



A.B.S.A.R.

Antigua & Barbuda Search And Rescue

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December 2022 Newsletter

"So that others may live"

From the Board of Directors

Welcome to the 2022-23 Caribbean Yachting season. ABSAR has been busy over the summer in preparation for this upcoming season. We have officially brought our new base in Jolly Harbour online and appreciate all the hard work that our newer crew members have put into accomplishing this great task. This base will complement our existing facilities in Falmouth Harbour, and will help to decrease our response times to maritime emergencies along the west coast of Antigua. We would also like to welcome our two new Board of Directors, Richard Fear and Marco Bava. Richard has assumed the responsibilities for volunteer boat/rescue training while Marco has been instrumental in overseeing our medical/trauma training. We all look forward to serving the community throughout the coming season and hope to meet you out socially..... and not by accident.

Jonathan Cornelius - Director of Operations

ABSAR Continued Training for Team Members

With the pandemic subsiding, ABSAR refocused their efforts on volunteer training for new and existing team members in both our English and Jolly Harbour areas. Director Richard Fear and SAR Coordinator Kamaro Andrew supervised training sessions which included water rescues, boat awareness and handling and crew transfers, while Clinical Coordinator Kiana Luciano worked directly with new volunteers in ambulance / emergency etiquette. Our training involved instruction in the classroom, ZOOM sessions with Jonathan Cornelius and on the water scenarios. A thank you goes out to one of our Platinum Members, Steffan Evans at OnDeck, for their donation of complementary STCW and Powerboat Level 1 courses for several of our new team members.



Yachting Community How Can We Support ABSAR ??

(1) Join Our Membership Program
ABSAR exists only through donations so consider becoming a member today.

(2) Donate Medical Supplies
Donate your medical supplies or lightly used items to us and we'll ensure they get to the businesses that need them the most. (Hospice, Clarevue and SLBMC)

Jolly Harbour Thank You's

To **Ian Grant** for his assistance in ensuring a safe and functioning base camp at the Jolly Harbour Marina and to **Gillian Noel-Bigler** for becoming our Jolly Harbour Base Manager in charge of day to day operations.

ABSAR 2022 CORPORATE SPONSORS

We are privileged to have the following businesses as our Corporate Sponsors. ABSAR would not exist without them.
**new members for 20222*

DIAMOND

Jumby Bay Fund
Mill Reef Fund

RUBY

Antigua Yacht Club Marina and Resort
Antigua Yacht Club
Jolly Harbour Marina*

EMERALD

Digicel
Premier Motors
St. James's Club Resort *

SAPPHIRE

Axxess Marine
Caribbean Alliance*
Club House Restaurant
Lucky Eddi's Restaurant*



In November ABSAR participated in the ABYMA Industry Showcase held at the National Sailing Academy. The purpose of the event was to present the elements of the yachting industry to the citizens of Antigua & Barbuda, the career opportunities within the industry, and to encourage young people to consider a career within the industry.



Heritage Medical Services Open in Falmouth Harbour

Phone / WhatsApp: 268-773-78789
Email: heritagemed268@gmail.com

Their office is located on Dockyard Drive above Budget Marine. They accept appointments and walk-ins and their services are also available onboard to yachts/boat.

BECOME A MEMBER



Congratulations to Carolyn Porter and Marc Gordon for becoming our 1st ABSAR members for 2023.

Thank You to our Platinum Member Ondeck

We are extremely grateful to Steff Evans at Ondeck for the donation of the following courses for our volunteers:

- (6) RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certifications
- (3) STCW Basic Safety Training
- (12) RYA Essential Navigational Courses



ABSAR staff (Kiana Luciano and Kamaro Andrew) showing their Independence Day pride.



2022 Volunteer of the Year



Kiana Luciano

ABSAR is proud to announce the selection of Kiana Luciano as our volunteer of the year for 2022. Being an ABSAR volunteer takes commitment, an ability to stay calm in stressful situations, a willingness to serve, and a positive attitude. These are all traits that Kiana exhibits which makes her a valuable part of our ABSAR operation. Kiana became a volunteer with ABSAR at the young age of 17 and is now going into her 9th unbroken season of service. She has certificates in Prehospital Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. She became ABSAR's first paid employee in 2017 and is now our Clinical Coordinator. She continues to volunteer her time and talent to the betterment of ABSAR and her community, even after her office hours are over. All who know her have grown to appreciate the dedication she shows her patients, her fellow crew members and the community as a whole. Thank you Kiana for your sacrifices for us all.

Medical Data

Medical Cases	149
Miscellaneous Walk-Ins	330+
Emergency Response Vehicle Calls	39
Search and Rescue Assists	14
Rescue Boat Launches	8
Emergency Beacon Activations	1
Regattas/Events Supported	6
Blood Donor Requests/Donors	10

Donor Data

Corporate Sponsors	12
Platinum Member Donors	12
Gold Member Donors	42
Silver Member Donors	38
Bronze Member Donors	20

*** 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.*

Antigua Charter Yacht Show	December 4-9
Talisker Whisky Race Start	December 12
Nelson's Pursuit Race	December 31
Jolly Harbour Valentine's Regatta	February 10-12
360 Round Antigua Race	February 17
RORC Caribbean 600 Race	February 14-24
Superyacht Challenge	March 6-12
Oyster Regatta	April 5-8
Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta	April 19-24
Antigua Sailing Week	April 30-May 5
Peter and May Round Race	April 29
Antigua to Bermuda Race	May 9
North American Optimist Jr. Championship	July 2-9

2022 YEARLY DATA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-2023

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 and is funded through donations and our annual membership program. Copies of our Antigua registration and our latest financial report may be obtained from our office. **Directors:** Jonathan Cornelius, Carol Archer, Marco Bava, Richard Fear and Dave Martin