

# ***CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO***

## **After-Action Report & Lessons Learned**



*A detailed review of cruise planning, management, finance,  
and execution, aimed at CCA members  
who will be planning future station and national cruises*

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*Let's not reinvent the wheel for every cruise.  
--Bill Whitney, CCA Commodore, 2002-3*

## **I. AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

### **Introduction**

Judging from the results of the survey conducted at the end of the cruise, the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco was a real success. (See Attachment 1 on the CD.) It nonetheless had a shaky beginning. As the cruise committee began to plan the cruise we were seriously handicapped by not having detailed records from other cruises showing cruise bulletins, finance and budget figures, and more. With that in mind, as we began our work we resolved to leave behind a record of what we did and how we did it—something that might serve as a frame of reference or starting point for those planning future cruises.

We'd like to make one important point at the beginning:

This is emphatically NOT a tutorial on “how to run a CCA cruise.” Rather, it's a detailed look at how one committee planned and ran a cruise, together with key lessons learned in the process. Our purpose here is to provide a record of what we did, when and how we did it, and why we did it. We have also included the cruise's key source documents including budgets, to-do lists, spreadsheets, cruise communications, cruise book, and more.

While conducting a cruise in a foreign country such as the Bahamas comes with its own set of challenges which are not necessarily applicable to all cruises, this cruise nonetheless had a lot in common with other “national” cruises no matter what the venue. We hope providing book, chapter and verse on what we did and how we did it will be helpful as a point of departure for those planning future cruises. Take the ideas expressed here that

work for you, and ignore those that don't. Build on our successes and learn from our mistakes! As the usual disclaimer says, your mileage may vary.

We would be remiss if we failed to make note of one especially important resource we found most useful, the **Cruising Club of America National and Station Cruise Planning Guide** (Rev. Jan. 2007) by Louis Scott, Burke Lucas, John F. Towle and Robert Kiley. These experienced cruise planners did a terrific job of laying out the fundamentals for anyone organizing a cruise, and we found their guidance invaluable—a great starting point. As they say, pick and choose the suggestions that apply to your particular cruise and cruising area.

Our approach in this report is quite different. You might say that their Cruise Planning Guide provides a good look at the theory, principles, and rules for running a cruise, while this report is more hands-on. If theirs is the survey course, ours is the lab. As such this report focuses on the details of how one cruise was planned, organized, managed and executed. It's our hope that what's here will be useful to others going down the same road.

This report was written just after the cruise ended while the experience was fresh in our minds.

*Paul Lane Ives, chairman*

*Milt Baker, co-chair, cruise director*

*Jim Gourd, co-chair, cruise regalia and charters*

*Pete Hoffman, cruise treasurer*

*Jim Chambers, counselor*

## **The Beginning**

Early in 2009 then-Vice Commodore Sheila McCurdy asked Florida Station Rear Commodore Paul Ives to take responsibility for a national cruise in Abaco in spring 2010. Paul agreed to take the chairmanship on a temporary basis and asked Milt Baker and Jim Gourd to join him as temporary co-chairmen to get the cruise planning started. Indeed, the three of us thought we were signing on as temporaries, but while we tried calling in favors and twisting arms, finding replacements proved impossible so we kept our “temporary” jobs until the cruise was complete, recruiting other committee members to lend a hand as we went. One key early addition was signing on Pete Hoffman, Florida Station treasurer, as the cruise treasurer. Another was having Jim Chambers, with years of Cruising Club experience and always a willing volunteer and dedicated worker, join the team as counselor and utility infielder.

## **Early Planning**

One of the reasons for this report is that we looked high and low but were able to find little useful archival information from the national CCA Cruise in Abaco conducted nine years before this cruise. Perhaps naively, we had expected the records from that cruise to be somewhere in station or club archives. To our chagrin, we found only the most rudimentary records available within the station and nothing except the cruise book was found in the national CCA archives. The lack of information from the previous Abaco cruise came as a blow. That meant we were essentially starting from zero. Or, as former Commodore Bill Whitney would say, we had to reinvent the wheel.

At the start, the cruise committee set 10 top priorities:

1. Establish the cruise venue, dates, and itinerary
2. Promote the cruise to generate interest
3. Obtain a good estimate of the number of cruisers and yachts expected
4. Make an advance trip to Abaco to check out the venue for the cruise
5. Get a cash advance from CCA national and establish a cruise bank account
6. Create a cruise budget and put a price tag on the cruise for participants
7. Design a suitable cruise logo to use in branding the cruise
8. Determine what to put into the cruise bag (and the cost)
9. Find charter opportunities for cruise participants
10. Create a master to-do list to keep our efforts focused

Rather than having a single cruise chairman, we elected to share principal responsibility among the cruise chairman and two co-chairmen. The three of us were good friends at the beginning, and we knew we could work together in harmony. That proved to be the case and by the end of the cruise we had become even better friends. Part of the organizational success came from our sharing a similar vision for the cruise, part from each of us taking on discrete cruise responsibilities, and part of it from our deep mutual respect.

As Paul said in an e-mail after the cruise was complete, “I always saw our relationship as a partnership of three, strongly independent, talented organizational types who each had a piece to bring to the table, but who respected each other and worked so well together. I

eschewed attempts to put labels on our jobs. I thought a partnership was what it was and how it should be so identified.”

We don’t mean to suggest that our particular management structure or style will be right for other cruises, only that they worked for us.

## **First Cruise Committee Priorities**

1. **Venue, Length and Itinerary.** Since we started with a blank sheet of paper in planning the cruise, the first data points we needed were (a) the maximum number of participants (and yachts) the cruise could accommodate and (b) how many participants to expect on the cruise. Past experience had taught us that when you’re forced to start with unknowns step one is to make assumptions so you’ll have something upon which the initial planning can be based.

Before we had any real idea how big or small the cruise might turn out, the cruise committee’s first assumption—a ballpark guess really—was a cruise of about 40 yachts and 150 cruisers, and those figures were used for initial planning. Using the itinerary from the CCA 2001 Abaco cruise as a point of departure, we laid out a nine-day cruise within the Hub of Abaco, with the two most distant points about 20 nautical miles apart. Experience suggested that a cruise like this ought to offer plenty of lay days without organized events, so we made it a point to include a lay day after each event day, a plan that resonated well with participants. If we were doing it again, we’d opt for one mid-cruise period with two days between organized events—in retrospect, free time seemed to be hard to come by on this cruise!

2. **Promotion.** Although we still had far more questions than answers about the cruise the committee began working right from the start to generate interest in the cruise well ahead of time, and as more information became available we kept the publicity drums beating up until the cruise was days away.

First announcement to the membership came more than a year before the start of the cruise and it included little information on the cruise but a lot on Abaco. That announcement, along with a few colorful Abaco pictures for atmosphere, was posted on the Members Only section of the club website April 9, 2009, together with a short response form asking members to let us know by April 30 if they were interested (See Attachment 2). Using responses to the first announcement, we created our first database (and e-mail list) of 203 “prospective attendees” and 60 yachts.

That list was included in the first cruise communiqué e-mailed directly to prospective attendees on July 10, and from that time forward the cruise was mentioned in virtually every club communication to members. Our principal channel of communication was a series of periodic Sitreps.

***Sitrep** n., informal. A report on the situation in a particular area or on a developing event. Etymology: 1940: from sit(uation) + rep(ort).*

Each Sitrep was e-mailed to our mailing list and posted simultaneously on the Members Only section of the website. That allowed us to hit the membership with a one-two punch, getting the latest information into the hands of those who expressed interest and using the website for further reach. After Sitrep One in July, other cruise sitreps followed in August, September, January, February, and March. (See Attachment 3 for Sitreps One through Six.)

3. **How Many Yachts and People?** Since almost everything related to a cruise is driven by the number of people and the number of yachts we made getting good numbers early a high priority. Step one was to obtain an early indication of how many people were interested, and in Sitrep One we asked for members' best guess (percentage-wise) of the likelihood that they'd take part. Step two was to require a \$100 deposit by Aug. 31, a full eight months before the start of the cruise. We reasoned that anyone interested enough to send in a deposit of \$100 per person was serious, and this proved to be the case as plans moved ahead. This was a significant departure from the previous cruise practice of requiring only a small fee to get on the cruise mailing list and take care of pre-cruise mailings, with requests for serious money coming later. We believe the early deposit requirement was a cornerstone in getting early commitments.
4. **Advance Trip to Abaco.** In May 2009, a year ahead of the cruise, Milt and Judy Baker took their boat to Abaco to survey the cruising area for the latest information and to make initial contact with vendors in Abaco. During that cruise, they met with top management of the Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour, one of the few locations in Abaco capable of handling a group our size, and they quickly reached tentative agreement to hold the opening and closing events (registration, cocktails and dinners) there. The resort location near Marsh Harbour was perfect and the team there had a "can-do" attitude and showed they had experience handling events for large groups like ours. Their prices, however, were substantially higher than we expected. The Bakers also met with the managers of Orchid Bay Marina, a venue they considered perfect for the rum keg party, and discussed holding a party there with the reluctant manager.

Committee chairman Paul Ives suggested that a day in Hope Town might be a good idea, and as the committee explored that we found several CCA members with connections in Hope Town. We had the good fortune to connect with Southern California Station member Jim Modisette, who has a home in Hope Town. Jim and his wife Ruth signed on to take responsibility what became A Day in Hope Town. As members of the Hope Town Sailing Club, they arranged to rent the club for a nominal fee as cruise headquarters in Hope Town. They also arranged an elegant reception with hors d'oeuvres at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, an event that turned out to be a cruise favorite.

Committee member Dave Mulock and his wife Lenore have a winter home at Little Harbour in Abaco, and Dave volunteered to take responsibility for arranging a mid-day Pig Roast at Little Harbour's renowned Pete's Pub. Pete's is a one-of-a-kind place, and they have pig roasts down to a science. Little Harbour is all the way at the southern end of the Hub of Abaco, and while the entry channel into the tiny harbor has barely four feet of water at MLW, there's ample room to anchor nearby in deeper



water. The committee arranged a 20-passenger ferry to provide transportation from anchored club boats into Little Harbour for the pig roast and back again, something that had been done on an earlier Abaco cruise and which worked extremely well.

5. **Cash Advance and Checking Account.** Paul Ives requested a \$2,000 cash advance from Commodore McCurdy as cruise seed money to get things moving, and the money was provided forthwith. The unwritten understanding was that the cruise committee would repay that money to CCA national once the cruise was completed.

We knew it would be unwise to commingle station funds with cruise funds, so we established a new bank account to be used exclusively for the cruise. We learned first-hand that establishing such accounts in the post-9/11 world is not easy; doing so required contacts, red tape, tenacity and management. All cruise funds from CCA and from individual members were deposited into the new account, and funds for the cruise were disbursed from that account. Pete Hoffman was both Florida Station treasurer and cruise treasurer, and Pete was responsible for banking cruise deposits and fees and for making disbursements.

In retrospect it's easy to see that it would have been convenient to have a cruise Visa or MasterCard that could be used for many cruise expenses where paying by credit card is much easier than paying by check. A cruise credit card was a complication we were not willing to tackle, so committee members used their own personal credit cards and were reimbursed for documented cruise expenses, a process that worked well.

6. **Cruise Budget.** Although it came together in fits and starts, by early summer 2009 the committee had what we felt was a good handle on the principal cruise elements and we were able to put numbers to each. Variable costs for a cruise like this, of course, are driven mainly by the number of participants and we were beginning to get a solid idea how many people the cruise would likely have. In addition, we had firm per-person estimates for the costs of the opening and closing dinner events at Abaco Beach Resort, the rum keg party, the Hope Town Sailing Club and a reception at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, and the pig roast at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour. We had an initial estimate from Albury's Ferry for tender service for the pig roast at Little Harbour. And we were beginning to close in on what we wanted in each gift bag for cruise guests and the cost of those items. Mindful that there would be expenses we could not foresee and that price increases would be inevitable, we cranked in a healthy contingency/ reserve fund—our “just in case” money.

The committee's initial budget was done in Excel 11 months before the start of the cruise when there were still a lot of unknowns. (See Attachment 4). It was based on an estimated 154 people and 45 yachts and showed total costs of about \$54,000, or about \$350 per person, and included a contingency/reserve fund of \$6,000, 11% of the budget. This initial budget was refined and polished many times in the months ahead. By the time we got to the final edition of the budget (Attachment 5) about a month before the cruise, total estimated expenses had grown to more than \$72,000 or about \$428 per person and included a contingency/reserve fund of \$7,000, just under 10%.

By July 10 when Sitrep One was sent, we had a good notion that our numbers were on-target. To avoid misunderstandings, we felt it was important to be up-front with prospective cruisers about what the cruise cost would be and to be quite specific about what they would receive for their money. Here's what we said in Sitrep One:

*“Our research and cruise budgeting suggests that the cost for the cruise will be approximately \$450 per person (\$225 for children under 18). The cruise fee covers virtually all cruise expenses including a handout ‘goodie’ bag for each couple (or individual not a part of a couple on the cruise), opening cocktail party and dinner with live steel drum music, rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres, non-alcohol refreshments and light snacks at Hope Town Sailing Club, a pig roast at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour (including ferry service into Little Harbour for those anchored within a mile or two), and a grand finale cocktail party/dinner with live island music. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and most events (other than the rum keg party) will include cash bars.”*

We knew the \$450 number might be a mite high, but one fundamental in cruise planning is that it's always easier to **reduce** the cruise fee than to increase it, so we followed our gut and went with \$450. As the cruise drew nearer and more expense elements were nailed down we grew more confident that our estimates were on the money. It also began to appear that our contingency fund was larger than necessary. Based on that, we decided the best course was to “give back” to the cruisers, the very people from whom the money had come. How to do that? Free drinks! Instead of cash bars at all events as originally planned, we decided to provide each participant six drink tickets, each redeemable at most events for a soda, beer, glass of wine, or mixed drink, something easily arranged with the companies supporting the cruise. Other miscellaneous expenses (tips, office supplies, shipping, an increase in the ferry fee, and a fat cruise book that came in at more than twice our original estimate, to name a few) would reduce the contingency fund further.

According to our budget, major expense elements, accounting for over 80 percent of the cost of the cruise, were: the gift bag for participants, the opening cocktail/dinner event, the final cocktail/dinner event, the pig roast, the rum keg party, and a new reception/party added to the day in Hope Town .

The final big debit was due to members who dropped out just before the cruise began. From early in the planning the committee had estimated that late attrition would reduce the cruise by about 10% and that the biggest loss would come in the 30 days immediately preceding the cruise. As real life intruded upon best intentions of would-be cruisers, the number of dropouts was close to our estimate and timing was just as we had expected. The good news is that the committee still had uncommitted money left at the end of the cruise and we were able to refund the entire cruise fee to all dropouts, less a \$50 fee for those who dropped out in the last 30 days. After all final expenses were settled and paid, the committee returned to CCA not only the \$2,000 seed money advanced at the outset of cruise planning but a cruise dividend of \$6,227 additional.

We worked from variations of the budgets shown in Attachments 4 and 5, but the following after-the-fact income statement provides a useful snapshot of the actual numbers:

<b>CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO FINANCIAL OVERVIEW</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Advance from CCA National	2,000		
Deposits and fees from participants	79,464		
Subtotal	81,464		
Refunds to dropouts	-8,400		
Total income less refunds	73,064		
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Social event expenses	45,333		
Cruise bag merchandise expenses	16,158		
Ferry (tender) expense	1,500		
Misc. expenses	1,846		
Total expenses	64,837		
<b>BALANCE</b>	8,227		
Repayment of advance from CCA National	-2,000		
Cruise dividend to CCA National	-6,227		
Final balance	0		
<b>Cruise bags</b>			
Cruising Guide to Abaco	797		
Gift: W&P chart magnifiers	3,965		
Cruise flags	1,632		
Sun screen	838		
Logo canvas bags, hats	4,432		
Logo drinking glasses	308		
Logo Post-It Notes	384		
Logo napkins	727		
Cruise books	3,074		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,158</b>		
<b>Social events</b>			
Opening cocktails, dinner, music	16,898		
Final beach party, music	11,553		
Rum keg party hors d'oeuvres	3,000		
Rum keg ingredients	297		
Day in Hope Town events	4,000		
Pig Roast at Little Harbour	4,800		
Drink tickets redeemed	4,785		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,333</b>		

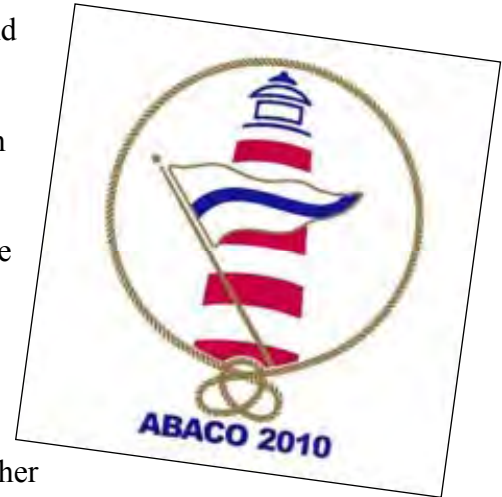
When it comes to cruise budgeting we are convinced of the wisdom of building in a healthy contingency fund. Based on our experience with this cruise, our firm conclusion is that too much money in a cruise budget is far better than not enough.



7. **Cruise Logo and Branding.** The committee gave the cruise the moniker “CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco” and to avoid any possible confusion we made it a point to always use that name in official communications. To help brand the cruise, we felt that a distinctive and attractive design for the cruise logo was a must. We wanted something that looked good and would make a good impression. We went first to CCA regalia provider Stars Signatures and asked for a recommended cruise logo design, perhaps something that would combine the famous lighthouse at Hope Town and the CCA burgee, and the company provided the design at the left.

We were underwhelmed, but Jim Gourd had an idea and put pencil to paper, then took his idea to a graphics designer to be rendered professionally. Cost of developing the final logo was \$250, and the final design is shown to the right. Money well spent!

We were very pleased with the final logo. From the time we first received the logo in June 2009, we began using it in every cruise communication, and we believe the logo and the branding were significant contributors to the positive image of the cruise. The logo received wide exposure in Sitreps and on the club website. It was emblazoned on caps and gifts in the gift bag and other regalia.



