



**28 January – 2 February 2016**

**Island Water World Grenada Sailing Week 28 Jan – 2 Feb 2016 - Spice it up in Grenada!**

This upbeat, growing regatta is fast becoming established on the Caribbean racing calendar. Small enough to retain a warm and friendly welcome, but large enough to provide challenging competition, the racing fleet is a mixture of local and international yachts. It is organized by sailors for sailors, with a variety of race courses and host venues, introducing participants to Grenada's excellent sailing waters, marine services and talented entertainers.

**Growing Number of Participants**

The first edition of this sailing week in 2013 drew 29 entries. In 2014 the event drew 36 entries from 13 countries. In 2015 there were 39 boats registered from 12 countries. There are already 30 boats signed up for the 2016 regatta, so given previous trends, there should be over 40 participants, resulting in 350 - 450 captains/crew/supporters/officials coming to Grenada.

**Classes Competing**

For the 2016 event there is a range of options for a variety of boat designs and racing levels:

**Racing Class** - for the seriously competitive, spinnaker flying, hi tech boats

**Racer Cruiser 1 & 2** – these classes have the option of flying spinnakers with relevant handicap rating

**Cruising Class** – no spinnakers, as this is a more relaxed, fun class

**Classic Class** – longer courses have been specially tailored for these graceful traditional yachts

**J24 Class** – this is a one design class with crews on identical boats doing battle over multiple short races

**Charter Class** – if there are sufficient entries, this will also be an option, otherwise these boats will slot into the Racer/Cruiser or Cruising Classes

**Sponsorship**

**Island Water World** the chandlery that “Keeps you sailing!” continues their strong role as Title Sponsor. Their 3-year commitment and contribution to many aspects of this sailing week has been a big plus. The backing of this event from large international concerns, local marine services and tourism oriented companies and organizations, as well as small businesses, is great to see.

Race Day Sponsors are: **Mount Gay** with their ever popular Red Caps and Rum, premier marine paint supplier, **Sea Hawk**, and **Secret Harbour**, tucked away in one of Grenada's sheltered south coast bays. **Grenada Tourism Association** is once again helping to grow this event as Associate Sponsor, **Spice Island Marine Services** is a Gold Sponsor and **The Moorings** is a Charter Partner.

Silver Sponsors are: **Doyle Caribbean**, **Turbulence Ltd**, **Ace**, **Palm Tree Marine**, **Grenada Marine**, **Lance Aux Epines Cottages**, **Real Value IGA** and **Deco Industries distributors of 10 Saints Beer and Red Square Rum**.

Bronze Sponsors are: **Flying Fish Ventures**, **Sol**, **Coyaba Resort**, **The Multihull Company**, **Colombian Emeralds**, **Marine Tech Services**, **Summer Juices**, **Go2Fete** and **Dream Yacht Charters** and a number of GSW Friends have committed to cash or kind support.

**Host Venues**

Start host venue is the **Grenada Yacht Club**, historical home of Grenada's yacht racing and well placed as the kick off point for racing on the Western side of Grenada. On Saturday afternoon the yachts race around Point Saline and up to the second host venue, **Secret Harbour Marina** for some mid regatta partying and relaxing Lay Day. On Monday the yachts move down to the third host venue, **Prickly Bay Marina**, for exciting courses off the challenging South Coast and a grand finale to the week's racing.

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### **Press Boat**

To provide journalists and photographers with closer access to the race action, there will be a press boat going out to the race area for about 2 hours on selected days as follows:

- Friday 29 Jan – meet at Grenada Yacht Club dock at 8:45am
- Monday 1 Feb – meet at Prickly Bay Marina dock at 8:45am

Those who wish to take advantage of this service and book a place on the press boat must confirm with the regatta organizers via the contacts listed at the bottom of this page.

### **Racing & Party Schedule**

See separate pdf also [attached](#).

### **2016 GSW Board**

**Marc DeCaul** has been Board Chairman for the past 4 years. Marc has lived in Grenada all his life and enjoyed dinghy sailing as a young boy, but has recently started sailing and racing on bigger boats. He runs the Triathlon in Grenada, is an accomplished Triathlete, an event organizer and a local TV personality.

**Richard Szyjan** was born in Lorient, France and has been sailing since the age of ten on dinghies and windsurfers, then 85' racing cats in the 80's. He has over 30 years of nautical industry experience in sail making and rigging in the Caribbean and runs Turbulence Ltd. His passion is to race monohulls and multihulls, of which he keeps a few on hand.

**Patrick Brathwaite** is Grenadian born and a sailing enthusiast. His interest in sailing is more than social. With several investments in the marine sector (Island Water World, Grenada Marine and Shadowfax) he sees the future of sailing and Grenada as one.

**Mike Bingley** was born in the UK and has lived in Grenada for the past 10 years. His love of the water started many years ago. He bought his first yacht in 2002, sailed from the UK to the Caribbean and then fell in love with Grenada. Mike is a Diesel Engineer and owns Palm Tree Marine, so not only does he like racing boats but he also likes to fix them.

**Shawn Jardine** was born in England and moved to Trinidad at a young age. There he got involved in sailing and power boating, racing sailboats competitively during the past 40 years and cruising with his 36ft sailing sloop *Catbird*. Since settling in Grenada he has demonstrated his commitment to the Grenada sailing community and is part of the Spice Island Marine Services management team.

**Images** – please see photo captions on next page

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**CAPTIONS & LINKS FOR PHOTOS**

**[Link to Media Launch 7 Jan for 2016 Island Water World Grenada Sailing Week – please acknowledge Go2Fete](#)**

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/9026698/Grenada%20Sailing%20week%202016%20media%20Launch%207%20Jan.jpeg>

**[Links to sailing images from the 2015 event - please acknowledge photographer Tim Wright](#)**

Racing Class boats on the Start Line 2015

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Racing Class Winner 2015 - Category Five with spinnaker up at speed

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Racing Class: Dingo and Spirit of Juno cross tacks 2015

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Racer/Cruiser Class 1: Jaguar and Rapajam in close quarters 2015

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Racer/Cruiser Class 2: Julie Rule tacking upwind 2015

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Racer Cruiser Class 2: Happy crew on Girls for Sail 2015

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GSW Fleet going downwind to Point Saline - Piccolo in foreground 2015

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J24 Class: on the start line

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J24 Class: Fleet with their spinnakers flying 2015

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Classic Class: Coral of Cowes & The Blue Peter 2015

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Classic Class: Galatea surfs the waves 2015

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Best Performing Yacht of the Regatta 2016: Apero

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