALITIES** – Managing a facility like Errol Flynn Marina always affords us the chance of meeting an endless parade of interesting visitors, ranging from the rich and famous to the strictly unusual. Such was the case recently with Ray Jason: Ray Jason, veteran juggler and street performer from San Francisco, is always an audience favorite with his light banter and smooth showmanship. He has been juggling on the waterfront in his home town for 26 years. He's also been the official juggler of the 49'ers Football Team and has performed with such diverse performing talents as John Denver, Rich Little and Ray Charles. Ray's patented act includes nice moves with three bowling balls and his *piece de la resistance* of three torches blindfolded. Ray also writes. For many years, Jason has been delighting the readers of the widely admired sailing magazine, Latitude 38, with his "Sea Gypsy Vignettes." These hilarious stories chronicle some of the misadventures of today's sailboat cruisers. Now, for the first time ever, some of his best yarns are available in one book. So settle back in your armchair and sail away with the offbeat characters that roam the pages of Tales of a Sea Gypsy. Relive the terror of getting rammed by a tanker - not just once, but TWICE! Discover the little-known danger of poodles in hurricanes. And ponder how a donkey could possibly wander into a sea story. If romance and passion are what lure you to sea, you'll find these pages full of it in some of its most intriguing variations. Meet a couple bonded together by epoxy glue. Enter a disco full of people dancing in their underwear. And encounter lovers who unleash the little-known erotic power of macaroons. These are just a few of the bizarre episodes that make these twenty-two stories so captivating. But reader be forewarned: These are some of the very people that Jimmy Buffet warned us about!

**WEEKEND JAZZ HOTSPOT-** Fast becoming a popular dig for some great jazz and superb food is the new Rusalka Restaurant on the first floor (Second floor for the Yanks) of the marina administration building. Don't miss "Brutus and Friends" every Friday and Saturday night from 7 p.m. For reservations call 876-298-8773 or 876-715-5756. Rusalka is open every day from 11 a.m. to late evening.



Recently-opened Marybelle's Pub on the Pier at the marina has been a popular spot during the recent World Cup activity. Who would have thought all these elbow benders would be up at 6:30 (yes a.m.) to cheer on their fav teams. (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)

**"CUBA SI" GAINING GROUND IN USA-** With a number of bills in the American Congress seeking to lift the draconian, half-century-old embargo against our neighbors to the north, there are increasing signs the movement stands a chance of passing in the next few years. A recent CNN poll indicated two-thirds of those polled felt the embargo measures were pointless and favoured their repeal. It is felt that a repeal of the USA travel ban on Cuba will result in a new Central Caribbean cruising ground for yachts consisting of the south side of Cuba, Cayman Islands and the north side of Jamaica.

**NEW PORTLAND PARISH BOOK WEBSITE –** Canadian Author Ken Rouche’s new book, “Portland: The Other Jamaica” will be released early this month. Details can be found on Ken’s website: [www.portlandtheotherjamaica.com](http://www.portlandtheotherjamaica.com) The should be interesting reading for those of us who have already discovered or are discovering this “other side of Jamaica. It’s subtitled, “Tales of Dreamers, Schemers and Crusaders,” and is intended to convey the unique qualities of this most beautiful of parishes. Portland has more mountains, rivers, flora and fauna and rain and perhaps has experienced more natural calamities than any other parish. That environment has shaped Portland's history and has also attracted many dreamers and a few schemers, and still does. As Errol Flynn once said: "Portland is more beautiful than any woman". The people and the places of Portland have combined to create a parish like no other.

**'FABULOUS' ERROL FLYNN MARINA?** It is pleasing to note that several of our marina based businesses list themselves as being located at the “Fabulous Errol Flynn Marina”. Whoever came up with that line, we say “thanks”. Enough said.

**GREAT HUTS, GREAT SCOTT! –** Care to try something a little different in the way or dining and entertainment? Check out Great Huts over in Boston Bay on Saturday night (any Saturday night) for their African Drumming and Dance Exhibition from 7 to 9 p.m. with dinner. For reservations, call 876-993-8888 or check their website: [www.greathuts.com](http://www.greathuts.com)

**DINGHY DOCK, YES! AT LAST –** The pleas of our many good friends that ride the hook while visiting with us will soon be answered with the pending installation of a 40 foot by 8 foot aluminum dinghy dock and 20-foot aluminum access ramp. The new floating dock addition will be positioned on the waterfront by the marina administration building. With the ramp access, our visitors will even be able to take the dock carts directly down the ramp to load provisions, etc. directly into their dinks. It is expected the dock installation will be completed before November (2010 of course!). Prior to the new dinghy dock, visitors had to bring their dinghies to the main dock and have to get up some four feet to the top of the dock to get off their boats. The dock will be low profile to facilitate loading and unloading and have ample cleats so visitors can lock their dinghies to the dock if desired..



A Jamaica cell phone company makes good use of the marina’s Promenade Green for a recent all-day event that combined outdoor fun and entertainment with sales promotion. The “Green” is one of several marina areas available for events of all types. (Errol Flynn Marina Photo)

### ***Errol Flynn Marina and Shipyard***

***Box 188-Ken Wright Drive- Port Antonio, Portland, Jamaica, W. I.***

***Tel: 876-715-6044 or 876-993-3209 Fax: 876-715-6033***

***www.errolflynnmarina.com – email: info@errolflynnmarina.com***

***VHF Channel 16/9---18°11.65'N, 76°26.875'W – Use DMA Chart 26129 or Admiralty 458 (Recommended)***

Opinions Expressed in this Publication are those of the Editor and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Port Authority of Jamaica