But you can't please all of the people all of the time! After completion of the cruise one participant noted that the proportions of the CCA burgee as represented in the cruise logo were wrong. To quote from his e-mail on the subject:

*"I noticed and measured to confirm the out-of-ratio burgee the first time I saw the logo. I didn't say anything because I figured by then it was already too late and I didn't want to needlessly ruffle any feelings. I ordered cruise shirts approx. the same time. This minor issue in no way detracts from my great admiration for the absolutely magnificent organization job carried out by the committee. It was just superb and very high marks were reflected in my response to the survey."*

Commodore McCurdy put the matter to rest with a policy decision that should be noted by future cruise planners:

*"The Club has a distinctive burgee that serves us well. I did think the artistic license of the cruise design worked well for its purpose – a wide-angled view, as it were – but guidance to future cruise committees should be to use the burgee as defined."*

8. **Cruise Bag.** Tradition holds that a cruise bag of goodies is mandatory for every national CCA cruise, and the contents can be as much or a little as the cruise committee wishes. Typically, each bag contains a single significant gift along with a handful of less expensive gifts. There's no CCA policy on whether a separate bag should be given to (a) each person on the cruise, (b) each family, or (c) each yacht. In the end we decided on a cruise bag for each family or each person on the cruise not a part of a family, a decision which introduced small inequities. For example, the four guys chartering a Moorings yacht each received a bag, while the family of six on another yacht received a single bag. That raised the issue of whether to charge a "singles supplement" as part of the price of the cruise. We sidestepped that



issue and charged the same for everyone other than children, admittedly not a perfect solution but it worked fine and nobody found fault.

The principal gift we selected was an elegant Weems & Plath chart magnifier, its brass bezel emblazoned with an enameled cruise color logo and the name of the cruise, a gift which proved extremely popular. Our discounted price based on a quantity of 94 was about \$40.00 each including imprinting and shipping.

Although many things were considered, here's the final list of what went into cruise bags for the CCA 2010: Spring Cruise in Abaco:

<b><u>Gift Item</u></b>	<b><u>Apportionment</u></b>
Canvas bag with embroidered cruise logo and cruise name	1 per family
Cruise gift magnifier	1 per family
Cruise book	1 per family
Cruising Guide to Abaco	1 per yacht to captain
Embroidered cruise logo baseball cap – adult	1 per adult
Embroidered cruise logo baseball cap – kids	1 per child
Engraved personalized name tag with cruise logo	1 per person
Cruise logo plastic glasses	1 per person
Cruise logo napkins	1 pkg of 50 per person
Cruise logo Post-It notes	2 pads of 50 per person
Sun screen	1 per bag
Cruise flag	1 per yacht to captain
Drink tickets	6 per person



Because exactly what went into each bag varied according to the makeup of the party the bag was intended for and there was little continuity among bags, we devised a bag ID form (front side) and checklist (back side), and on registration day each bag was packed by one person using the individual checklist (with handwritten quantities for each family or individual), then checked for accuracy by a second person. Even then we had a few minor errors but all were resolved amicably.

The bags and contents were a big hit, and cruisers especially liked the gift magnifier.

## 9. Charter Opportunities

Thanks to his long experience in Abaco, Jim Gourd was the point man for finding charter opportunities. SunSail and The Moorings, a single operation at the time of the

Abaco cruise, had a base at Marsh Harbour, and Jim contacted an old friend at the company and determined that they had a total of 28 yachts for charter there. Jim was able to negotiate discounted charter fees for CCA charterers for the period of the cruise. Rather than getting into the business of specifying exactly what the charter fees were and what was included, the committee felt it was best to put prospective charterers directly in touch with SunSail and The Moorings, a decision that played well. In addition, we learned of several other charter opportunities and provided contact information for those companies as well.

Based on the committee's after-the-fact survey of cruise participants, it appears that most of those who chartered a yacht for the cruise used The Moorings/SunSail; and most charterers rated the company highly (1, 2 or 3 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the highest).

Jim attempted to arrange a "mother ship" for those who did not wish to captain their own yachts. His serious attempts to find such a vessel for service in Abaco notwithstanding, he was not able to do so. The sad truth: no such vessels were available in Abaco at the time of the cruise.

## **9. Tracking Who Paid What and When**

In the beginning, tracking those who had signed up for the cruise and paid deposits was easy, but as the cruise got more and more takers things became more complex. We started with a simple Excel spreadsheet, and as the number of participants grew (and continued to change), we kept modifying the format of master spreadsheet to keep up. We locked in a final spreadsheet format about 60 days before the cruise began.

We found it best to have a single person in charge of the master spreadsheet, with others feeding input. We went through dozens of iterations of the master spreadsheet, sometimes as many as 10 in a week as the cruise drew near. The latest edition was always provided by the keeper to other top committee members so we were all working with the same data.

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The final 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco master deposits and fees spreadsheet is shown in Attachment 6. Included as a part of this spreadsheet (Sheet 1) is our master tracking sheet, (Sheet 2) a list of regalia and gifts per participant, and (Sheet 3) the master list used for name tags. This sheet evolved in use and the final format worked well for us.

## **10. Master To-Do List**

The master to-do list shown in Attachment 7 was used as a guide to help committee members keep our collective eyes on the ball. The list started simply then grew like Topsy as the need became apparent to add more and more items. The to-do list was updated frequently and the committee found it useful to have a single document showing everything that needed doing.



This concludes the after-action report. Section II below provides the committee's top lessons learned.

Milt Baker, who drafted this report, has agreed to act as spokesman for the committee and will be pleased to answer questions from future cruise planners. E-mail him at: [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)

## II. LESSONS LEARNED

The cruise committee for the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco came away with dozens of lessons learned, large and small. Here's an overview of our top lessons learned--what we wish we'd known when we started work on the cruise.

### **Lesson 1. It's your show!**

While a CCA cruise may be designated as *national* or *international* in scope, it's entirely—virtually 100%—in the hands of the cruise committee. Each of us had been involved in helping out on national cruises before, but none of us had been responsible for the planning or management of such a cruise, and we expected a heavy dose of guidance from the club's senior leadership. Looking back, we had great support but little direction and absolutely no interference from the leadership. The deeper we waded into the planning the cruise, the clearer it became that this cruise was *ours* to plan and to execute. And that's exactly what we did, keeping Vice Commodore Sheila McCurdy—who stepped up to commodore before the cruise—informed on the major issues and decisions, giving her an opportunity to weigh in, and asking (and receiving) her support when we needed it.

### **Lesson 2. No snail mail**

This was the Cruising Club of America's first national cruise conducted essentially without using snail-mail, and neither the committee nor the cruise participants seemed to miss it a bit. It helped immensely that key committee members were computer literate and had years of experience with spreadsheets, word processing, and e-mail.

With Paul and Pete in Vero Beach, FL, Jim Chambers half hour to the south in Stuart, Milt an hour and a half farther south in Fort Lauderdale, and Jim Gourd two states away in South Carolina, we knew that face-to-face meetings for this cruise committee would be few. We decided instead to rely heavily on e-mail, internet and phone calls, a decision that served the committee well. In the end, zero snail-mail communications were exchanged by committee members and, except for checks sent to and from the cruise treasurer, virtually none were exchanged with members. Essentially everything was handled on the web and by e-mail with phone calls as needed, a process that worked exceedingly well. The club's website and webmaster, Dorsey Beard, proved immensely helpful in getting the word out.

### **Lesson 3. Making assumptions**

As with celestial navigation, with a cruise like this you have to determine where you AREN'T before you can find out where you ARE. When something is unknown or unknowable (say, the number of people), it's up to the cruise committee to make assumptions and be ready to have the assumptions proved wrong. In lieu of hard information, best-guess assumptions provided the committee a good starting point, and as soon as we received new information disproving an assumption, the new information was used in place of what we had assumed. This worked well and allowed the committee to make easy mid-course corrections as we filled in the blanks with more information.



#### **Lesson 4. Committee organization – make it work for you**

There's no textbook solution for organizing and operating a cruise committee. The lesson here is to go with an organization and style that works well for those involved. While for this committee good friends working together and sharing responsibility was a good prescription for success, there are lots of ways to skin this particular cat.

One former national cruise chairman recommends a single strong cruise chairman, and the record shows that has produced fine CCA cruises in many circumstances. For the 2010 Abaco cruise our triumvirate approach worked well. As we said in our Introduction, part of the organizational success came from our principal committee members sharing a similar vision for the cruise, part from each of us taking on discrete cruise responsibilities and picking up the slack when necessary, and part of it from the deep mutual respect we have for one another.

So how were we organized?

Paul Ives was the captain of our ship, serving as general chairman and aiming to keep the big picture. He dealt with CCA national officers, kept the ship on course, oversaw finance and budget, was the main keeper of the overview spreadsheet maintaining an up-to-the-minute picture of how many participants were on the list and who had paid what, and, of course, he had the final say on everything. As co-chair and ops boss, Milt Baker was the keeper of the master "to-do" list, had primary responsibility for creating the cruise itinerary and the budget and for spending; for dealing with Abaco Beach Resort; for initial arrangements for most other events; and he picked up pieces that didn't fall elsewhere such as this report. As co-chair for charters and regalia, Jim Gourd was the point of contact with The Moorings/SunSail on charter opportunities, with Stars Signatures and other regalia providers, for pricing, selecting and ordering cruise regalia such as caps and bags, and contracting for other regalia and more. As cruise treasurer and comptroller, Pete Hoffman logged in all incoming checks, made all bank deposits, disbursed all funds, and made sure we always had funds available when needed. Cruise counselor Jim Chambers was our utility infielder and minister without portfolio; he proved himself up to every challenge handed to him, including the tough job of convincing Orchid Bay's reluctant management that hosting the cruise rum keg party was in their best interests, a job he handled with finesse, aplomb, and, ultimately, success.

Other committee members were task-oriented. Dave Mulock made all the arrangements with his friend Pete Johnston for the great pig roast at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour. Bob Dockery and Tom Kenney were the on-scene event captains and ferry dispatchers at Little Harbour on the day of the event. Jim Chambers and Jim Gourd were the movers, shakers and rum keg mixers for the rum keg party at Orchid Bay. Jim and Ruth Modisette were responsible for everything at Hope Town, including personally meeting and greeting close to 160 cruisers landing there and arranging an elegant reception at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. Pim Epler, Barbara Watson-Clapp, and Gerry Clapp all have long experience in Hope Town and lent their expertise as we planned the cruise. Susi Homer provided local knowledge on Great Guana Cay and volunteered her family's cottage for an event there until the cruise outgrew the cottage and its grounds. Jack Wills was our name tag czar and

did a masterful job of getting things right. Bruce and Joan Kessler generously provided space on their big trawler yacht Spirit of Zopilote, loading and carrying over 700 lbs. and 50 cubic feet of “cruise material” safely from Fort Lauderdale to Abaco. Finally, Penny Turtle, who has lived in the Bahamas and been a great friend and supporter of CCA for more than a half century, provided initial planning support and essential introductions for the committee in and around Abaco.

As with most CCA cruises, this one was a team effort all the way!

### **Lesson 5. Promoting the cruise**

We found that promoting the cruise early served to generate enthusiasm—it got members and significant others talking about the cruise and asking questions. Once that began, the cruise took on a life of its own and there was lots of e-mail give-and-take between the committee and potential cruisers. Once the dialog started it never really went away. The periodic Sitreps proved a good communications tool, and because they were typically a month or more apart we reiterated much of the cruise information in each one. *“Tell ‘em, tell ‘em again, then remind ‘em what you told ‘em!”*

We tried to have a new “lead” or piece of news at the top of each Sitrep, as these headlines suggest. :

- Sitrep 1, Jul. 10: **2010 Spring Cruise on Course**
- Sitrep 2: Aug. 15: **2010 Spring Cruise Gains Momentum**
- Sitrep 3: Sep. 30: **CRUISE SOLD OUT – 144 Cruisers Set to Enjoy 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**
- Sitrep 4: Jan. 1: **CEILING RAISED BUT CRUISE STILL SOLD OUT —165 Cruisers, 44 Yachts Now Registered for the CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco.**
- Sitrep 5: Feb. 8: **COUNTDOWN TO ABACO—165 Cruisers, 43 Yachts Registered for CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco**
- Sitrep 6: Mar. 5: **JUST A MONTH TO GO! 165 Cruisers, 43 Yachts on Track for CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco**

### **Lesson 6. “Sold out” can be a good thing**

We’re not sure whether it was the venue, the early and frequent promotion, or something else but the Abaco cruise was a sell-out more than six months in advance and remained that way right up until days before the cruise began. It’s up to the cruise committee to decide how many people and yachts a cruise can accommodate, of course, and to limit the cruise to those numbers. As noted in Section I, early in our planning we assumed 150 people and 40 yachts, figures based on the maximums our research showed could be handled by the Abaco venues we wanted to use. Once we had good reason to believe that the cruise was going to be very popular we went back to the venues in Abaco and found that with certain changes we could accommodate a cruise of 165 people. Just as the sizzle of having room for “Only a few good men” worked well for U.S. Marine Corps recruiting, limiting the size of this cruise seems to have had the unintentional effect of making it even more popular. From the initial “sold out” announcement, the number on our cruise roster

hovered near the maximum, and the committee made it a point to run a strict and honest first-come, first-served waiting list—no politics allowed. In the end, the cruise excluded no one, even though—to our amazement—one couple showed up in Abaco on registration day with no reservations. (Of course they were accommodated.)

### **Lesson 7. Dealing with vendors**

Negotiations with vendors for the cruise ran the gamut from highly legalistic with complex written contracts to very informal where a discussion and a handshake did the job. Abaco Beach Resort, the venue for the cruise opening and closing events and the location where we committed close to half the cruise's total dollars, was the most difficult because the resort has a long boilerplate contract and did not take well to changes. After we reached fundamental agreement with the resort, negotiations to get the contract to an acceptable point took about six weeks of back-and-forth e-mails and phone calls.

On the other hand, arrangements for using the Hope Town Sailing Club and for a reception at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and the Pete's Pub pig roast at Little Harbour were quickly and easily handled with friend-to-friend handshakes. The rum keg party at Orchid Bay Marina was one-of-a-kind. The guarantee of many slip rentals, \$3,000 worth of food sales, and about \$2,000 in bar sales notwithstanding, the conservative managers of the marina still needed to be convinced that this event would be good idea for the marina. Jim Chambers, a calm and cool negotiator, took on the challenge and succeeded in convincing Orchid Bay's management that the rum keg party would indeed be good for business. The rum keg party there turned out to be one of the cruise's most popular events.

A word to the wise: be sure any service charges are reflected in the deal you make. We had one party where the provider didn't tell us until the bill was presented that no service charge had been included, so we felt duty bound to add about 20% to the final bill. Of course, the service charge was paid from the cruise contingency fund.

### **Lesson 8. Show me the money**

On Sept. 30 in Sitrep 3 the cruise committee announced the following payment schedule:

<b>Cruise Payment Schedule</b>		
<b>Deposit Number</b>	<b>Per person Amount*</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
1	\$100	Aug. 31, 2009
2	\$100	Jan. 15, 2010
3	\$100	Feb. 15, 2010
4	\$150	Mar. 15, 2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450</b>	

At the time we devised the payment schedule the committee was very focused on how many people the cruise would attract and we were aiming to get good numbers. Our

thinking was that, like playing a big fish on light tackle, with this payment schedule we could reel in participants slowly and easily, using minimum muscle and inflicting minimum pain. In retrospect, we found that four payments over seven months was just too many payments and made for unnecessary paperwork and bank deposits. Cruise treasurer Pete Hoffman took the brunt of the punishment on this, but the four-payment schedule also proved to be a hardship on participants. While we made it plain that full payment could be made at any time, we offered no incentive for early payment and few took us up on that. Most made four payments and, as one cruiser commented on the survey, “4 payments were a pain in the ---. Looking back, we feel that offering a small incentive for early full payment would have been a good idea.

The committee feels that the initial “show me the money” \$100 deposit was important because it allowed us to see how many members were serious about the cruise and then make plans accordingly. We’d definitely do that again. Beyond that, we’d go for a payment schedule with a total of three payments: an early initial deposit, a mid-term payment, and a final payment one month before the event.

### **Lesson 9. Refunds**

If there’s ever been a CCA policy on refunds for national cruises nobody on our committee was aware of it. Nonetheless, the committee felt that a sense of fairness to participants should govern refunds, so our intention was to return the deposits of everyone who dropped out. Because we weren’t sure how much money we’d have after all cruise expenses were taken care of, we made it a point not to **promise** refunds in cruise communications. However, as it became apparent that the cruise would be well subscribed, probably close to sold out, we became more confident we could make substantial refunds to those forced to drop out.

In the final analysis, 100% refunds were made to every person who dropped out more than 30 days before the start of the cruise. After the cruise was over and we knew exactly where we stood financially, 100% refunds less a \$50 fee were made to everyone who dropped out within 30 days of the cruise. The committee received zero complaints about the refund policy. Indeed, many recipients were not only surprised but told us that they greatly appreciated our efforts to return their money. Cruise chair Paul Ives received a half dozen or more letters thanking the committee and praising the good management that made the refunds possible.

### **Lesson 10. Name tags**

It is traditional that each national cruise have its own unique name tag. The Abaco cruise name tag was simple, easily readable and emblazoned with the cruise logo. The name tag selected was about 2 x 3¼ inches and had a magnetic catch, as shown in the picture. The magnetic catches proved to be a problem. While they may work well for many uses, they didn’t work well for this cruise because the magnets easily shook loose or pulled loose if the name tag caught on a shroud, for example. Several name tags were lost in the early days of the cruise, and



several magnets were also lost separately. We can see now that a more conventional pin-on name tag or one with a lanyard would have been a better choice

Since there were many non-CCA members on the cruise whose names could not be verified in the CCA Yearbook, to optimize chances of getting names right Sitreps included a registration sheet with space for participants to *“List names as you wish them to appear on name tags for all persons covered by the deposit above.”* Included on the sheet was a space for the Station/Post for each person, with instructions to *“leave the Station/Post field blank for each non-member who is not the (a) spouse, (b) significant other, or (c) under 18-year-old child of a member.”*

Of course, there were last-minute fixes and changes right up through registration day. Since the name tags had to be transported to Abaco aboard a CCA yacht with departure from Florida about 10 days before the cruise began, committee member Jack Wills, our excellent name tag czar, established a cut-off date after which no further name tags could be made. The committee ordered a supply of blank name tags and used a Brother P-Touch® label maker (with a supply of ¾-inch navy-blue-on-white tape) on the cruise to personalize name tags, and late additions and changes were handled using blank name tags and the label maker. Lost name tags were also replaced using blanks and the label maker. Name tags with label tape were barely distinguishable from the original engraved ones.

