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Sponsorship Program



# Antigua & Barbuda Search And Rescue

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## ABSAR Sponsorship Program

As ABSAR's call out volume and numbers of emergency responses increase, so do the demands on volunteers that man this invaluable service. So far to date we have had no loss of lives, and to help us continue this valuable service to the local and yachting communities, the board of directors feel that it is time to move ABSAR to the next phase of development. We are looking to find an office for a base of operations and also to begin paying Jonathan Cornelius, a fully qualified paramedic and fire-fighter, who presently donates all of his time to the running of ABSAR.

We have put together a yearly sponsorship plan to let you or your company, become involved in helping ABSAR to continue to save lives in and around Antigua & Barbuda.

Attached is ABSAR's history, a list of annual running costs, and a list of equipment that ABSAR presently needs.

ABSAR is in the process of acquiring a new boat, to replace our aging rescue boat. Some sponsorship money may be used for this purpose. Attached is a new boat specs and cost. If you or your corporation would like more information on contributing directly towards the boat, please call us for details.

All sponsors will get the following:

- Logo displayed in the ABSAR office, on the ABSAR website ([www.absar.org](http://www.absar.org)), and at the many fundraising events that ABSAR holds.
- Be listed as a sponsor in the newsletter. The newsletter is mailed to all ABSAR members, sponsors, ABMA members, and anyone else who requests it.

The yearly sponsorship categories are as follows:

Platinum - \$50,000

Gold - \$25,000

Silver - \$10,000

Bronze - \$2,500

*(All prices in EC Dollars)*

Please note – *if you can provide us with a needed service, instead of or as well as a monetary donation we will also accept that as a form of sponsorship.*

**We hope that you will join ABSAR knowing that you will be helping to save lives in Antigua & Barbuda.**

### ABSAR's History

ABSAR, Antigua Yacht Club Marina

Tel: 562-1234, VHF: Ch16

[www.absar.org](http://www.absar.org)



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Antigua Barbuda Search and Rescue (ABSAR) is a non-profit organization based at the Antigua Yacht Club Marina. It is solely run by volunteers and provides 24 / 7 emergency assistance in and around Antigua and Barbuda.

In 1996 Jonathan Cornelius contacted the race committee for the Antigua Race Week, and offered his services as a Paramedic. The Antigua Classic Regatta committee caught wind of his offer and contacted him about providing the same service for the Classic Regatta as well. During this time Jonathan began to cultivate a working relationship with Caribbean Helicopters, which proved invaluable during the Antigua Race Week 1996. That first year saw Jonathan operating from the committee boats of both regattas. In 1998 Jonathan met Alex Portman in his quest for a better rescue craft to be used in the Antigua Classic and Race Week Regattas. This craft is the 27' Revenger RIB still in use by ABSAR today. The boat has gone through 4 engine packages, a new deck, and new tubes since its manufacture.

ABSAR was formally started by Julie Harvey in 1998. Julie had been conducting aerial searches for various missing vessels using a private aircraft that she used in her private charter business. Both Julie and Jonathan saw the continued need for the development and expansion of ABSAR. Between 1998 and 2000 they worked together in assisting the marine community and providing the rescue services to the Classic Regatta and Antigua Race Week. Julie left Antigua in 2000 and turned the operations of ABSAR to Jonathan to continue ABSAR's development.

Between 1998 and 2004 ABSAR provided mainly logistical assistance to various mariners in distress, and geared up during April each year in order to provide assistance during the regattas. ABSAR began receiving assistance from paramedic David Fletcher of the Sussex Ambulance Service, in the form of medical teams flying over from England to provide additional assistance during the Classic and Race Weeks. These teams continue to support ABSAR every year and do so at their own expense in travel, accommodations, meals and transportation to and around Antigua each April.

ABSAR needed a home for the rescue boat and a means of operations. Mr. Falcone of the Antigua Yacht Club Marina generously offered to employ Jonathan with the flexibility to respond to any emergencies even while on duty for the marina. This relationship allowed ABSAR to begin year round operations. ABSAR quickly began to see an increase in call outs both in rescue and medical incidents. A plea for volunteers was put out to the community and many experienced sailors were keen to help out. By 2006 ABSAR began to take up so much of Jonathan's time from the marina that he resigned his position in order to allow the marina to hire a replacement.

ABSAR continues to provide emergency medical and rescue services for the Antigua Race week and Antigua Classic Regattas. During 2010 we treated over **400 medical cases, responded to 72 emergencies in our response vehicles, assisted 16 vessels in distress, launched our rescue boat to 9 Mayday calls, conducted 1 helicopter aerial search with Caribbean Helicopters, supported 5 regattas, and escorted 30 Trans-Atlantic Rowing boats into harbour.**

ABSAR is run by a board of Directors and is headed by Paramedic & fire-fighter Jonathan Cornelius. At present ABSAR does not have any paid staff, and is operated fully by a crew of volunteers.

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## Estimated Expenses

	Monthly	Yearly
Office	\$2,500	\$30,000
Housing	\$3000	\$36,000
Boat Fuel	\$1000	\$7,200
Boat Repairs	\$500	\$6,000
Boat Insurance	\$300	\$3,600
Response Vehicles Fuel	\$1000	\$12,000
Response Vehicles Insurance	\$350	\$4,200
Medical Supplies	\$500	\$6,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,150</b>	<b>\$109,800</b>

## ABSAR's Equipment Needs

Equipment	Vendor	Price
VHF HANDHELDS (x6 for crew)	ICOM	\$750
LIFE VESTS (x6 for crew)	MUSTANG	\$600
FOUL WEATHER GEAR (x6 for crew)	WEST MARINE	\$700
HELMETS (6x for crew)	GECKO	\$1000
WATERPROOF FLASHLIGHT (x4)	PELICAN	\$250
THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA	FIRE FLIR	\$25,000

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10.0M Naiad with twin 250 hp outboards...price \$300,000 USD

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