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HAITI RELIEF YACHTS CALL – In recent weeks, we've had the pleasure of making many friends from those yachts which have been carrying relief goods and medical assistance to many of the tiny Haitian ports which are not accessible to large commercial vessels. This effort has been coordinated largely by Oceans Watch. As this issue of Docklines went to press, another flotilla was expected to arrive in Port Antonio after calling at their assigned ports in Haiti. It has been reported by several of the yachts that many of these remote locations reported their recent visit was the first relief their area had seen since the earthquake struck. We salute the efforts of these volunteer sailors and urge our readers to continue to support the Haiti relief effort.

VIVE LA FRANCE! - We are pleased to have been selected to again host the Transcaribes Rally 2010 again April 15-17. The annual rally consists of 10-15 yachts mostly from the Eastern Caribbean department of Guadeloupe. The group stops in French St. Martin and the Dominican Republic enroute to Jamaica before their finale leg to Cienfuegos, Cuba.

"KNIGHT AND DAY" FILMED HERE - We recently said goodbye to Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz and crew who filmed the final scenes from their action thriller "Knight and Day" at nearby Frenchman's Cove. Our resident dive boat, "Lady G Diver" served as the main camera boat. This was Tom Cruise' second film in Port Antonio. He previously starred in "Cocktail" with Elizabeth Shue which was filmed partly at Dragon Bay, east of Port Antonio. Check out You Tube to see the "Knight and Day" movie trailer.

ART SHOW EVERY SUNDAY – Check out an interesting collection of original artwork produced by both local and regional artists every Sunday afternoon at the marina pool bar. These include some excellent paintings of Port Antonio and marina life, plus a variety of abstracts as well. Also included are a variety of ceramic pieces. One of the more unusual items is a galleon made from a cow's jawbone for the hull and cut bull's horns for the sails. The show runs from noon until dark and is open to all artists. There is no admission charge.

MARINA BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY- It has often been said that the best time to get a new business up and running is in the worst of times. As we are certainly seeing some signs of economic recovery in our industry, we want it to be known that we have an excellent facility available for lease that would make a superb gourmet shop and delicatessen/sidewalk café. This attractive seaside location is located directly on the marina promenade and comes with plenty of parking area. For details contact Marina General Manager Dale Westin – 876-477-6914 or email to dwestin@portjam.com

HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU! We'd like to know if there is any place in the Caribbean beside our Errol Flynn Marina Boatyard that you can get a 40 foot yacht hauled out and put back in the water for just \$200 bucks? If there is, please let us hear from you. Our boatyard 100 tonne Marina Travelift is a mere \$5.00 US per foot, both ways! We think that's quite a bargain in these times of double digit inflation. Like to schedule a haulout? Contact George Munro, our operations officer: gmunro@portjam.com

CRUISE SHIPS VISIT - In addition to our marina facilities, Port Antonio is also a regular cruise ship port of call for a number of "boutique size vessels" These are vessels under 660 feet in length and usually carrying less than 600 passengers. Recent visitors have included the Sea Cloud II and the Club Med II. On March 16 we will host our final cruise ship of the season, "M/S Deutschland, an unusual modern day cruise ship built to emanate the opulence of the 1920's. The small cruise ships that call at Port Antonio have a reputation for an unparalleled level of service, often having a crew-passenger ratio of almost one to one.

NEW RESTAURANT OPENS – We are pleased to be able to announce the opening of the new Rusalka Restaurant and Bar upstairs in the main marina building. Featuring an international and Jamaican menu at moderate prices, the new facility is open every day from 11 a.m. For reservations, call 876-298-8773. The Rusalka is now one of two restaurants on property at the marina. Norma's Beach Bar and Grille is located adjacent to the Ken Wright Cruise Pier at the north end of the marina. Phone is 876-993-9510.

CAN YOU BEAT THESE PRICES? Marybelle's Pub on the Pier, which recently opened poolside at the marina, has announced that the "Blue Monday" parties, featuring one dollar rum punch and two dollar beers will be continued. The parties were originally organized by a group of yachties prior to the opening of the pub. Marybelle indicated that not only will the tradition be continued, but the same low prices as well. The pub features wide-screen tv and free wi-fi.

JAMAICA ENTRY AMONG CLIPPER LEADERS- "Jamaica Lightning Bolt" is among the serious contenders in the early legs of the Clipper Round the World race. Following their hero's welcome and an unforgettable stopover in the Shandong provincial city of Qingdao, China, *Jamaica Lightning Bolt*, one of ten teams competing in the Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race, was treated to a spectacular send off for Race 7 of the 35,000-mile global challenge to San Francisco. As the brave sailors manned their boat and prepared to do battle with the largest ocean on the planet, thousands lined the breakwater of the Olympic Sailing Centre to send them on their way. A 15-knot breeze from the north gave a gentle introduction to the 5,680-mile race to California, USA, the longest leg in the history of the Clipper Race. Before them lie thousands of miles of Pacific Ocean and speaking ahead of the start, skipper of *Jamaica Lightning Bolt*, Pete Stirling, shared his thoughts on the race ahead.

We've had a few podiums, three thirds and now a second, and we've really enjoyed being on the podium and would like to stay there. This next one is the longest race in the whole round the world race and it's potentially going to be quite tough, very cold but with some good strong following winds. It's an endurance test really and the key thing is to look after the crew and the boat. We need to get across the other side in one piece. To finish first, first you have to finish," he added." Joining *Jamaica Lightning Bolt* for the Pacific leg is *Cork* crew member, Conor Murphy, who is racing on board the Caribbean entry following *Cork's* grounding in Race 6. The ten yacht racing fleet is expected to visit Port Antonio on or about May 15 for a four day layover. The actual arrival date is contingent on the Pacific crossing time, plus any delays that may be encountered transiting the Panama Canal. This will be their third visit to Jamaica. When the fleet departs Jamaica, they will be heading to New York and thence to Liverpool.

PLANNING A WEDDING, BAR MITZVA OR ??? – Errol Flynn Marina has several facilities available for short term rental to hold special events of all types. This includes the Ken Wright Cruise Pier, the Ken Wright Terminal Building, the marina beach and other facilities. The marina is fast becoming a popular venue for weddings, club meetings, seminars and other events. We have even hosted a group baptism. Interested? Check with our events coordinator, Christine Downer at 876-715-6044 or email cdowner@portjam.com for rental rates, complete details.

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