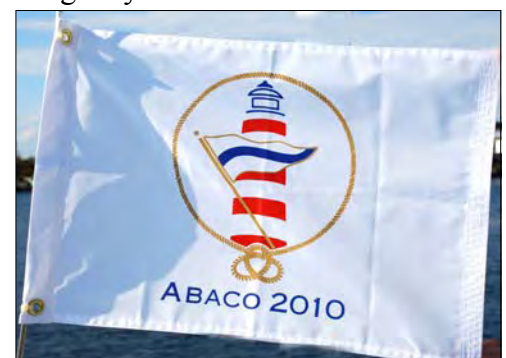
Notably, the cruise name tags did not include yacht names. We felt that including yacht names was less important on this cruise because nearly half the fleet was comprised of charter yachts. For a national cruise with a significantly smaller proportion of charter yachts, consideration should be given to having yacht names on name tags. Of course, adding yacht names is one more data point and one more opportunity for error!

The name tag vendor used for this cruise, whom we highly recommend, was Dean Marr in Jacksonville, FL ([dean.marr@comcast.net](mailto:dean.marr@comcast.net) Tel. 904-874-1673).

### **Lesson 11. Cruise flag**

Since so many cruise participants had charter yachts without proper flag halyards and would be unable to fly the club burgee properly, the committee decided that a cruise flag to identify all cruise participants would be a nice touch.

We ordered 60 15 x 22-inch custom silkscreen-printed flags with header and grommets. One cruise flag was provided in the cruise bag for each captain, and a simple “fastening kit” of cable ties and plastic tape (and instructions) was provided to the captain of each charter yacht. We also used flags as mementos and for decoration at some cruise venues. The flags proved popular, were flown from virtually every cruise yacht, and we were glad we had ordered extras which were sold to other cruise participants at cost.



Vendor for the flags was Freedom Flag and Banner, 13870 W. Dixie Hwy., North Miami, FL 33161, tel. 305-981-9996, <http://www.flagusa.com/flags001.htm> We highly recommend this company.

### **Lesson 12. Getting the drinks right**

It's no secret that Mount Gay is the preferred rum for CCA events, and the committee was quick to specify that Mount Gay would be the "bar rum" available at all bars supporting the cruise. In addition to Mount Gay rum, we specified that all cruise bars would also have available the following at minimum: vodka, gin, bourbon, scotch, beer, mixers, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc. We also negotiated the number of bars and drink prices at most venues in an effort to avoid bad surprises at the bar.

We thought we had covered it all, but there were a couple of surprises. We failed to negotiate drink SIZES and we were chagrined to find Abaco Beach Resort pouring drinks with 1 ounce of liquor and serving 4-oz. glasses of wine, all at \$7 a pop. As one respondent said in a survey response: "They poured very weak drinks." In retrospect it's easy to see now that we should have specified that prices would be for drinks with 1.5 ounces of liquor and 5 ounces of wine, both industry standards; we recommend that future cruise planners not make the same mistake we did. At Pete's Pub we learned midway through the party that drink prices had been increased \$1.00 over those charged "regular customers" the day before. Oops!

### **Lesson 13. Drink tickets**

As noted in Section I, each participant received six drink tickets which could be used at most events. This came about because late in the planning the committee found that we had a surplus of money and we felt we should find a way to return it to participants. The drink tickets proved universally popular and many people commented favorably about them in survey responses.



Including drink tickets as a part of the cruise fee (rather than as an afterthought) is something future cruise planners may wish to consider.

### **Lesson 14. Long buffet lines**

Four of the Abaco cruise's five principal events involved buffets with long buffet lines. While participants were unfailingly polite and rolled with it, several commented in their survey responses that the long buffet lines were definitely not a treat. If a buffet line for 160 people is split into two sides of 80 people it's impossible to serve everyone in less than an hour. That may be fine for those at the head of the line, but for those near the end the wait seems interminable and the hunger pangs grow. At one event the kitchen ran out of two of the most popular items and several of us hung around for 20 minutes waiting for replenishments—definitely not a good scene.

What are the alternatives?



- **More buffet lines.** All things considered, we learned that it's best to specify a separate buffet line for every 40-50 people. That would have meant four buffet lines for our 160 people, a system that would likely have gotten everyone through the buffet lines in 30-40 minutes. That's still a substantial wait, but it's a lot better than an hour or more.
- **Passed hors d'oeuvres.** At the Abaco cruise's Hope Town reception, heavy hors d'oeuvres were passed. Most people found this a wonderful alternative to buffet lines, but there were a few mild complaints about there not being enough food to go around. Was that true or were they standing in the wrong place?
- **Seated dinners.** These are typically more expensive because they require multiple servers, but at least one sit-down dinner on a national cruise may be a desirable goal. If we were planning one, we'd probably opt to do it at the final event. Or perhaps at both the opening event and final event.

All things considered, a combination of more buffet lines, passed hors d'oeuvres, and seated dinners is probably the best choice.

### Lesson 15. Signage

Especially on registration day when the cruise is just getting going and needs to make a good impression, having good signage gives the cruise a professional appearance and makes a difference.



The committee ordered a Spring Cruise in Abaco sign that could be (and was) used at multiple events. This sign was approximately 4 x 6 feet and printed in color on heavy plastic-reinforced cloth and had grommets for easy hanging, yet it could be rolled up for easy transportation—an ideal solution.

In addition, we had a 2x4-foot white poster board sign that said “CCA Registration” made to identify the registration desk. The committee also hung large CCA burgees around the registration area to further identify the site.

Other signs were made as needed on our personal ink-jet printers.

A set of large signal flags would have been handy for decorating, but we didn’t think about that until it was too late.

### **Lesson 16. Cruise book**

Having been disappointed by cruise books on some cruises, we resolved to put together a cruise book that would serve as a good example of what a cruise book ought to be: authoritative, accurate, attractive, easy to use, and thorough. Counting covers, it came in at



50 pages and cost \$3,074 (for 110 copies), more than twice what we had budgeted. But the cruise book was well received, and it received very high marks on the cruise survey. One cruiser summed it up this way: “All the pertinent information and very user friendly.” (See Attachment 8.)

The cruise book was completed about 10 days before the cruise began, so it was able to include two up-to-date cruise rosters, one by name and one by yacht under the skipper’s name. One survey

respondent suggested a roster of yachts in alphabetical order, a good idea for most cruises; on this cruise nearly half the boats were charter yachts and yacht names for those were not available in advance.

Of course there was one big error in the cruise guide: in spite of checking, proofing and re-proofing, we still managed to get the time of the tides wrong for one day. Learn from our mistake! Proofread, proofread, and proofread again—with several people doing the honors.

To get the cruise book in the hands of all cruisers in advance, we posted a near-final draft on the club website about two weeks before the cruise began. When we went final, the final draft was both posted on the website and e-mailed to everyone on our mailing list, a move that proved popular with participants. A bound paper copy, of course, was in each cruise bag at registration.

### **Lesson 17. A-la-carte participation**

We had been warned by other cruise committees to expect some members to ask to take part in only one or two events but not the entire cruise, something we called “a-la-carte



participation.” As a matter of policy, the committee decided that we would not permit this. That’s no doubt easier on a cruise away from the USA, and our decision worked for the most part. However, in the end we had to establish a-la-carte pricing because friends and relatives of participants flew in for a day or two and it simply didn’t seem proper to exclude them from cruise events.

Even if a cruise committee wants to discourage a-la-carte participation, as ours did, it’s best to be prepared for the inevitable and be ready with a-la-carte pricing!

### **Lesson 18. Arranged seating**

The cruise committee considered arranged seating at dinners and decided against it. Our thinking was that it’s best to allow participants to sit with whomever they wish. A good decision? Who knows? One cruise participant suggested that arranged seating would have allowed participants to meet new friends, a good point. However, arranged seating requires more time and management on the part of the cruise committee and event captains and provides lots of opportunities for errors and hurt feelings. There’s no single right answer, but we recommend that future cruise committees consider arranged seating and determine whether using it for one or more events is appropriate.

### **Lesson 19. How do you get 700 lbs. of cruise material to Abaco?**

This cruise was held in the Bahamas, of course, some 200 nautical miles across the Gulf Stream from South Florida. To participants, the cruise “goodie bags” appeared at



registration as if by magic. But when magic is involved, making it happen usually requires a lot of planning and behind-the-scenes action. The material needed for the bags and registration in Abaco totaled 35 boxes: 50 cubic feet and about 700 lbs. The committee took an organized and systematic approach to dealing with it. A list of everything ordered for the cruise bags, including estimated weight and cubic feet, was kept in an Excel spreadsheet, then updated with hard data when each new shipment was received. We established a drop-dead cut-off date of March 31 for receipt of everything. Bruce and Joan Kessler were taking their large trawler yacht, the Northern Marine 64 *Spirit of Zopilote*, on the cruise and volunteered to have the yacht carry everything. We organized a loading party for April 2 and the Kesslers, Chambers and Bakers loaded everything aboard SOZ in quick order, using Bruce’s dinghy crane and cargo net. The big yacht swallowed up all the boxes without

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really trying, and two weeks later the same team offloaded everything at Abaco Beach Resort's Boat Harbour Marina the day before registration. We prepared a bill of lading and commercial invoice in advance in case Bahamas customs wanted to become involved, but customs never asked about the goods and, of course, we never volunteered information about the shipment. The cruise bags were packed in a large hotel room the committee reserved for that purpose at Abaco Beach Resort.

### **Lesson 20. Insurance**

Abaco Beach Resort's original boilerplate contract required the club to provide liability insurance. We learned that the club's insurance does not cover events held outside the USA, so we were able to modify the contract to include no insurance. Instead, we agreed in the club's behalf (gulp!) "to indemnify and hold the resort harmless for: any loss, liability, costs or damages arising from actual or threatened claims or causes or action resulting from the negligence or intentional misconduct of such party or its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, members or participants (as applicable)."

We were confident that this would not be a problem, and it wasn't but Milt Baker, the guy whose signature was on the contract, admits to a little discomfort!

### **Lesson 21. A uniform to identify key committee members**

Committee member Jim Gourd suggested that the five committee members with overall management responsibility for the cruise wear an identifying uniform, a distinctive shirt with the cruise logo, to make them easily identifiable to other cruisers. Jim selected a blue oxford cloth shirt, and each managing committee member ponied up and paid for his own uniform shirts. Participants seemed to appreciate that the committee had gone out of its way to make key answer-man easily identifiable and the uniform system worked well. We recommend something along these lines for future national cruises.

In his opening remarks cruise committee chairman Paul Ives introduced key committee members, pointed out the distinctive shirts making committee members easy to identify, and—to let participants know that no cruise dollars were spent on the shirts—publicly ragged treasurer Paul Ives about not allowing the shirts to be purchased with cruise money; it was all done in good fun.

### **Lesson 22. Survey**

Finally, the committee recommends that future cruise committees seek feedback from cruise participants by conducting a survey immediately after the cruise. The Abaco cruise survey was done anonymously and entirely online using SurveyMonkey ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)). We opted for the \$20 a month service which allowed an unlimited number of questions and respondents, then cancelled the service after one month. An e-mail was sent to all cruise participants asking them to take part in the survey and directing them to the survey website.

The survey is in Attachment 1, and we think you'll see why we found the feedback valuable.

## A final note

We learned quickly that running a national cruise for the Cruising Club of America is a big job and requires a huge investment of time on the part of the committee. The more we got into it, the more we appreciated that. However, we learned a great deal along the way and the feedback shows that the 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco will be remembered as an enjoyable cruise by virtually everyone who took part.

We hope this after-action report and our lessons learned will be helpful to those who follow in our footsteps on cruise committees in the months and years ahead. We also hope you'll consider those who come after you and you'll write and distribute a detailed report like this one telling what you did, how you did it, how it worked, and what you learned in the process. What didn't work is as important as what did.

There's nothing like learning from one's own mistakes, but having the experience of those who went before you makes for a lot fewer mistakes!

If you have questions about this report or this cruise, please contact Milt Baker at [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)

--Paul Lane Ives  
--Milt Baker  
--Jim Gourd  
--Pete Hoffman  
--Jim Chambers

### **III. ATTACHMENTS** (only on the attached CD)

1. Final cruise survey results
2. Initial cruise announcement
3. Abaco cruise Sitreps 1–6
4. Initial working budget
5. Final budget
6. Final master spreadsheet: deposits and fees
7. To-do list
8. Cruise book

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## **Attachment 1 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report**

### **CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco Final Survey Results**

*This anonymous survey was conducted via e-mail and the Internet using Survey Monkey ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)) to determine what participants in the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco thought about the cruise. The cruise was conducted April 16-25, and on May 1 an e-mail was sent to everyone on the cruise e-mail list inviting participation in the survey. As the invitation e-mail specified, the survey was available on line from May 1-10. One "reminder" was sent towards the end of the period.*

*A total of 48 survey responses were received. Although there's no one-for-one correlation, there were 39 yachts on the cruise and the 48 responses represent a response rate of more than one per yacht; assuming that no person completed the survey more than once, this is a total response rate of (48/160) 30 percent of those who took part in the cruise—more enough to constitute an excellent sample and provide high validity for the survey results.*

*This was the first time I've used Survey Monkey and I found it to be an easy and cost effective way to conduct a survey like this. Otherwise, I have no business or personal relationship with Survey Monkey.*

*A copy of the introductory e-mail is shown at the end of this report.*

*--Milt Baker, cruise operations  
May 11, 2010*

**Introductory e-mail**

**From:** [Milt Baker <miltbaker@mindspring.com>](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)

**To:** (CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco e-mail list)

**Subject:** CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco - Your Feedback

**Date:** May 1, 2010 12:02 PM

Heartfelt thanks from your cruise committee for making the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco such a success.

We'd very much like to have your feedback on the cruise--your overall impression and what you liked and didn't like. We've designed a short, anonymous, 10-question online survey that should take you less than 10 minutes to complete. We'd love to have feedback from every person on the cruise, but as a minimum we ask that at least one person per yacht complete the survey.

Why not complete the survey right now? To get started, click on this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GYKXHNW>

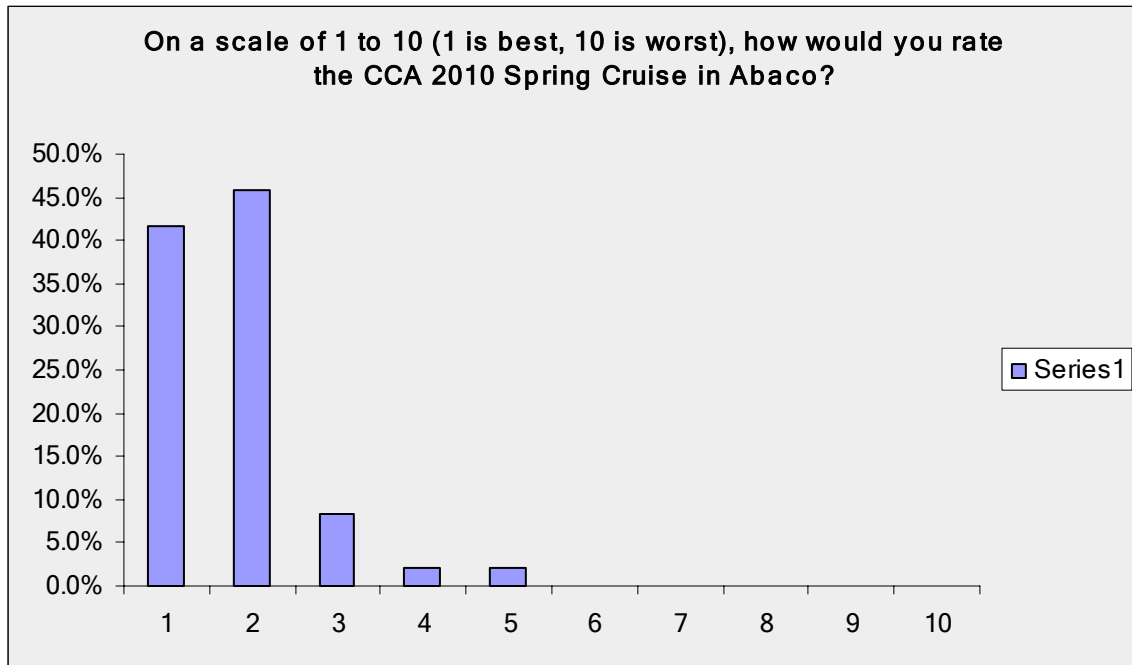
The survey will remain open until one minute before midnight on Monday, May 10. If you encounter any problems completing the survey, please let me know.

