



A.B.S.A.R.

Antigua & Barbuda Search and Rescue

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Letter From The Board of Directors

We would like to thank the entire ABSAR team for another incredible year. You all have continued to step up to meet the challenges of serving our community on a daily basis.

Earlier this year ABSAR began to make inquiries into setting up a satellite base on the west coast of Antigua in Jolly Harbour. The response from the Jolly Harbour community and the Jolly Harbor Marina was favorable and enthusiastic and the marina manager and staff were extremely helpful in locating and establishing this new base. Our new volunteers from the Jolly Harbour area have been eager in getting the new base up and running, and we hope to have it fully operational by the beginning of the new year. We would also like to thank our ABSAR volunteer, Marco Bava, as his assistance was vital in getting this project off the ground. A final thank you to all who continue to support ABSAR as we work daily to fulfill our mission “so that others may live”.

Happy Holidays — ABSAR Board of Directors

ABSAR VOLUNTEER TRAINING In July, Jonathan Cornelius returned to Antigua for six weeks to offer extended training to our current and new volunteers. These courses included at sea training using our resident patient “Oscar” for patient backboard placement and man overboard maneuvers. Volunteers were also able to participate in a night time water training session, which covered what to look for during after dark rescues, brush up on boat electronics, and how to use our thermal imaging camera in assisting those rescues. These training opportunities, along with first aid, bleeding controlled techniques and CPR help keep ABSAR volunteers at their top of their game when assisting in a search and rescue calls and emergency situations.



Heading out for Night Training

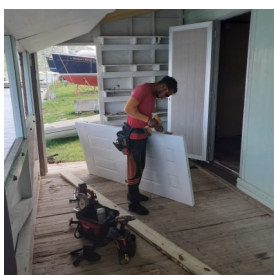


COVID-19 NEWS

Based on the Ministry of Health and the Environment’s published December 11th Dashboard, over 57,000 Antigua and Barbuda individuals have been fully vaccinated and another 4,000 have been partially vaccinated. At ABSAR, we continue to provide our community with updated lists of the most recent COVID-19 testing sites available across the island. This information is published on our Facebook page as well as on our Medic Station door in the form of a handout.

Our New Jolly Harbour Base

This summer saw the addition of a new rescue boat base at the Jolly Harbour Marina in Antigua. The marina will now host our original rescue boat “ABSAR Rescue 1” and a small satellite office for equipment storage, training and volunteer use. A number of residents in Jolly Harbour offered their time to repair, paint and set up the new base and many have already begun their volunteer training with ABSAR in order to operate this asset. We look forward to having this new satellite base as an extension of ABSAR in Falmouth Harbour and thank the Jolly Harbour Marina and our new recruits for their dedication to marine safety and rescue in Antigua and Barbuda.



2021 CORPORATE SPONSORS

We would like to thank all of our corporate sponsors this year for their continued support of ABSAR through either donations or discounted services. As we move into the new year we are reminded that without companies and organizations such as these, ABSAR would have to close its doors and terminate operations for our community. No amount of Thank You can express how privileged we are to have these businesses’ support.





ABSAR 2021 Volunteer of the Year – Kamaro Andrew

Every year our volunteers do their utmost to keep ABSAR alive and serve the community. This year we are celebrating Kamaro Andrew for his continued dedication to ABSAR and his willingness to always give a little more. Kamaro started his journey with us in April 2017 and has been one of the major contributors in the growth and development of our organisation. The need for quality maintenance, quick problem solving and team building as been achieved through his continuous volunteer work. Kamaro is trained in Emergency Medical Response and Power Boat Operations and with these qualifications he has provided ABSAR with search and rescue assists, ambulance and rescue boat maintenance, excellent patient care and volunteer training. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer on our team we thank him for his service.



In November ABSAR was lucky enough to have two United Kingdom paramedic students (Fleur Ter Kuile and Jack Wathen) spend their holiday in Antigua and offer their services during their stay. Their assistance with patients in the Medic Station was invaluable and we hope to see them back again.

Defibrillator (AED)

+ Epi-Pen

We have an AED, Epi-pen and inhaler secured to our front door at the Medic Station which is available 24/7 for community emergencies.



BECOME A BLOOD DONOR

Visit your local lab and request your blood type—then call ABSAR to get on our donor list. Another person's life may depend on it.



Join Our Team as an Emergency Phone Dispatcher

Don't have the time to volunteer at the Medic Station or with our Rescue Team? Then maybe a dispatch position is the place for you. Relay information to medically / SAR trained volunteers, offer information on medical providers, etc.

- * Training Provided *
- * Flexible Schedules *

2021 Corporate Sponsors: Our corporate sponsors donated over \$99,000.00 EC to our operational expenses, which was in addition to the discounted services many already provide us yearly. With the need so great this year due to COVID-19, we would like to recognize these businesses and organizations and thank them for their continued support.

2021 Membership Program Donors: We had one 111 businesses and individuals join our membership program this year, which raised over \$117,000.00 EC. These donors included: 12 Platinum, 34 Gold, 43 Silver and 22 Bronze memberships. We are constantly amazed and grateful for our membership donors and their continued commitment to us.

With an annual budget of over \$100,000.00 USD, our corporate sponsors and membership donors have assisted ABSAR in continuing to provide search and rescue assistance as well as medic station services for Antigua and Barbuda.

An Early Christmas For ABSAR

Our two rescue boats were in need of a new, upgraded navigational system and thanks to The Mill Reef Fund (one of our largest Corporate Sponsors) we were able to purchase a new GARMIN system for both boats.



Budget Marine High Tide	December 11-18, 2021
AYC Boxing Day Barrel Race	December 26, 2021
Nelson's Pursuit Race	December 31, 2021
AYC Round the Island Race	January 15, 2022
Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta	February 11-13, 2022
RORC Caribbean 600 Race	February 21-25, 2022
Antigua Superyacht Challenge	March 9- 13, 2022
AYC Annual Laser Open	March 26-27, 2022
Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta	March 30–April 5, 2022
Antigua Sailing Week	April 30-May 6, 2022
Oyster Regatta	April 17- 22, 2022
Round 360 Antigua Race	April 29, 2022
Peter and May Round Race	April 30, 2022
A&B Sport Fishing Tournament	June 4-5, 2022
Francis Nunes Jr Fishing Tournament	September 24, 2022

2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021 Statistics to Date:

Medical Cases	144
Miscellaneous Walk-Ins	510
Emergency Response Vehicle Calls	10
Search and Rescue Assists	6
Rescue Boat Launches	2
Emergency Beacon Activations	2
Regattas/Events Supported	2

About ABSAR A.B.S.A.R. is a registered non-profit organization that has been in existences since 1998. Our organization is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ready to assist with medical emergencies, marine and aerial search and rescues, as well as with marine based fires. We have a base at the Antigua Yacht Club Marina in Falmouth Harbour and our medic station is open 5 days a week. Our ambulance is used to transport patients to the hospital and to various doctors on island. Our two Rescue RIBs can be launched within minutes in the event of a callout. Our organization is run by a group of dedicated volunteers. ABSAR is funded through donations and through their annual membership program. Copies of our Antigua registration and our latest financial report may be obtained from our office.

Directors: Carol Archer, Jonathan Cornelius, Richard Fear, Michael Kirk, Dave Martin, and Tracey Meagher