

May 2021 Newsletter

"So that others may live"



A.B.S.A.R.

Antigua & Barbuda Search And Rescue

Antigua Yacht Club Marina – Falmouth Harbour, Antigua

E-mail: info@absar.org Website: www.absar.org

Medic Station Phone: (268) 720-3992

Emergency Phone ONLY: (268) 562-1234 VHF: Channel 16

- Letter from The Board of Directors -

The board, staff and volunteers at ABSAR are grateful to our English Harbour family and the support each of you gave to your neighbors during this past year. We also offer our condolences to the families who lost loved ones and whose lives will forever be changed by this pandemic.

The board would like to thank our team of volunteers and staff, who made it possible for us to continue our mission of serving the community through search and rescue, emergency responses and community assistance during this past year.

Our services include providing treatment for minor injuries and doctor referrals at the medic station, offering emergency responses at sea and on land with our rescue boats and emergency response vehicles and continuing our 24/7 emergency phone services.

We would also like to say a personal thank you to our Corporate Sponsors and Membership Donors who have continued to support ABSAR, as we are optimistic about the coming season and look forward to serving our community in the coming year.

Jonathan Cornelius - Director of Operations

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Volunteer

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

ABSAR continues to be in need of additional volunteers to join our team.

Contact us at info@absar.org or 268-720-3992 for more details

Defibrillator (AED) + Epi-Pen

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



ABSAR 2021 Corporate Sponsors

We would like to say THANK YOU to our corporate sponsors for their continued support and generosity.

DIAMOND

Jumby Bay Fund, Mill Reef Fund

RUBY

Antigua Yacht Club Marina

EMERALD

Antigua Marine Services, Digicel, Premier Motors

SAPPHIRE

Club House Restaurant, Axxess Marine



The Rotary Club of Antigua Sundown made a handsome donation to the Antigua and Barbuda Search and Rescue (ABSAR) yesterday. The fine gesture was made possible on account of the heroic 3,000-mile row across the Atlantic by Travis Weste and Jojo Nunes in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge. (See story on page 7) (Photo courtesy Edwin Gifford)

ABSAR would like to thank the Rotary Club of Antigua Sundown who generously donated \$5000.00 US dollars on behalf of the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge rowers Travis Weste and Jojo Nunes. These two rowers completed an amazing three thousand mile journey to arrive to Antigua on January 28th. Their impressive forty-seven day journey raised over \$10,000 US dollars, of which they committed a portion of that money for equipment and repairs to their rescue boats. Oh behalf of the entire ABSAR team and volunteers, we would like to say congratulations on your journey and thank you for continuing to support ABSAR in our commitment to providing search and rescue services throughout the waters of Antigua.



Jojo Nunes (left) and Travis Weste spent 47 days at sea (Photo by Edwin Gifford)



Mill Reef Fund

ABSAR would like to say a special thank you to the Mill Reef Fund trustees once again for assisting us in the much needed repairs to our two rescue boats. Their \$17,000 US dollar donation made it possible for us to replace the worn tubes with Orange Sylvano Hypalon tubes, as well as have custom Sunbrella covers created to ensure their longevity.



St. Vincent & The Grenadines RELIEF DRIVE

ABSAR's Medic Station was one of several drop off locations for donations which were delivered to the residents of St. Vincent and The Grenadines following the devastating eruption of the La Soufrière volcano. Thank you to our St. Paul's community who helped fill our barrel for this relief drive.

No further donations are needed at this time.



DONATIONS FROM OUR YACHTING COMMUNITY

ABSAR would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to all the sailing vessels that have dropped off medical supplies, clothing, canned goods and other items to our Medic Station. We have been able to donate many of these much needed items to Hospice, Clavue Hospital and other area facilities.

Join our 2021 Membership Program



Christopher and Jeanette Prince were our first donors for the 2021 Membership Drive. Thank you to all our current members, and for those that haven't yet renewed—you can still join our program by contacting Karen Mothersill at info@absar.org or karenabsar@gmail.com

EPI-PEN DONATIONS - ABSAR recently donated adult

and child epi-pens to four English Harbour area restaurants to ensure they are prepared to offer service to their guests if the need arises. These restaurants are avid supporters of ABSAR and continue to be a part of our Membership Program year after year. Thank you to The Club House Restaurant, Cloggy's, Catherine's, and Trappa's.



2021 Statistics to Date

Medical Cases	70+
Miscellaneous Walk-Ins	250+
Emergency Response Vehicle Calls	20
Search and Rescue Assists	4
Rescue Boat Launches	3
Emergency Beacon Activations	1
Regattas/Events Supported	0



ABSAR

Antigua & Barbuda Search and Rescue



Mission: Antigua & Barbuda Search and Rescue is a team of skilled volunteers dedicated to providing free search and rescue services as well as first responder services to our local community.

Motto: So That Others May Live

Vision: Continue to improve our services and technical skills - set and build meaningful partnerships with our maritime community

Values: What we expect of ourselves and our team of volunteers:

- **Service to Others:** Serve our local community by helping those in need
- **Integrity:** Be honest - treat others with respect and serve with honor
- **Personal and Professional Excellence:** Continue to better ourselves and our skills for our team and those we serve
- **Sense of Team:** A passion to succeed together - we trust each other to make the right decisions and are committed to work as a team
- **Effective Communication:** Communication is key to a successful team - we value open lines of communication with each other and the community and appreciate appropriate feedback

Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Regatta
Antigua Charter Yacht Show
Talisker Whisky Race Start
Nelson's Pursuit Race
Superyacht Challenge
Jolly Harbour Valentine's Regatta
Round Redonda Race
AYC Round The Island Race
RORC Caribbean 600 Race
AYC Laser and Optimist Regatta
Superyacht Challenge
Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta
Oyster Regatta
Round 360 Antigua Race
Antigua Sailing Week
Peter and May Round Race
Antigua to Bermuda Race

November 19-21, 2021
December 4-9, 2021
December 2021
December 31, 2021
January 31- Feb. 3, 2022
February 11-13, 2022
February, 2022
February 18, 2022
February 21-25, 2022
February 23-24, 2022
March 9 - 13, 2022
March 30 - April 6, 2022
April 17- 22, 2022
April 29, 2022
April 30 - May 6, 2022
April 30, 2022
May 12, 2022

2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, Michael Kirk, Dave Martin, and Tracey Meagher.