Many thanks,

--Milt Baker, for the cruise committee

## The Survey and Responses

**1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 is best, 10 is worst), how would you rate the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco?**

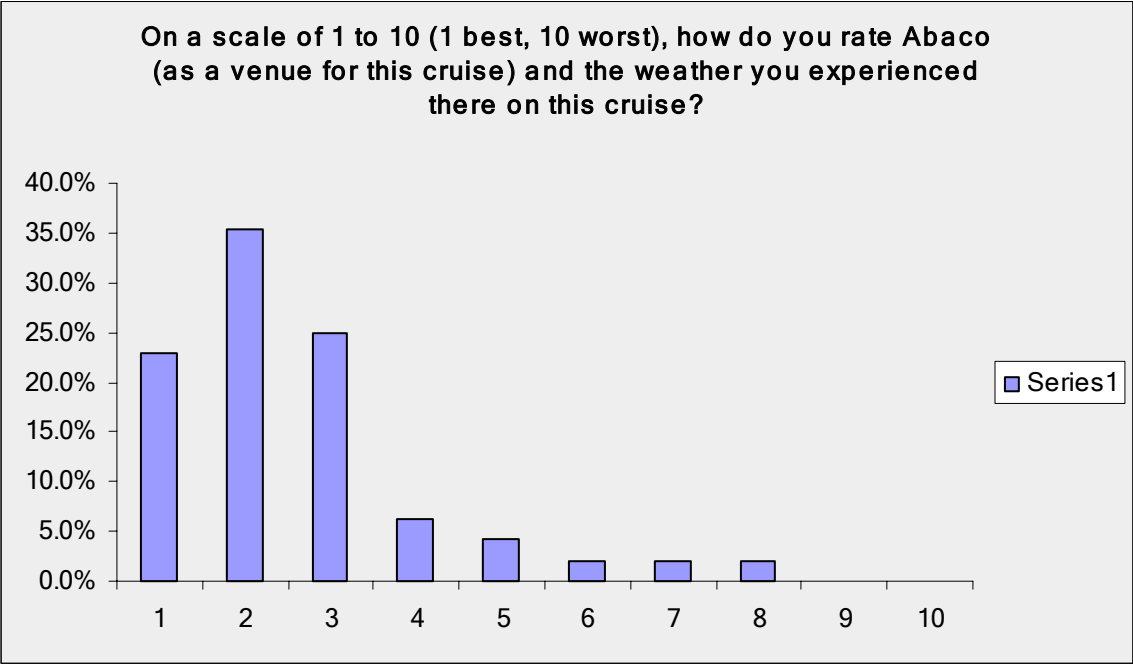


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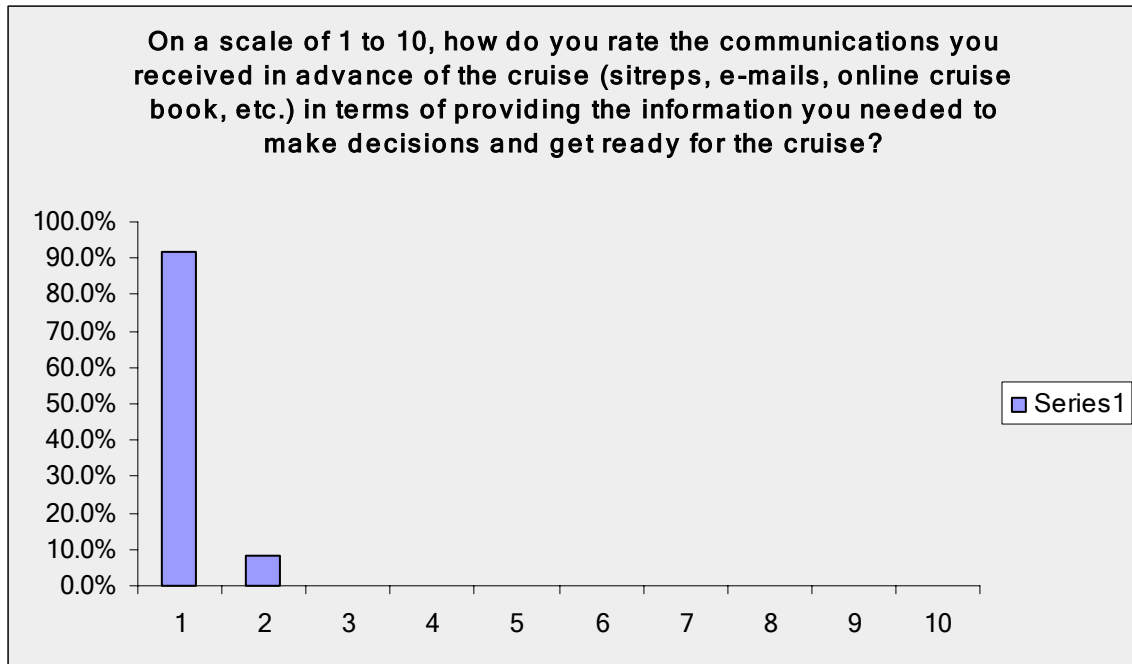
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst), how do you rate Abaco (as a venue for this cruise) and the weather you experienced there on this cruise?



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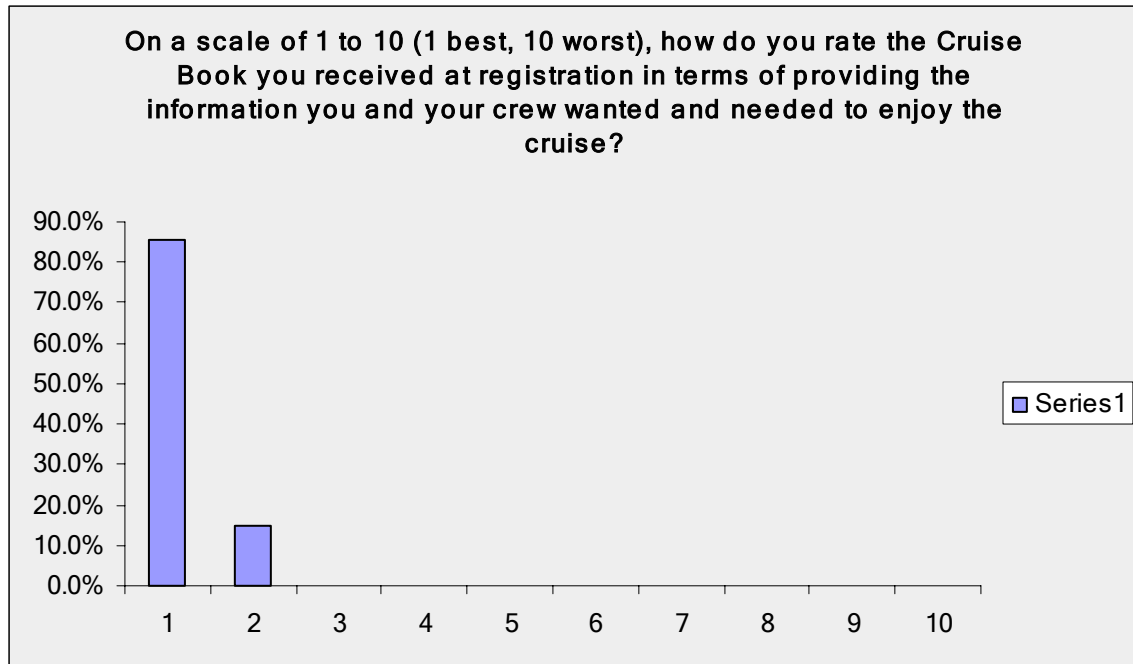
**3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how do you rate the communications you received in advance of the cruise (sitreps, e-mails, online cruise book, etc.) in terms of providing the information you needed to make decisions and get ready for the cruise?**



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**4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst), how do you rate the Cruise Book you received at registration in terms of providing the information you and your crew wanted and needed to enjoy the cruise?**



**Was there anything you especially liked or disliked about the Cruise Book?**

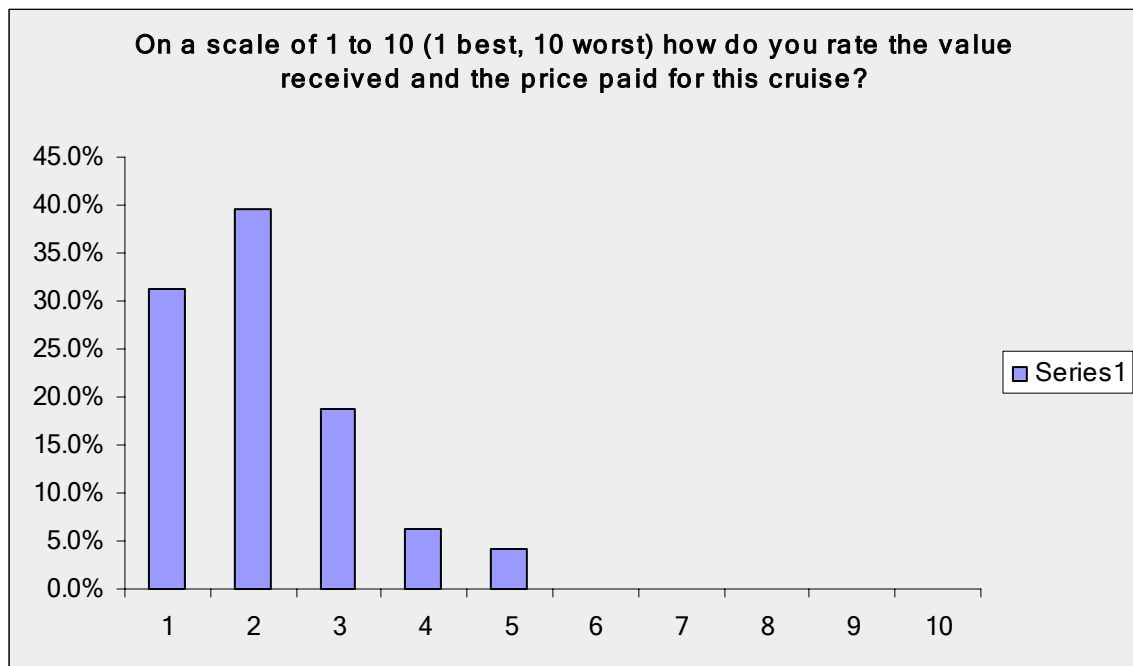
1. Meeting fellow CCA members. Mon, May 10, 2010 5:28 PM
2. We thought it was very well put together and complete. Sun, May 9, 2010 7:59 PM
3. Very complete, professionally done. Sun, May 9, 2010 8:40 AM
4. Well organized, colorful, and easy to use. Sat, May 8, 2010 8:14 PM
5. I believe we will find it was the best ever produced by the CCA. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:02 PM
6. The advance Sitreps were a terrific help. Thank you for the effort to keep us informed long before the cruise began. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:00 PM
7. IT WAS TERRIFIC! Sat, May 8, 2010 11:34 AM
8. Liked the integration of the Guide to Abaco and the cruise book. Unique to the Bahamas was furnishing the yacht cruising permit to purchase a one way ticket to the Bahamas. Thu, May 6, 2010 8:49 AM
9. Very well done all round, except your tide goof you noted. Wed, May 5, 2010 6:05 PM
10. Liked the tidal info...except for that one day. Also the phone numbers were very handy. Tue, May 4, 2010 11:20 PM
11. The information on the various port calls was especially useful, where to go, what to see, anchorages and cruising routes. The charts in the Cruise book were too small scale in some instances and it was difficult to get an overall picture of the various areas that the information pertained to. Tue, May 4, 2010 2:01 PM
12. It was great to have the sitreps giving new information as it developed -- there were no surprises. Mon, May 3, 2010 4:18 PM

13. If there was something to dislike, we sure couldn't find it! Mon, May 3, 2010 12:45 PM
14. Early distribution was good very helpful to those new to the area, but maybe too long Mon, May 3, 2010 12:00 PM
15. Boat Roster in alphabetic order. And Abaco cruising book in advance once paid up. Mon, May 3, 2010 8:19 AM
16. Well organized - overview map would have been helpful Sun, May 2, 2010 4:36 PM
17. It was well planned, well laid out and really outstanding Sun, May 2, 2010 8:46 AM
18. Very well done with all the info. necessary for an enjoyable cruise. Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM
19. Very well done. Sat, May 1, 2010 5:57 PM
20. All the pertinent information and very user friendly. Sat, May 1, 2010 2:28 PM
21. LIKED IT ALL...VERY WELL THOUGHT OUT AND PIECED TOGETHER...VERY PROFESSIONAL. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:26 PM
22. Great -- authoritative, complete, well done! Sat, May 1, 2010 12:45 PM
23. Colorful, easy to read, authoritative, complete. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:21 PM

***answered question 48***

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**5. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst) how do you rate the value received and the price paid for this cruise?**



**Was there any single thing that added to or detracted from the value you received?  
If so, what?**

1. Just a bit expensive, but overall an excellent value--especially considering the high prices in Abaco. Sat, May 8, 2010 8:14 PM
2. The events were nice and varied despite the challenges of finding venues for 150+ in the Abaco's. Well done!! Sat, May 8, 2010 2:00 PM
3. DRINKS A WEE BIT WEAK. Sat, May 8, 2010 11:34 AM
4. Really enjoyed the opening and closing events, casual and a good opportunity to meet lots of members. The beach venue was super. Thu, May 6, 2010 8:49 AM
5. Well organized, well executed with good logo and goodies with bag & caps. Wed, May 5, 2010 6:05 PM
6. Not your fault...things just expensive there. Tue, May 4, 2010 11:20 PM
7. The cruise bag contents and Abacos guide were particularly useful and of value. Some of the refreshments at the receptions were sub par although it did not appear that anyone went hungry. Tue, May 4, 2010 2:01 PM
8. Nothing particular, just some excellent recent cruises Nice variety of locations for events for the cost. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:00 PM
9. Food wasn't that great. Sun, May 2, 2010 6:26 PM
10. Gift bag very nice but contents more extravagant than necessary. Sun, May 2, 2010 4:36 PM
11. The first night's dinner and snacks were not up to the quality of the rest of the get togethers. Boat Harbor did better for the farewell dinner. Heavy h'or d'oerves at

Hopetown ran out quickly. They could have provided more. Pete's pigroast was outstanding. We missed Orchid Bay due to sickness. Sun, May 2, 2010 8:46 AM

12. The drink tickets were an excellent idea and not using cash at events is preferable. Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM

13. 4 payments was a pain in the ---. Sat, May 1, 2010 4:36 PM

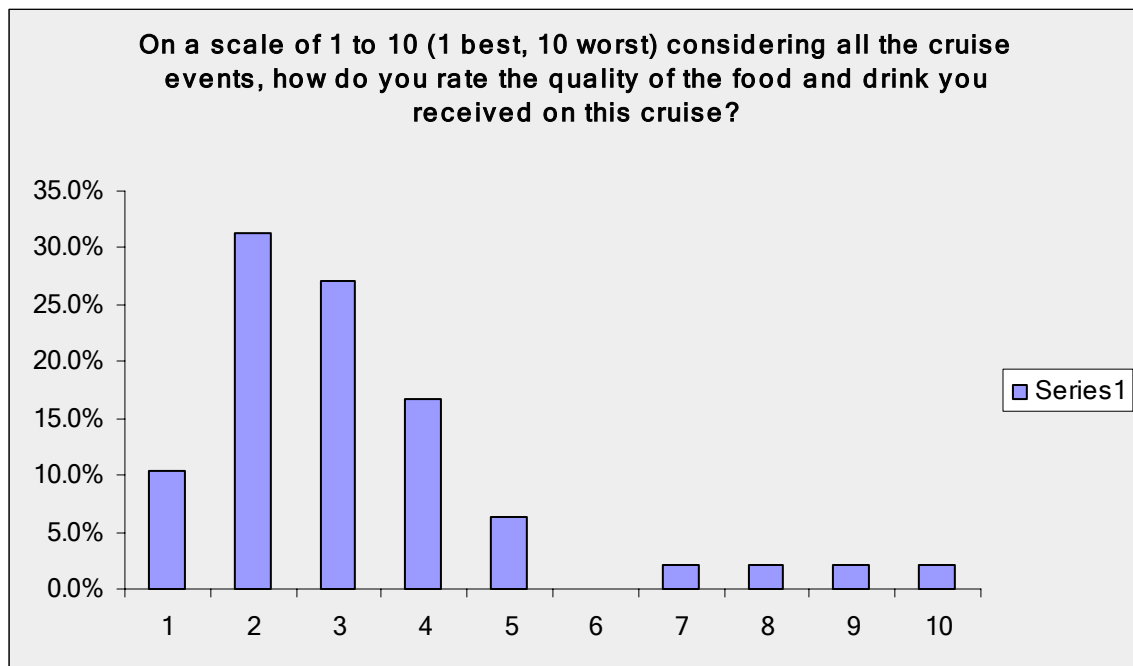
14. Liked the cruise bag and its contents . . . nice parties. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:45 PM

15. Day in Hope Town was great. Liked Pete's Pub too. Sat, May 1, 2010 11:13 AM

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**6. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst) considering all the cruise events, how do you rate the quality of the food and drink you received on this cruise?**



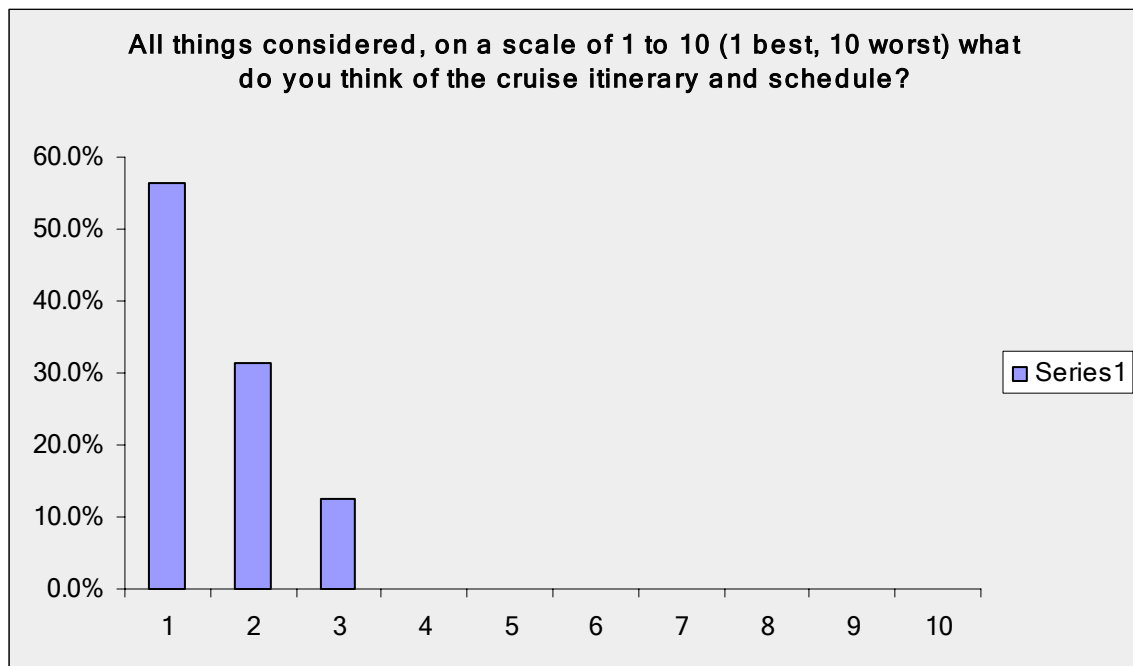
**Was there any food or drink that you consider especially good or bad? If so, what was it and why?**

1. Orchid Bay food fantastic and service excellent; Abacos Resort, good -fair food, drinks minimal as everything measured for each drink. Mon, May 10, 2010 5:28 PM
2. They poured very weak drinks and the food was barely edible. Maybe typical of the this area. Sat, May 8, 2010 10:04 PM
3. Really liked the pig roast at Pete's Pub and the passed hors d'oeuvres at Hope Town Harbour Lodge. Sat, May 8, 2010 8:14 PM
4. Pete's pig roast was the best, May 8, 2010 2:04 PM
5. Food the last night was not on the same level as the other events. Sat, May 8, 2010 12:06 PM
6. SEE ABOVE. Sat, May 8, 2010 11:34 AM
7. Heard some bitches; however, the first night set an impossibly high standard. Thu, May 6, 2010 8:49 AM
8. Drink tickets a bonus. Local seafood was generally good. Hopetown hors d'oeuvres great. Wed, May 5, 2010 6:05 PM
9. The quality of the food served at the various receptions varied considerably. While Pete's Pub was not as elegant as some of the yacht clubs the chowder and roast pig was undoubtedly the best meal of the cruise. The drink prices at the various resorts seemed inflated just for our patrons (thank you for the tickets they really came in handy). Tue, May 4, 2010 2:01 PM
10. Standing in line for the heavy hors d'oeuvres was not great -- particularly when they ran out. Mon, May 3, 2010 4:18 PM

11. The food at the welcome dinner was marginal. The pig roast was surprisingly good. Mon, May 3, 2010 2:36 PM
12. Start buffets earlier so all are not ready to eat at the same time. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:24 PM
13. Very, very good. Buffets worked well for those meals. Passed hors d'oeuvres at events allowed plenty of time to socialize since people are not tied to seated tables. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:00 PM
14. Pig roast at Pete's was very good. Mon, May 3, 2010 10:51 AM
15. Hope Town Lodge hors d'oeuvres were good but NOT HEAVY - we had 5 nibbles between 2 of us! Mon, May 3, 2010 8:19 AM
16. Unless you ate immediately, most places ran out of food. Sun, May 2, 2010 4:36 PM
17. See item 5 comments. Sun, May 2, 2010 8:46 AM
18. First and last night's dinners were excellent. Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM
19. The event at the Hope Town Lodge was a special evening, but all the venues did a great job. Sat, May 1, 2010 2:28 PM
20. DRINK WAS FINE...FOOD AT BOTH ABACO BEACH RESORT EVENTS WAS NOT A GOOD VALUE...AT ORCHID BAY IT WAS O.K., NOT GREAT, BUT WE DIDN'T COME TO EAT AND, FOR THE ISLANDS OVERALL O.K. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:26 PM
21. About as good as it gets in Abaco, which is to say acceptable but not inspired. Food ran out at the last party before everyone was served. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:45 PM
22. Abaco Beach Resort used very weak drinks at the final party Sat, May 1, 2010 12:09 PM
23. They ran out of food at the last event. Not good! Sat, May 1, 2010 11:13 AM
- answered question 48***
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**7. All things considered, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst) what do you think of the cruise itinerary and schedule?**



**Was there any single venue you especially liked or disliked? Why?**

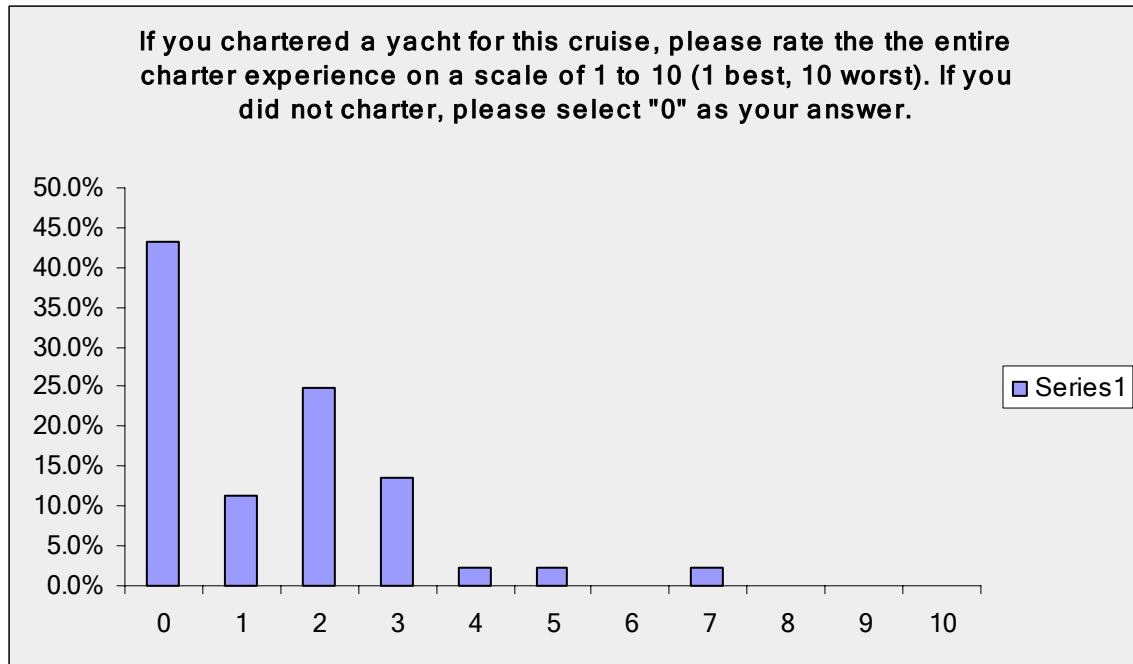
1. Final beach party outstanding! Sun, May 9, 2010 8:40 AM
2. The day in Hope Town was GREAT! Sat, May 8, 2010 8:14 PM
3. Hopetown was a favorite. Sat, May 8, 2010 12:06 PM
4. Final beach party best setting. Wed, May 5, 2010 6:05 PM
5. Great and very practical. Tue, May 4, 2010 11:20 PM
6. The itinerary and schedule could not have been improved upon. It was a leisurely cruise, with plenty of time to do your own thing and still enjoy the planned events. Tue, May 4, 2010 2:01 PM
7. It was great to have an event every other day -- not too often, we weren't over-programmed, but we were entertained. Mon, May 3, 2010 4:18 PM
8. All very good and varied. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:00 PM
9. In general all event employees were above average and most helpful. Mon, May 3, 2010 8:19 AM
10. Could have have a little more time between events or one less event. .Sun, May 2, 2010 4:36 PM
11. Liked the anchorage at Lynyard Cay. Sun, May 2, 2010 8:46 AM
12. Enjoyed Man O War Cay the best. Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM
13. If we had known the weather was going to be so good, we could have tried for Green Turtle. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:04 PM
14. GREAT EVENTS...KUDOS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR SUPERB ORGANIZATION. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:26 PM
15. Good balance of events and lay days. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:45 PM

16. Pete's Pub and Hope Town Harbour Lodge were terrific! Sat, May 1, 12:01PM

*answered question 48*

*skipped question 0*

**8. If you chartered a yacht for this cruise, please rate the the entire charter experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 best, 10 worst). If you did not charter, please select "0" as your answer.**



**What charter company did you use and what type of yacht did you charter?**

1. Moorings 40' catamaran. Mon, May 10, 2010 8:02 AM
2. The Moorings. Sun, May 9, 2010 7:59 PM
3. The Moorings Power Cat. Sun, May 9, 2010 8:40 AM
4. Moorings. Sat, May 8, 2010 10:04 PM
5. Moorings. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:04 PM
6. Moorings Power Cat 37 One Year Old. Multiple simple issues that made for a frustrating experience. We have chartered from the Moorings multiple times. This was the worst experience despite paying a premium for a new boat. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the cruise. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:00 PM
7. CRUISE ABACO JENN 49 SAIL. Sat, May 8, 2010 11:34 AM
8. Moorings Cat 4300. Tue, May 4, 2010 11:20 PM
9. Moorings. Mon, May 3, 2010 7:14 PM
10. I've had better from the Moorings (provisioning was confused and equipment had problems) but it was very good overall. Monohull sloop. Mon, May 3, 2010 4:18 PM
11. Moorings 46' catamaran. Mon, May 3, 2010 2:36 PM
12. Moorings cat. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:24 PM
13. MOORINGS BENETEAU 41. Mon, May 3, 2010 7:24 AM
14. Moorings 41.3. Mon, May 3, 2010 6:44 AM
15. The Moorings Catamaran. Sun, May 2, 2010 6:26 PM
16. The Moorings. A Club 403. Sun, May 2, 2010 8:45 AM

17. Moorings 43 Cat. I've done several charters over the past 40 years and the Moorings is the best operation. Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM

18. Moorings, they did a good job. However, the boat was a typical charter boat. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:31 PM

19. Moorings. We had trouble with our gas stove in Guana, but Simon came out and fixed it for us. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:04 PM

20. Moorings 400 Cat. Sat, May 1, 2010 2:21 PM

21. Moorings 41.7. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:24 PM

22. Moorings. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:09 PM

23. Moorings - Beneteau 41.3

***answered question 44***

***skipped question 4***

## 9. What did you like MOST about the cruise?

### Response Count 45

1. Man of War and its people. Mon, May 10, 2010 5:28 PM
2. Hopetown. Mon, May 10, 2010 8:02 AM
3. Seeing old friends and revisiting the Bahamas after twenty years. Sun, May 9, 2010 7:59 PM
4. Schedule of events & free days. Sun, May 9, 2010 8:40 AM
5. I think the people on the Cruise was great. Sat, May 8, 2010 10:04 PM
6. The Abacos were absolutely wonderful--easygoing, laid-back, decent sailing, great anchorages. And the CCA gang, was, as usual, the best. Sat, May 8, 2010 8:14 PM
7. The members of CCA. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:04 PM
8. It flowed exceptionally well with time to visit sites on lay days and friends at scheduled events. Sat, May 8, 2010 2:02 PM
9. The friendly people!! Sat, May 8, 2010 2:00 PM
10. MEETING OLD FRIENDS. Sat, May 8, 2010 11:34 AM
11. The casual approach to all events with lots of time to meet members from other stations. Thu, May 6, 2010 8:49 AM
12. The camaraderie & just being there. Wed, May 5, 2010 6:05 PM
13. The venue was great, but the final dinner was the best. Also having every other day open. You guys did a superb job. Tue, May 4, 2010 11:20 PM
14. The opportunity to meet other members of the CCA and exchange sea stories. Tue, May 4, 2010 2:01 PM
15. Friendliness of participants. Tue, May 4, 2010 10:54 AM
16. The people. Tue, May 4, 2010 10:26 AM
17. Beautiful scenery. Mon, May 3, 2010 7:14 PM
18. Excellent organization, concept and execution by the Committee. Venue was beautiful and good for the itinerary. Mon, May 3, 2010 4:18 PM
19. Fellowship. Mon, May 3, 2010 3:43 PM
20. Fun for us to get to know new people - but will look forward to future smaller cruises with fewer people. Abaco was beautiful - Mon, May 3, 2010 2:36 PM
21. The superior planning and camaraderie. A no-hassle cruise! Mon, May 3, 2010 12:45 PM
22. Small towns and beautiful beaches. Mon, May 3, 2010 12:24 PM
23. The cruise committee's excellent work Mon, May 3, 2010 12:00 PM
24. Always nice to see old friends and the Abacos are very pretty. Short distances between venues makes the cruise relaxing. Mon, May 3, 2010 10:51 AM
25. Meeting members from other stations, lay days between parties. Mon, May 3, 2010 8:19 AM
26. PARTIES/GATHERINGS Mon, May 3, 2010 7:24 AM
27. Meeting new and old friends in a relaxing environment Mon, May 3, 2010 6:44 AM
28. The area. And the lack of hassles on the cruise. Sun, May 2, 2010 6:26 PM
29. Social events - the cruise was very well organized and the committee did a great job. The morning announcements were timely and to the point! Sun, May 2, 2010 4:36 PM
30. Meeting people from all stations and making new friends. Sun, May 2, 2010 8:46 AM

- 31. Visiting Man-O-War on lay days.Sun, May 2, 2010 8:45 AM
- 32. Enjoyed new environments/destinations as well as meeting members from other stations.Sat, May 1, 2010 9:53 PM
- 33. The ease of getting to the Abacos and all the camaraderie and seeing "old" friends. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:59 PM
- 34. Getting out of New England for a while. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:31 PM
- 35. I really liked Little Harbor. Sat, May 1, 2010 8:04 PM
- 36. Nice people,nice places, nice weather. Sat, May 1, 2010 5:57 PM
- 37. Location and scheduling. Sat, May 1, 2010 4:36 PM
- 38. Getting to see so many old friends and meeting new ones in a great cruising area. Sat, May 1, 2010 2:28 PM
- 39. The snorkeling. Sat, May 1, 2010 2:21 PM
- 40. HOPE TOWN AND PIG ROAST WERE STANDOUTS...COMMUNICATIONS WERE OUTSTANDING...LOVED THE "GOODIE BAG"...ESPECIALLY THE BRASS MAGNIFIER. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:26 PM
- 41. Closing party. Sat, May 1, 2010 1:24 PM
- 42. The itinerary was very well done with every other day a lay day. Enough time away and together.Sat, May 1, 2010 1:09 PM
- 43. Great camaraderie . . . informal barefoot setting . . . good weather (in spite of a little rain) . . . great setting. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:45 PM
- 44. Seeing old friends both CCA and locals. Sat, May 1, 2010 12:09 PM
- 45. Casual, informal ambience in Abaco. Well organized.

***answered question 45***

***skipped question 3***

# 10. What did you like LEAST about the cruise?

Response Count 42

1. Confirmed previous thoughts on Bahamas, nice but Down Island so much better for cruising and scenery.
2. Two rainy days
3. The rainy day.
4. Nothing!
5. Some of the harbors were to small for our group and I was slow on the uptake in getting berthing or a mooring.
6. Rain, shallow water, long dinner lines, pricey drinks with 1 oz. of alcohol, so-so food in some venues.
7. Rain
8. The childish comments with respect to a well designed logo which was obviously misunderstood by one individual with too much time.
9. The Moorings charter.
10. SHALLOW WATER
11. going home
12. The price of drinks and waiting in buffet lines.
13. The one day of rain.
14. I cannot think of anything that rose to the level where I did not like it or found it to be onerous.
15. Shallow water
16. Rain
17. Some lunches and dinners should have arranged seating or some other way to meet members from other stations and boats.
18. Hope Town food
19. too bad the weather wasn't great - and the water wasn't as warm as expected - snorkeling was disappointment - no fault of the committee - well planned event!
20. Not Applicable!
21. umm... rain and cool weather  
Parties every other day seemed like a lot.
22. Two free nights in the middle of the week would have been fine - gives more of a chance to get together with friends in smaller groups.
23. the rain!  
Boat name on badges would have been helpful
24. RAIN SHALLOW WATER
25. As it happened, the itinerary had us motoring up wind most of the time, rather than sailing
26. The food  
A day of rain!  
Later in the season would have been better but would have precluded many of the
27. "Snowbirds". For those coming on their own bottoms, it would have been helpful to have received the Bahamas guide before leaving home.
28. Nothing
29. The rain. But fortunately it didn't interfere with any parties.

30. Very little sailing and short passages.

31. Windy

The Abacos is too small an area for a 10 day cruise in anything larger than a 25 foot

32. sailboat. I knew that, but I still went (and had a good time), but it is not my style of cruising.

33. small cruising area

34. needs variety of activity beyond cocktail party. Payment requests.

35. It only lasted 1 week

36. The dinner lines

37. TWO DAYS OF WIND AND RAIN, BUT OVERALL, NO PLANNED EVENTS WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

38. Drinks and food at Hopetown were expensive and substandard..

39. Nothing

40. Shallow water, expensive electric, expensive marina fees, paying for water.

41. Long Buffet lines

42. Rainy days and shallow water.

***answered question 42***

***skipped question 6***



## **Attachment 2 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report First Announcement – April 9, 2009**

### **2010 SPRING CRUISE – COME TO ABACO IN THE BAHAMAS – April 16-25, 2010**

Called the “top of the Bahamas,” the Abaco Islands comprise the northernmost portion of The Bahamas. The boomerang-shaped mini-archipelago is 130 miles long and consists of both Great Abaco and Little Abaco, as well as a necklace of cays, and this will be the venue for the national spring cruise April 16-26, 2010.

Many residents of the Abacos descend from Loyalists who left New England after the American Revolution. Against a backdrop of sugar-white beaches and turquoise water, their pastel-colored clapboard houses and white-picket fences retain the Cape Cod architectural style of the first settlements on Abacos. One brightly painted sign in Hope Town says it all: "Slow down. You're in Hope Town." The same could be said for all the Abacos.

Ponce de Leon landed here in 1513 looking for the Fountain of Youth. Visitors, many of them retired Americans, still arrive searching, if not for eternal youth, at least for a slower, less hectic way of life that has disappeared from much of the world. For more on Bahamas history, see the section below entitled Bahamas History.

For a good fictional account of the Bahamas during the years immediately after the American Revolution, read *Wind from the Carolinas* by Robert Wilder.

After Nassau, Paradise Island, and Freeport/Lucaya, the Abacos, with many first-rate resorts, are the most visited attraction in the Bahamas.

The Bahamas' number one industry is tourism, and Nassau and Freeport are the country's best known tourist destinations. Both Nassau and Freeport cater to mass tourism, while Abaco seems to appeal to a different kind of tourist--someone who has been to the usual places and is looking for something off the beaten path.

Cruising guide author Steve Dodge likes to point out that Great Abaco Island and its cays form one of the largest bodies of semi-protected waters in all the Bahamas and Caribbean, a nearly ideal cruising ground for small boats and yachts. For the most part, the water over the banks is deep enough for even deep draft vessels, yet protected from heavy winds by the cays to windward in the usual tradewinds and by Great Abaco Island to the west. Many call it a sailing paradise.

Abaco is more popular than ever with cruisers. Last year, some 25,000 boats cleared into the Bahamas. No one keeps statistics on how many visit Abaco, but it's likely that half or more visited Abaco at one time or another. When you look at Marsh Harbour's harbor on a busy day, it's not hard to believe!

Abaco offers excellent marine facilities, with marinas, moorings, yacht charters and small boat rentals widely available. Beautiful storybook anchorages abound, especially to the north of Green Turtle Cay.

You'll find most everything you need in Abaco: good provisioning, good restaurants, small hotels and B&Bs, experienced diesel and outboard mechanics, good medical facilities, boat builders and boatyards, and more. But especially you'll find good cruising, which is what makes Abaco so popular with yachtsmen.

Interested in more information on the Spring Cruise in Abaco? Please complete the following short form and return it by e-mail to: [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)

## **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INTERESTED CCA MEMBERS**

### **CCA NATIONAL CRUISE IN ABACO, BAHAMAS**

**APRIL 16-25, 2010**

Interested in taking part in the CCA National Cruise in Abaco, Bahamas, April 16-25, 2010? If so, the Florida Station (which is organizing the cruise) needs to know!

Please complete the following, then copy and paste it into an e-mail and send by April 30, 2009 it to cruise co-chairs Milt Baker and Jim Gourd at the e-mail addresses below

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#### **2010 National Abaco Cruise Questionnaire**

1. What's the likelihood that you'll take part in the 2010 National Cruise in Abaco April 16-25, 2010? *Put an X beside the closest one.*
  - A. 99%
  - B. 75%
  - C. 50%
  - D. 25%
  - E. 0%
  
2. What kind of boat will you most likely use for the cruise? *Put an X beside closest one.*
  - A. Own boat
  - B. Charter a boat from The Moorings in Abaco
  - C. Charter a boat elsewhere
  - D. A berth or stateroom on a captained/crewed "mother ship" charter boat (if available)
  
3. How many people do you expect in your party? *Put a number beside each choice.*  

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (18 and above)    2

\_\_\_\_\_ Teens (13-17 years)

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (12 and under)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total
  
4. Would you like to be on the e-mail list for cruise news and updates? If so, please provide your name and e-mail address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment 3 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report**

**Sitreps 1 through 6**

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP ONE

JULY 10, 2009



### *2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO ON COURSE*

With a little over nine months to go, plans are coming together nicely for the **CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO**, scheduled for **April 16-25, 2010**. Easter Sunday is April 4, so there should be no interference with family Easter plans.

First event for the cruise will be registration beginning at 1600 on Friday, April 16, and final event is Saturday evening, April 24. The cruise officially disbands Sunday morning, April 25, at 0900.

### *THE VENUE*

Great Abaco is the second largest island in the Bahamas, lying just north of the Tropic of Cancer about 180 miles from Florida. A scattering of luxury homes, inns and marinas co-exist alongside traditional settlements. Two national parks protect thousands of acres of mangroves, shallow reefs, and forest, and more than 100 miles of sheltered waterways form what's often called one of the world's best cruising grounds. Pink sand beaches and weathered bluffs line the windward Atlantic coasts, while quiet mangrove creeks and bonefish flats extend for miles off to leeward. Offshore cays and barrier reefs fringe the northwest coast, creating a sheltered sound known as the Sea of Abaco where the water depth averages about 20 feet.

Today privately published paper and electronic charts of the Abacos are highly accurate, but eyeball navigation is the order of the day in the islands. With few exceptions the gin-clear water over the banks is deep enough for deep draft vessels yet protected from heavy Atlantic winds by the cays to windward in the usual trade winds and by Great Abaco Island to the west.

Springtime weather in Abaco can be delightful. Cooled by the prevailing southeasterly trade winds in summer and warmed by the surrounding waters and the Gulf Stream in the cooler months, the Abacos are rarely uncomfortably hot or cold. Although the central Abacos are on the same latitude as West Palm Beach, spring temperatures average 10°F warmer than Florida - daytime highs in April average 81°, with overnight lows averaging 69° and water temperatures during the month averaging a comfortable 76°. Average wind speed in April is 8 knots, typically E to ESE, and rainfall averages of less than 2 inches.

The crescent of cays was settled by British loyalists who sailed mainly from New York, Charleston, and St. Augustine in the years following the American Revolution. They built sturdy seafaring villages with colorful names like Man-O-War, Hope Town and New Plymouth. For many years boatbuilding, fishing, smuggling and wrecking provided their chief livelihoods.

Today tourism is king and Abaco is a magnet for visiting yachtsmen, sport fishermen, divers and other modern-day adventurers. But this is not your father's Bahamas! While much of the island charm of yesterday remains, today's edition of Abaco comes complete with cell phones, Internet, wi-fi, satellite TV, and more, but in a style befitting the islands it all works with some quirks and it's not inexpensive. Like the rest of the Bahamas, Abaco has suffered from the worldwide recession of late and cruise committee member Milt Baker reports that tourism was distinctly down when he visited aboard Bluewater two months ago.

### ***CRUISE DETAILS***

Contracts have been signed for the cruise's opening and closing cocktail/dinner events at the Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour, just a short walk from downtown Marsh Harbour. Arrangements are in progress for other events including a mid-day pig roast at the renowned Pete's Pub in Little Harbor, a day in picturesque and historic Hope Town hosted by the Hope Town Sailing Club, and at Great Guana Cay a rum keg party featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres. The cruise will also include time for off-the-beaten-path cruising and impromptu beaching and snorkeling at will.

The cruise will begin and end at the popular Abaco Beach Resort. If you're chartering from The Moorings/Sunsail, you can leave your boat right at The Mooring Base at Conch Inn Marina and walk (10-15 minutes) or take a taxi to Abaco Beach Resort to register, then stay for opening cocktails and the kickoff dinner. Bringing your own yacht? You can make reservations to bring your boat to Boat Harbour Marina right at the Abaco Beach Resort or one of the other marinas in the Marsh Harbour area. More on marinas, including prices, in a later sitrep.

By order of Vice Commodore Sheila McCurdy, no ties or blazers will be permitted on this cruise, so bring your shorts, Breton reds, khaki, jeans, swimsuits, polo shirts, Topsiders and Crocs because that's about all you'll need in the way of clothes. We're not forecasting rain, but good foul weather gear is always a good idea.

Interested in staying in Abaco for a few days before or after the cruise? The Abaco Beach Resort is worthy of your consideration and is probably less expensive than an extra day or two on a chartered yacht. Fronting a sandy cove caressed by sapphire waters, the resort's waterfront rooms, suites and cottages aim to capture the true island spirit while providing all the comforts of home. Prices begin at \$240 per night plus taxes and service charges. Caribbean and

Mediterranean cuisine is available at the on-site Angler's Restaurant, framed by a view of the Sea of Abaco.

For further information on the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina, go to <http://www.abacobeachresort.com> or call 1-800-468-4799.

### ***LOTS OF INTEREST***

Indications are the **CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO** is going to be very popular. So far a total of 60 yachts and over 200 people are provisionally signed up, though attrition is sure to reduce that. Facilities for so many yachts and a group of this size in Abaco are quite limited, so it's possible the club may have to put limits the size of the cruise. More on that after the first deposits are received and we have a better fix on numbers. Stay tuned!

At this writing, only a few kids are signed up. Specifically, no teens and only three sub-teens are on the list.

The attached list (pages 6-7) shows everyone who has expressed interest in the cruise to your committee and is provisionally signed up. If you know a member who plans to take part but isn't on the list, please let him or her know that it's time to get moving on cruise reservations.

Wish to be removed from the cruise mailing list? Just e-mail [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com) and include the following as the subject line: **Remove CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco.**

### ***MOORINGS/SUNSAIL CHARTER YACHTS STILL AVAILABLE***

Speaking of reservations, charter yachts from The Moorings and Sunsail are still available but they are disappearing fast. Together, The Moorings and Sunsail in Marsh Harbor had a total of 28 yachts available for charter for this cruise at special CCA rates. Available yachts range from smaller monohull sailing yachts which can accommodate a couple to large power and sailing catamarans able to accommodate up to 10 people.

Cruise committee member Jim Gourd, who is tracking the cruise charters, reports that contracts have been signed for seven yachts and are pending on another three, meaning 10 of the 28—more than one-third—are already spoken for.

Point of contact for both The Moorings and SunSail charters is Barb Daetwyler, telephone 1-800-416-0224, then press "0" and ask for Barb. If you plan to charter from The Moorings/Sunsail, we recommend getting in touch immediately with Barb—wait and you may find your charter choices very limited or not available.

### ***OTHER CHARTER OPPORTUNITIES***

Other charter opportunities exist in Abaco, but we have not been able to check these boats out or make special arrangements for other charters, so you're on your own. Charter possibilities in Abaco include:

#### **Florida Yacht Charters**

PO Box 20669

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, the Bahamas

<http://www.floridayacht.com/about/locations.php?page=abaco-bahamas>

800-537-0050 ext. 160  
242-367-4853  
Fax: 242-367-4854

### **Windward Islands Yachting Company**

9 bareboats reported in Abaco

<http://www.windward-islands.net/?title=yacht-charter-bahamas>

305 433 4818

### **Cruise Abaco**

Captained and Bareboat Charters

<http://cruiseabaco.com/index.html>

321-821-9414 (messages) / 242-577-0148

Reservations & Information: [info@cruiseabaco.com](mailto:info@cruiseabaco.com)

### **Abaco Multihull Charters**

Maine Cat 30 and 41 Bareboat Charters

For more information contact:

Captain Ron Engle

Telephone/Fax: 242-366-0552

Email [info@abacomultihull.com](mailto:info@abacomultihull.com)

<http://www.maineCatcharters.com/>

888-832-CATS.

207-529-6500.

### ***MOTHER SHIP***

As on other cruises, we'd hoped to be able to offer a "mother ship" for those who do not wish to captain their own yachts, but your committee has tried valiantly and has been unable to find a suitable vessel available for the cruise. If you're interested in a "mother ship" stateroom or berth or, alternately, you know of a suitable crewed vessel which may be available for charter, please contact Jim Gourd [gourdj@earthlink.net](mailto:gourdj@earthlink.net) 843-271-5513 (mobile), 207-529-5513 (summer only), 843-838-5544. Even if it's only an idea, Jim welcomes your input.

### ***SPECIAL CHARTER OPPORTUNITY***

Sandy Weld, Dev Barker and Henry Keene Sr. have chartered a four-stateroom Moorings catamaran with just the three of them onboard and as this sitrep went to press still had one stateroom available. If you're interested in the remaining stateroom, please contact Sandy, Dev or Henry.

### ***CRUISE FEE AND DEPOSITS***

Our research and cruise budgeting suggests that the cost for the cruise will be approximately \$450 per person (\$225 for children under 18). The cruise fee covers virtually all cruise expenses including a handout "goodie" bag for each couple (or individual not a part of a couple on the cruise), opening cocktail party and dinner with live steel drum music, rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres, non-alcohol refreshments and light snacks at Hope Town Sailing Club, a pig roast at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour (including ferry service into Little Harbour for those anchored within a mile or two), and a grand finale cocktail party/dinner with live island music. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and most events (other than



the rum keg party) will include cash bars.

**Your cruise committee must guarantee firm numbers of people for dinners and other events, so if you want to take part in the CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO the time has come to make a commitment. To secure your reservations, a deposit of \$100 per adult and \$50 per child under 18 must be paid on or before Aug. 31, 2009. A second deposit (same amounts) will be called for on or before Feb. 10, 2010. The final cruise fee payment will be due by March 10, 2010. Of course, your deposits will be credited as part of your total cruise fee.**

**If you plan to take part in this cruise, it's important that you complete the attached sheet and return it with your initial deposit check by Aug. 31.**

**Your reservations for the CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO are not confirmed until your deposit for everyone coming with you is received.**

### ***YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS WELCOME***

While we're making excellent progress on the structure of this cruise, there's still plenty of time for input and ideas on what you'd like to see on this cruise. Please send your ideas and suggestions to cruise chairman Paul Ives ([plives@juno.com](mailto:plives@juno.com)). Please let us have your ideas early so we'll have time to investigate and implement!

### ***A FINAL NOTE***

THE CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO is shaping up to be one of the club's premiere cruises, and we very much look forward to having you join us on the cruise. If you have questions or need more information on any aspect of the cruise, we please let us know.

Best wishes from your cruise committee for a great summer!

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# CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

## Prospective Attendees

As of: 7/9/2009

No.	Name	Reported Likeli-Hood	Boat	Boat Qty	Adults	Kids >18	Total	Remarks
1	Baker, Milt	99%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	With Chambers
2	Bankston, John	50%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
3	Barker, Dev	99%	Moorings	0	1	0	1	With Weld, Keene
4	Bickley, Fred	50%	Own boat	1	6	0	6	2-6 adults
5	Barlow, Skip	75%	Own boat	1	3	0	3	
6	Brown, Dave	99%	Friend's boat	0	1	0	1	With S. McCurdy + 2
7	Cannon, Jeff	95%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
8	Chambers, Jim	90%	Friend's boat	0	2	0	2	With Bakers
9	Clapp, Gerry	99%	Friend's boat	0	1	0	1	With B. Watson
10	Closs, Tommy	80%	Own boat	1	6	0	6	
11	Cook, Bill	50%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
12	Cook, Charles	75%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
13	Cornelius, Jim	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	With Hunt, Knecht
14	Coulson, Robert	50%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
15	Council, Ron	50%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
16	Eddy, James	75%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
17	Ewing, Bill	99%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
18	Garrett, Waddy	75%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
19	Gillette, Buck	99%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
20	Gregg, Bill	50%	Friends' boat	0	2	0	2	With Bankstons
21	Harvie, Jim	25%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
22	Herman, Peter	75%	Moorings	1	6	0	6	
23	Hinckley, Bud	50%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
24	Hoffman, Pete	99%	Moorings	0	2	0	2	With Ives
25	Hosack, Fred	99%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
26	Howarth, Dick	99%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
27	Hunt, Steve	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	With Cornelius, Knecht
28	Ives, Paul	99%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	With Hoffmans
29	Keene Sr., Henry	99%	Moorings	0	1	0	1	With Weld, Barker
30	Keith, Harry	25%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
31	Knecht, Gerald	75%	Charter	1	2	0	2	With Hunt, Cornelius
32	Kenney, Tom	75%	Charter	1	2	0	2	
33	Kessler, Bruce	75%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	2-4 adults
34	Kok, Jurgen	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	With Lucases
35	LeRoy, Bill	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
36	Langston, Charlie	50%	Moorings	0	2	0	2	With brother Roger
37	Langston, Roger	99%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	With brother Charlie
38	Kuhner, Scott	99%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
39	Lucas, Joe	75%	Moorings	0	2	0	2	With Koks
40	Mack, Brad	99%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
41	Marvin, George	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
42	McCurdy, Sheila	99%	Friend's boat	1	3	0	3	With D. Brown + 2
43	McDonough, Joe	99%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	

44	Meserve, E	75%	Moorings	1	8	0	8	4-8 adults
45	Moore, Charles	50%	Moorings	1	6	0	6	2-6 adults
46	Munroe, Bill	99%	Own boat	1	3	0	3	
47	Piper, Scott	75%	Own boat	1	5	0	5	
48	Purcell, Bill	50%	Own boat	1	3	0	3	
49	Reppert, Sib	75%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	
50	Robinson, Harry	99%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
51	Rowland, Ned	90%	Friend's boat	0	2	0	2	With Smullens
52	Ryder, Skip	50%	Own boat	1	4	0	4	2-4 adults
53	Sanford, Alfie	50%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	2-6 adults
54	Shuwall, Paul	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
55	Smullen, Brian	90%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	With Rowlands
56	Somers, Larry	75%	Moorings	1	6	0	6	4-6 adults
57	Starke, Charles	62%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
58	Sweet, Cyrus	50%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
59	Thomson, Cary	75%	Own boat	1	6	0	6	4-6 adults
60	Towle, Jack	75%	Own boat	1	2	0	2	
61	Watson, Barbara	99%	Own boat	1	1	0	1	With G. Clapp
62	Walner, Lew	75%	Own boat	1	2	2	4	
63	Weld, Sandy	75%	Moorings	1	1	0	1	With Keene, Barker
64	White, Tod	99%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
65	Wick, Chris	60%	Moorings	1	3	0	3	2-3 adults
66	Wilbur, Bill	75%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	
67	Wills, Jack	75%	Moorings	1	2	0	2	
68	Wisch, Jeff	50%	Moorings	1	4	0	4	2-4 adults
69	Woolsey, David	99%	Own boat	1	3	1	4	
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>206</b>	



## CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010

### CRUISE REGISTRATION SHEET

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT BY AUG. 31, 2009

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. I will be (check one):

☐ Bringing my own boat

*Please provide boat name and type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chartering

*Please provide charter company name and boat type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cruising aboard a boat owned or chartered by someone else

*Please provide name of owner or charterer below*

\_\_\_\_\_

***IMPORTANT! The captain of each yacht should coordinate with his or her guests and determine whether guests will send in their own deposits or, instead, the captain will send a check covering the deposits for everyone onboard.***

2. This deposit covers my group as follows:

• Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Initial Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

Send check to: Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP Two

AUG. 15, 2009



sitrep *n.* *informal* a report on the situation in a particular area or on a developing event.

**Etymology:** 1940s: from *sit(uation) rep(ort)*.

## 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO GAINS MOMENTUM

With deposits already in hand for 65 cruisers and 20 yachts, the **CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO**, scheduled for **April 16-25, 2010**, is on a roll. In fact, early indications are that it may be a sell-out! Keep in mind that space is limited and the deadline for initial deposits is just days away—Aug. 31—so if you want to take part be sure to get your deposit in now. Just print the sign-up sheet (page 14), complete it, and send it in with your check . . . it's as simple as that. Then lay back and think of scenes like the one below!

If your name isn't shown on the list starting on page 13, your deposit has not yet been received.



*Soft sandy beaches are all around in Abaco. Take your pick.*

## ***CRUISE ITINERARY***

The cruise itinerary is not “locked in concrete,” but it’s taking shape nicely and here’s what we believe it’ll look like:

### **Friday, April 16.**

**Registration (1600), cocktails (1730) and buffet dinner (1930) with live steel drum music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour, walk over, or catch a cab from Marsh Harbour where you can anchor or reserve a slip in the marinas.

*Great Abaco Beach  
Resort Marina at Boat  
Harbour*



### **Saturday, April 17.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will anywhere along the Sea of Abaco or offshore. Sail down to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. There’s excellent snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of the Great Guana Cay. If the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit the tiny town of New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. Or anchor off Treasure Cay’s powdery white 3½- mile beach.



*With a population of just 450, Green Turtle Cay is laid-back and welcoming to yachtsmen. White Sound offers two marinas and, in settled weather, a good anchorage.*



**Sunday, April 18.**

**Rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres (1700) at Guana Breeze, Fishers Bay, Great Guana Cay.** Anchor at Fishers Bay or make marina reservations at Orchid Bay Marina in the settlement, a 15-minute walk away.



*Guana Breeze, owned by CCA members Dick, Rocky and Suzi Homer, is the venue for the cruise's rum keg party.*

**Monday, April 19.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will in the Hub of Abaco or offshore. One popular area for exploring by yacht or dink is the stretch along the western shore of Elbow Cay, including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters.

**Tuesday, April 20.**

**A Day in Hope Town (1300-1800), starting at Hope Town Sailing Club.**

Take a marina slip or mooring in Hope Town, or anchor off the Parrot Cays, then dink in to the club's big dinghy dock and plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the most picturesque settlements in the Bahamas. This event is still developing but we're hoping to offer light non-alcohol refreshments at the club all afternoon.

*Hope Town Sailing Club will be headquarters for the cruise's Day in Hope Town.*





*The venerable candy-striped Elbow Cay Light, inspiration for the cruise logo, dominates Hope Town Harbour.*

**Wednesday, April 21.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will between Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or head into Little Harbour a day early, ride the three-foot afternoon tide over the 3½-foot (MLW) bar there, and enjoy a sundowner at Pete's Pub.

*Unique may be one of the English language's most overused words, but anyone who has visited Pete's Pub at Little Harbour will agree that it's not hyperbole to call Pete's unique.*

*You'll have a good opportunity to judge for yourself.*





**Thursday, April 22.**

**Pig roast at Pete's Pub at Little Harbour (1200),** one of Abaco's favorite stops. Take your choice: slip across the 3½-foot (MLW) bar into the tiny harbor or anchor in deep water off Lynyard Cay or in the Bight of Old Robinson where you can explore the blue holes. A chartered Albury's Ferry will be provided for transportation between anchored yachts and Little Harbour for the pig roast.

**Friday, April 23.**

**Lay day.** Spend the day taking it easy in the Little Harbour area or cruise at will along the 15 miles between Little Harbour and the Marsh Harbour area.



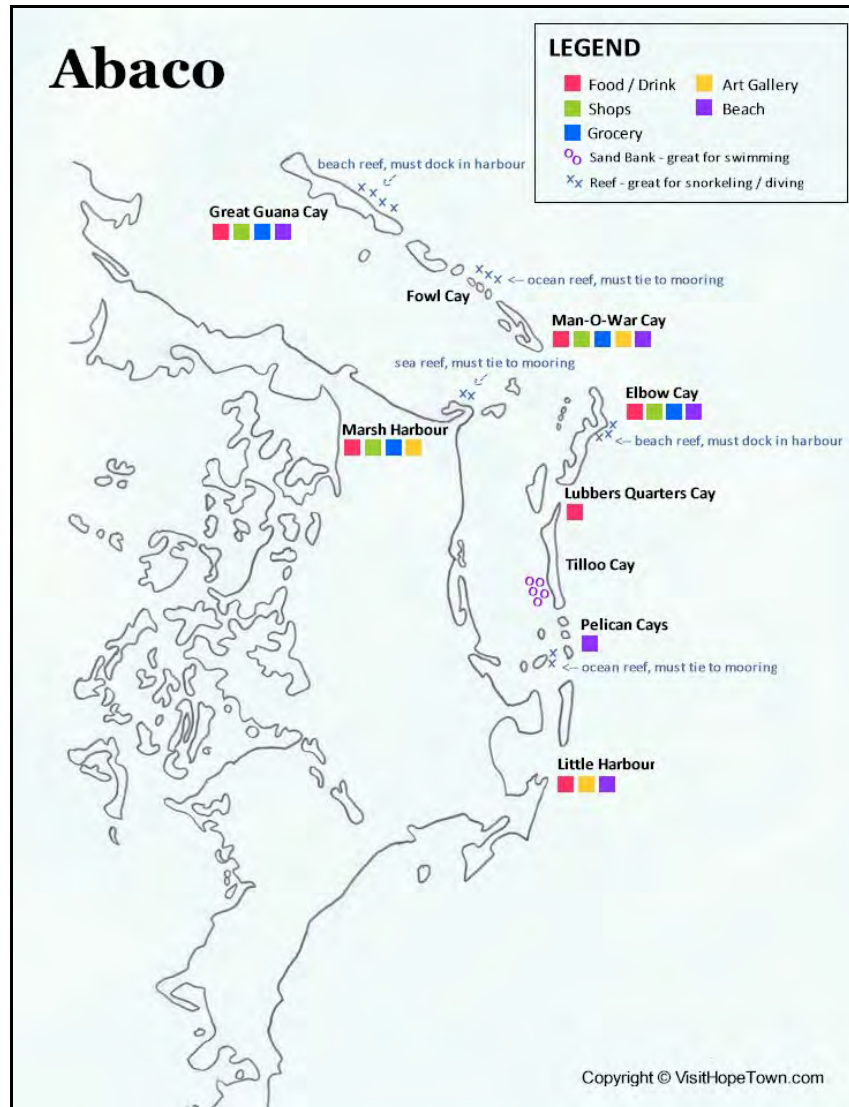
**Saturday, April 24.**

**Final party: cocktails (1730) and Bahamian buffet dinner (1930) with live island music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour, walk, or catch a cab over from Marsh Harbour.

**Sunday, April 25.**

**Cruise disbands (0900).**

## ABACO



Lost the lost earlier reports on Abaco? No problem . . . until you actually get there you'll find most everything you need to know about Abaco right here.

Great Abaco is the second largest island in the Bahamas, lying just north of the Tropic of Cancer less than 200 miles from Florida. A scattering of luxury homes, inns and marinas co-exist alongside traditional settlements. Two national parks protect thousands of acres of mangroves, shallow reefs, and forest, and more than 100 miles of sheltered waterways form what's often called one of the world's best cruising grounds. Pink sand beaches and weathered bluffs line the windward Atlantic coasts, while quiet mangrove creeks and bonefish flats extend for miles off to leeward. Offshore cays and barrier reefs fringe the northwest coast, creating a sheltered sound known as the Sea of Abaco where the water depth averages about 20 feet.

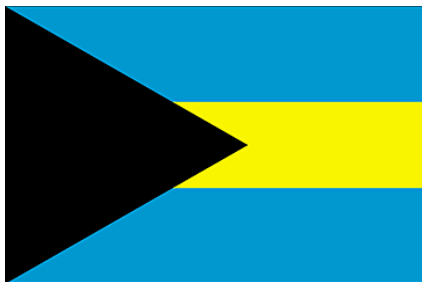
Today's privately published paper and electronic charts of the Abacos are highly accurate, but eyeball navigation remains the order of the day in the islands. With few exceptions the gin-clear

water over the banks is deep enough for deep draft vessels yet protected from heavy Atlantic winds and seas by the cays to windward in the usual trade winds and by Great Abaco Island to the west. Springtime weather in Abaco can be delightful. Cooled by the prevailing southeasterly trade winds in summer and warmed by the surrounding waters and the Gulf Stream in the cooler months, the Abacos are rarely uncomfortably hot or cold. Although the central Abacos are on the same latitude as West Palm Beach, spring temperatures average 10°F warmer than Florida - daytime highs in April average 81°, with overnight lows averaging 69° and water temperatures during the month averaging a comfortable 76°. Average wind speed in April is 8 knots, typically E to ESE, and rainfall averages of less than 2 inches.

The crescent of cays was settled by British loyalists who sailed mainly from New York, Charleston, and St. Augustine in the years following the American Revolution. They built sturdy seafaring villages with colorful names like Man-O-War, Hope Town and New Plymouth. For many years boatbuilding, fishing, smuggling and wrecking provided their chief livelihoods.

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### ***ENTERING THE BAHAMAS***



*Bahamas national flag*



*Bahamas courtesy flag*

Yachts entering the Bahamas are required to clear customs and immigration by going to a Port of Entry. It's not required that you stop and clear at the first available port so long as no one aboard lands until the yacht and crew have been cleared. Once you're in Bahamian waters, the yellow Q flag should be flown until the yacht has been cleared, then it should be replaced with the Bahamas courtesy flag. The Bahamas national ensign may be flown in place of the courtesy flag and is equally appropriate.

The fee schedule covers a 12-month cruising permit, a fishing permit, and departure taxes (paid in advance) for up to four persons aboard any non-Bahamas-registered yacht. The fee (cash only, U.S. or Bahamian currency) for yachts up to 35 feet is \$150 and for yachts above 35 feet is \$300. One entry and exit is permitted within 90 days of the original entry without payment of a second fee, though some cruisers report being charged a "transportation fee" for the second clearance.

Entry ports enroute to Abaco include West End and Port Lucaya on Grand Bahama, Bimini, Nassau, and Walkers Cay, and in Abaco Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, and Marsh Harbour. Enroute to Abaco cruise committee member Milt Baker likes to clear at Green Turtle Cay, which can usually be done by anchoring off New Plymouth and dinghying in. He says the clearance process at Green Turtle is usually quick and hassle-free.

### ***PASSPORTS AND VISAS***

No visas are required for American, Canadian and E.U. citizens to enter the Bahamas, but a valid passport is required. According to the U.S. State Department, all Americans traveling by air and sea outside the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. Travelers must present Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document such as a passport or a passport card for entry or re-entry to the U.S.

The State Department strongly encourages all American citizen travelers to apply for a U.S. passport or passport card well in advance of anticipated travel. American citizens can visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or call 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778) for information on how to apply for their passports.



### ***FIREARMS***

Bahamas' customs authorities enforce strict regulations concerning temporary importation or exportation of firearms. If you must carry firearms to the Bahamas, it's advisable to contact the Embassy of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Washington or one of the Bahamian consulates in the U.S. for specific information regarding customs requirements. Anyone arriving in the Bahamas by private yacht must declare firearms and ammunition to Bahamian Customs and leave firearms on the boat while in the Bahamas.

### ***PROVISIONING***

Shopping in Marsh Harbor you'll have no difficulty in finding the essentials: meat, poultry, fish, fresh produce, baked goods, milk, cheese, ice cream, and canned and packaged goods from coffee to corn flakes. Prices are substantially higher than in the U.S. because all goods brought into the Bahamas are taxed. If there are special items or brands you can't do without, by all means bring them with you. For more information on shopping in Abaco now, Google "groceries + Abaco" or follow these links:

<http://coconuttelegraph.net/savedposts/abacoshopping.shtml>

<http://www.bahamascruisersguide.com/page42/page42.html>

<http://jerawyn.typepad.com/wanderingmariner/2008/03/communicaitons.html>

Groceries are also available in other settlements, though Marsh Harbour has the best selection.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*The following information came from the Wandering Mariner website <http://jerawyn.typepad.com/wanderingmariner/2008/03/communicaiton-1.html> and seems to offer good advice.*

**Cell Phones:** Check with your provider to see if Abaco is covered – and also check on the rates (\$1.50/min seemed standard). If you need to be in touch on a regular basis, you may find that the per-minute charge encourages renting a cell phone or buying an open GSM phone (and buying a local SIM card with minutes - \$5, 10, \$20, \$50 or \$100).

Open GSM phones can be purchased quite inexpensively on the web (rates were roughly \$0.15-0.35/min) or your tel co (i.e. AT&T or T-Mobile) may be willing to unlock your GSM phone. The Moorings base can pre-order rental phones and SIM cards and have them there when you arrive. Or deal directly with BaTelCo or Island Care Wireless in the Barclays Building (367-0429). Our most recent experience proved futile. While we usually had service, the circuits were busy for almost an entire week. So be prepared with multiple methods of communication.

**Wi-fi:** Out Island Internet [www.abacoinet.com](http://www.abacoinet.com) is the primary provider of internet service in the Abaco Islands. They have hot spots in the following harbors: Marsh Harbour, Lubbers Quarters, Little Harbour, Hope Town( Elbow Cay), Scotland Cay and Man-O-War Cay. Weekly rates are about \$40. Check their website for the type and locations of the antennas and service available in each harbor.

Since wi-fi is a push-pull service, the “card” in most laptops will be good for about 300 feet line-of-sight. It has been our experience that a more powerful wi-fi card (i.e. 200-400 mlw) or an amplifier coupled with a high-gain antenna (bring duck tape) will improve the service – so the sending hotspot can “hear” your computer. It’s a useful addition to any charter-bag. Packages can be purchased on the web for \$170-250 (or thousands...).

Also look at the all-in-one system by Radio Labs <http://www.radiolabs.com/products/wireless/wireless-marine-antenna.php>. Another suggestion <http://www.whotspot.com/catalog/Extreme-WiFi-Kit-for-Marine-Boats.htm>). That said, even with higher end equipment, we have found the service in Abaco to be somewhat iffy – so have a back-up plan. (It’s the islands, mon.)

**Skype:** Coupled with a good wi-fi connection, Skype.com offers a remarkable and inexpensive service. All you need is an account, funded with \$10+/-, and an inexpensive (\$15) headset with microphone (or if your laptop has Bluetooth, the earpiece from your BB or phone might work just as well.) Call anywhere in the world for a few cents. And the quality is often as good as landlines.

**Phone Cards:** Yes, there are still pay phones powered by phone cards in Abaco. And sometimes, these provide the most reliable connection. So, if you have to make lengthy calls,



that require solid service, this might be the best bet – if not the most elegant. Phone Cards can be purchased at groceries and convenience stores in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and Great Guana.

**Inverter:** Having technology on the boat without an inverter will be problematic – unless of course, you have a 12-volt plug for every device. You will likely need a small, portable one to charge phones, camera batteries, Black Berries, computers, etc. West Marine sells basic 150-watters - and don't forget a gang-plug. But watch those house batteries; they'll go down fast....

### ***CRUISE FEE AND DEPOSITS***

Research and cruise budgeting suggest that the cost for the cruise will be approximately \$450 per person (\$225 for children under 18). The cruise fee covers virtually all cruise expenses including a handout “goodie” bag for each couple (or individual not a part of a couple on the cruise) and all dinners and other events shown above. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and most events (other than the rum keg party) will include cash bars. Of course, your own charter yacht expenses and transportation to Abaco are your responsibility.

As reported in Sitrep One, your cruise committee must guarantee firm numbers of people for dinners and other events, so if you plan to take part in the cruise a deposit of \$100 per adult and \$50 per child under 18 must be received on or before Aug. 31, 2009. A second deposit (same amounts) will be called for on or before Feb. 10, 2010. The final cruise fee payment will be due on or before March 10, 2010. Of course, your deposits will be credited as part of your total cruise fee.

**Space on the cruise is limited, so if you plan to take part in this cruise it's important that you complete the attached sheet and return it with your initial deposit check by Aug. 31. We may not be able to accept reservations after that date.**

**REMEMBER: Your reservations for the CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO are not confirmed until your deposit for everyone coming with you is received.**

### ***MOORINGS/SUNSAIL CHARTER YACHTS STILL AVAILABLE***



Charter yachts from the Moorings and Sunsail are still available but the sooner you make your reservations the better choice of yachts you'll have. Together, The Moorings and Sunsail in Marsh Harbor had a total of 28 yachts available for charter for this cruise at special CCA rates. Available yachts range from smaller monohull sailing yachts which can accommodate a couple to large power and sailing catamarans able to accommodate up to 10 people.

**Cruise committee member Jim Gourd, who is tracking the cruise charters, reports that contracts have been signed for 10 Moorings/Sunsail yachts, meaning another 18 remain available.**

Point of contact for both The Moorings and SunSail charters is Barb Daetwyler, telephone

1-800-416-0224, then press "0" and ask for Barb. If you plan to charter from The Moorings/Sunsail, we recommend getting in touch immediately with Barb—wait and you may find your charter choices very limited or not available.

### ***OTHER CHARTER OPPORTUNITIES***

Other charter opportunities exist in Abaco, but we have not been able to check these boats out or make special arrangements for other charters, so you're on your own. Charter possibilities in Abaco include:

#### **Florida Yacht Charters**

PO Box 20669

Marsh Harbour, Abaco, the Bahamas

<http://www.floridayacht.com/about/locations.php?page=abaco-bahamas>

800-537-0050 ext. 160

242-367-4853

Fax: 242-367-4854

#### **Windward Islands Yachting Company**

9 bareboats reported in Abaco

<http://www.windward-islands.net/?title=yacht-charter-bahamas>

305 433 4818

#### **Cruise Abaco**

Captained and Bareboat Charters

<http://cruiseabaco.com/index.html>

321-821-9414 (messages) / 242-577-0148

Reservations & Information: [info@cruiseabaco.com](mailto:info@cruiseabaco.com)

#### **Abaco Multihull Charters**

Maine Cat 30 and 41 Bareboat Charters

For more information contact:

Captain Ron Engle

Telephone/Fax: 242-366-0552

Email [info@abacomultihull.com](mailto:info@abacomultihull.com)

<http://www.maineCatcharters.com/>

888-832-CATS.

207-529-6500.

### ***REGALIA***

At registration each couple (or individual not cruising as part of a couple) on the cruise will receive a canvas "goodie bag" embroidered with the cruise logo, an embroidered midnight blue baseball cap (one per person) with the cruise logo, and other gifts. CCA regalia provider Stars Signatures is handling the regalia for the cruise and has established a special web page showing other cruise regalia products for sale—ladies and mens shirts, headgear, and canvas bags, all with the cruise logo, which you can order.



<http://www.starssignatures.com/ccaabaco/>

Or you can order from Stars Signatures by telephone: 727-520-8772.

Above is a close-up showing detail of the embroidered patch itself and at right a picture showing an embroidered Outer Banks polo shirt. Navy and aqua colored shirts are also available.

Be sure to order your cruise regalia in advance because it cannot be offered for sale in Abaco.

### ***YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS WELCOME***

While your committee is making excellent progress on the structure of this cruise, there's still plenty of time for input and ideas on what you'd like to see. Please send your ideas and suggestions to cruise chairman Paul Ives ([plives@juno.com](mailto:plives@juno.com)). The sooner we have your ideas, the more opportunity we'll have to investigate and implement!



### ***A FINAL NOTE***

THE CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO is promises to be one of the club's great cruises, and we very much look forward to having you join us on the cruise. If you have questions or need more information on any aspect of the cruise, just let us know.

Best wishes from your cruise committee for a great fall cruising season!

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## CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

### Attendees with Paid Deposits

As  
of: 8/15/2009

No.	Name	Boat Qty	Boat Source	Boat Name/Type	Boat Type	Total People	Remarks
1	Baker, Milt & Judy	1	Own	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	2	With Chambers
2	Barker, B. Devereux	1	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	3	
3	Barlow, Skip	1	Own	Blue Heron	True North 38	1	With Wills
4	Barse,Bill & Jeri	0	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Somers, White
5	Cannon, Jeff & Anne	1	Own	Cheers	Krogen 48	4	With Pete & Harriet Palette
6	Chambers, Jim & Sue	0	Friend	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	2	With Bakers
7	Comfort, Lyn & Peggy	1	Own	Nell	Huckins 50	2	Guests of McCurdy,Brown
8	Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	1	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	6	S Hunt & Pugh & wives
9	Garrett,Waddy	1	Own	Running Tide	J46	2	
10	Hinckley, Bud & Tess	1	Own	Edge	Atlantic 44	2	
11	Hoffman, Pete & Dot	0	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	2	
12	Ives, Paul & Jerrie	1	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	2	With Hoffmans
13	Jorch, Bill	1	Own	Frolic	Albin 43	2	
14	Kenny, Tom	1	Own	Cherie	Westsail 42	2	
15	Kessler, Bruce & Joan	1	Own	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64	2	
16	Langston, Roger & Jennefer	1	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	4	With Langston
17	McCurdy, Sheila & Dave Brown	0	Friends	Nell	Huckins 50	2	With Comforts
18	McDonough, Joe and Holly	1	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	2	
19	Mulock, David & Lenore	1	Own	Runabout	Runabout	2	
20	Rowand Ned	0	Friend	Namhara	Vicem 67	2	With Smullen
21	Smullen, Brian & M O'Flaherty	1	Own	Namhara	Vicem 67	2	With Rowland
22	Somers, Larry & Lisa Laing	1	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Barse, White
23	Sweet, Cyrus	1	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	5	
24	Watson, Barbara & Gerry Clapp	1	Own	Iona	Catalina 28	2	
25	White,Tod & Linda	0	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Somers, Barse
26	Wick,Christopher	1	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	2	
27	Wills, Jack	0	Friend	Blue Heron	True North 38	2	With Barlow
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>65</b>	

<b>CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010</b>
<b><u>CRUISE REGISTRATION SHEET</u></b>

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT BY AUG. 31, 2009

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. I will be (check one):

☐ Bringing my own boat

*Please provide boat name and type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chartering

*Please provide charter company name and boat type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cruising aboard a boat owned or chartered by someone else

*Please provide name of owner or charterer below*

\_\_\_\_\_

<b><i>IMPORTANT! The captain of each yacht should coordinate with his or her guests and determine whether guests will send in their own deposits or, instead, the captain will send a check covering the deposits for everyone onboard.</i></b>
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2. This deposit covers my group as follows:

• Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Initial Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

Send check to: Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP THREE

SEPT. 30, 2009

### ***CRUISE SOLD OUT***

### **146 CRUISERS SET TO ENJOY 2010 ABACO SPRING CRUISE**

With deposits for 146 people representing 41 yachts received for the CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco, April 16-25, 2010, the cruise is now officially sold out. That means the cruise has reached the limit of the facilities being used in Abaco and there's no room left for more people or yachts.

According to cruise chairman Paul Ives, members from almost every station and post are represented on the cruise. The cruise includes 25 private yachts and 16 charter yachts, and the fleet is close to evenly split between sailing yachts and powerboats



For a list of those signed up and on the list, please see page 7. If your name isn't there, you're not signed up for the cruise. If you see ????? there, that's because it's not clear to your cruise committee exactly who is on the yacht shown or what yacht those shown will be aboard. Please e-mail details or updates to [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)

Applications with deposits received from this date forward will be wait-listed on a first-come, first-served basis, meaning wait-listed people will be added to the cruise if space becomes available because of drop-outs. If you still want to take part, we urge you to get in your application and deposit so you can get on at the top of the wait-list. If you must drop out, please notify the committee promptly so others can take your place. A \$100 per person deposit is required to be placed on the wait-list.



## ***CRUISE SCHEDULE***

Now that your committee has a good fix on the number of people taking part in the cruise, we've been busy locking in arrangements in Abaco. Here's a quick overview of the cruise.

### **Friday, April 16.**

**Registration (1600), cocktails (1730) and buffet dinner (1930) with live steel drum music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour, walk over, or catch a cab from Marsh Harbour where you can anchor or reserve a marina slip.

*Event captains Registration: Paul & Jerri Ives,  
Pete & Dot Hoffman.*

*Event captains Cocktails and dinner: Milt & Judy Baker*

### **Saturday, April 17.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will along the Sea of Abaco or offshore. Sail down to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. You'll find excellent snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of the Great Guana Cay. If the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit the tiny town of New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. Or anchor off Treasure Cay's powdery white 3½- mile beach.



### **Sunday, April 18.**

**Rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres (1700) at Guana Breeze, Fishers Bay, Great Guana Cay.** Anchor at Fishers Bay or dock your boat at Orchid Bay Marina in the settlement, a 15-minute walk away.

*Event captains: Suzi Homer, Jim and Sue Chambers,  
Jim and Babs Gourd*



*Guana Breeze, overlooking the Sea of Abaco, owned by CCA members Dick, Rocky and Suzi Homer, is the site of the cruise's rum keg party.*



**Monday, April 19.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will in the Hub of Abaco or offshore. Why not take your boat (or dink) and explore the western shore of Elbow Cay, including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters?

**Tuesday, April 20.**

**A Day in Hope Town (1200-1900), starting at Hope Town Sailing Club.**

Take a mooring in Hope Town, a marina slip, or anchor off the Parrot Cays, then dink in to the club's big dinghy dock. Plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, are event captains and will be at HTSC to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch, Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge are located on docks and accessible by dinghy. Wrap-up for this event (1700-1900) will be cocktails (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) at the Abacos' only hotel overlooking a coral reef just a few feet away, the Hope Town Harbour Lodge .

*Event captains: Jim and Ruth Modisette*

*Hope Town Harbour Lodge, overlooking a coral reef, will be the site of Tuesday's closing event.*



**Wednesday, April 21.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will between Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or head into Little Harbour a day early, ride the 2.9-foot afternoon tide over the 3½-foot (MLW) bar there, and enjoy a sundowner at Pete's Pub.

*Tiny landlocked Little Harbour, 15 miles south of Marsh Harbour, is the home of renowned art studios founded there by Pete's parents in the 1950s.*

**Thursday, April 22.**

**Pig roast at Pete's Pub at Little Harbour (1200),** one of Abaco's most memorable stops. Take your choice: slip across the 3½-foot (MLW) bar into the tiny harbor or anchor in deep water off Lynyard Cay or the sometimes rolly Bight of Old Robinson where you can explore the blue holes. A chartered Albury's Ferry will be provided to shuttle guests between anchored yachts and Little Harbour for the pig roast.

*Event captains:*

*Dave & Lenore Mulock.*



**Friday, April 23.**

**Lay day.** Spend the day in the Little Harbour area or cruise at will along the 15 miles between Little Harbour and the Marsh Harbour area.



**Saturday, April 24.**

**Final party: cocktails (1730) and Bahamian buffet dinner (1930) with live island music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour, walk, or catch a cab over from Marsh Harbour.

*Event captains:*

*Milt & Judy Baker*

**Sunday, April 25.**

**Cruise disbands (0900).**

## ***ABOUT ABACO***

With its crescent of sandy cays, Abaco was settled by British loyalists who sailed from America just after the American Revolution and built sturdy seafaring villages with colorful names such as Man-O-War, Hope Town and New Plymouth. For many years, boatbuilding, fishing, smuggling and wrecking provided their main livelihoods, but today tourism rules. Yet it's not



the kind of mass market tourism found in Nassau and Freeport—Abaco appeals to a different breed, those who enjoy off-the-beaten-track travel and boating in all flavors.

For more information on Abaco and its cays, see Sitrep Two on the members only section of the CCA website at:

[http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/calendar\\_2010\\_abaco.asp](http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/calendar_2010_abaco.asp)

## ***CRUISE REGALIA***

Cruise regalia, including embroidered caps, shirts, and bags all featuring the cruise's handsome logo, is now available from Stars Signatures at 727-520-8772 or:  
<http://www.starssignatures.com/ccaabaco/>

Committee members Paul Ives, Milt Baker and Jim Gourd have already ordered shirts and hats and can attest to their quality. We really like 'em!



## ***THE FINE PRINT***

Although final numbers are not yet locked in, your committee is confident that the cruise fee will be approximately US\$450 per person (\$225 for children under 18), which covers virtually all cruise expenses including a handout “goodie” bag for each couple (or individual not a part of a couple on the cruise) and all dinners and other events. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and most events (other than the rum keg party) will include cash bars. Of course, your own charter yacht expenses and transportation to and within Abaco are your responsibility.

Assuming a \$450 cruise fee, payment schedule for the cruise will be as follows. In the event the cruise fee varies from \$450, the final deposit will be adjusted accordingly.

Cruise Payment Schedule		
Deposit Number	Per person Amount*	Date Due
1	\$100	Aug. 31, 2009
2	\$100	Jan. 15, 2010
3	\$100	Feb. 15, 2010
4	\$150	Mar. 15, 2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450</b>	
*Cruise payment for children under 18 is half the amount shown above.		



For further information see the cruise situation reports on the Members Only portion of the club website at:

[http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo\\_home.asp](http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo_home.asp)

Additional sitreps will be e-mailed to those on the cruise list as developments warrant, but we welcome your questions—and your ideas for making this one of the club’s best cruises ever.

Best wishes from your cruise committee for a great fall cruising season!

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# CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

## Attendees with Paid Deposits

File: deposits and fees 9/27/2009

As of: 9/30/2009

No.	Name	Boat Qty	Boat Source	Boat Name/Type	Boat Type	Total People	Remarks
1	Arenburg, Fred	1	Own	Sable	Little Harbor 44	4	With ?????
2	Baker, Milt & Judy	1	Own	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	2	With Chambers
3	Barker, Dev	1	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	With Keene, Weld
4	Barlow, Skip	1	Own	Blue Heron	True North 38	1	With Wills
5	Barse, Bill & Jeri	0	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Somers, White
6	Brown, Mike and Lee	0	Friend	Pipe Dream 9	J160	2	With Piper & Vineberg
7	Cannon, Jeff & Anne	1	Own	Cheers	Krogen 48	4	With Pete & Harriet Palette
8	Chambers, Jim & Sue	0	Friend	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	2	With Bakers
9	Closs, Tommy & Renee	1	Own	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	2	With von Schwarz, Fink
10	Comfort, Lyn & Peggy	1	Own	Nell	Huckins 50	2	Guests of McCurdy,Brown
11	Cook, Chuck & Pam	1	Own	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48	4	With Jim and Jil Morgan
12	Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	1	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	2	S Hunt & Pugh & wives
13	Council, Ron	1	Own	Heron	Eastbay 49	2	
14	Ewing, William	1	Moorings	Moorings 41.3	Monohull	2	
15	Fink, Walter & Anne-Lise	0	Friend	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	2	With Closs, von Schwarz
16	Garrett, Waddy	1	Own	Running Tide	J46	2	
17	Gillette, Buck & Mimi	1	Own	Witch	Legacy 42	2	
18	Gourd, Jim & Babs	1	Charter	TBD	Albury 23	2	
19	Herman, Pete	1	Charter	Unknown	Unknown	8	With ?????
20	Hinckley, Bud & Tess	1	Own	Edge	Atlantic 44	2	
21	Hoffman, Pete & Dot	0	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	2	With Ives
22	Hosack, Fred & Darlene	1	Own	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch	4	With ?????
23	Hunt, Steve	0	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	4	With Cornelius, Pugh
24	Ives, Paul & Jerrie	1	Moorings	PowerCat 37 2	PowerCat 37	2	With Hoffmans
25	Jorch, Bill	1	Own	Frolic	Albin 43	2	
26	Keene, Henry	0	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	With Barker, Weld
27	Keith, Harry & Malinda	1	Own	Lanikai	Schucker 48 MS	2	
28	Kenney, Tom	1	Own	Cherie	Westsail 42	2	With ?????
29	Kessler, Bruce & Joan	1	Own	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64	2	
30	Langston, Roger & Jennefer	1	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	4	With Langston C & L
31	LeRoy, Bill & Paula	1	Moorings	Moorings 40	Moorings 40	5	With Kaus, Jack & Irene + ?????
32	McCurdy, Sheila & Dave Brown	0	Friend	Nell	Huckins 50	2	With Comforts
33	McDonough, Joe and Holly	1	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	2	
34	Meserve, Ed & Barbara	1	Moorings	Moorings 46	Moorings 46	8	With Garrisons, Hogans & ?????
35	Moore, Charles & Jeanne	1	Moorings	Moorings 372	Moorings 372	4	With Englishes
36	Mulock, David & Lenore	1	Own	Runabout	Runabout	2	
37	Munroe, Bill & Irene	1	Own	Decoy	Presto 36	2	
38	Noyes, Brad & Gail	1	Charter	Maine Cat 47	Maine Cat 47	4	With ?????
39	Piper, Scott & Mary Vineberg	1	Own	Pipe Dream 9	J160	2	With Browns

40	Reppert, Sib & Chris	1	Own	Catalyst	Cat 42	4	With ?????
41	Robinson, Harry & Joan	1	Own	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41	2	
42	Rowland, Ned and Susie	0	Friend	Namhara	Vicem 67	2	With Smullen
43	Smullen, Brian & M O'Flaherty	1	Own	Namhara	Vicem 67	4	With Rowlands, P. Underdown, R. Frost
44	Somers, Larry & Lisa Laing	1	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Barse, White
45	Sweet, Cyrus & Bobbie	1	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	5	With ?????
46	Towle, Jack and Pam Barker	1	Own	???	Dyer 28	2	
47	von Schwarz, Karl & Lisa	0	Friend	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	2	With Closs, Fink
48	Watson, Barbara & G. Clapp	1	Own	Iona	Catalina 28	2	
49	Weld, Sandy	0	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	With Barker, Keene
50	White, Tod & Linda	0	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	2	With Somers, Barse
51	Wick, Chris & Shirley	1	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	2	With Wicks, Mike
52	Wick, Mike & Jean	0	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	2	With Wicks, Chris
53	Wick, Philip & Judith	1	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	2	
54	Wills, Jack	0	Friend	Blue Heron	True North 38	2	With Barlow
55	Woolsey, David & Susan	1	Own	Circe III	Morgan 41	4	With Julie Ckoker + 1 child
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41</b>				<b>146</b>	



# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010

## **CRUISE REGISTRATION SHEET**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. I will be (check one):

☐ Bringing my own boat

*Please provide boat name and type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

Also onboard (names of others cruising aboard this yacht):

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chartering

*Please provide charter company name and boat type/size below*

\_\_\_\_\_

Also onboard (names of other cruising aboard this yacht):

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cruising aboard a boat owned or chartered by someone else

*Please provide name of owner or charterer below*

\_\_\_\_\_

***IMPORTANT! The captain of each yacht should coordinate with his or her guests and determine whether guests will send in their own deposits or, instead, the captain will send a check covering the deposits for everyone onboard.***

### 2. This deposit covers my group as follows:

- Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Initial Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to:***      **CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**

***Send to:***                      ***Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963***

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP FOUR

JAN. 1, 2010

## ***CEILING RAISED BUT CRUISE STILL SOLD OUT***

### **165 CRUISERS, 44 YACHTS NOW REGISTERED FOR THE CCA SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO**

The good news is we've been able to make room for more cruisers, increasing the limit from 150 to 165. That means we were able to include everyone on the wait list when that happened weeks after the original deadline, but the cruise remains a moving target because even more members sent in deposits. With a total of 165 cruisers and 44 yachts registered, the cruise remains sold out with a short wait list.



If you registered and find that you cannot make the cruise, please notify the committee soon as possible so we can make room for those still on the wait list. To date there've been few dropouts but life has a way of intruding on events like this and some attrition seems likely. It also appears likely that even those getting on the wait list at this late date stand a good chance of joining the cruise. If you have not yet registered but want to take part, send in a \$200 per adult deposit today which will put you on the first-come-first-served wait list. You'll receive a full refund if there's no room!

The ceiling on cruise size is not arbitrary. It's dictated by limits on the number of people who can be accommodated at venues available for cruise events. That means it will not be possible for CCA members who just happen to be in Abaco to join the cruise without advance registration.

Bottom line: we're sorry but there's no room for those not signed up to take part in the cruise. If you're not already registered and want to take part, get on the list today!

The latest edition of the committee's ever-changing spreadsheet showing participants, yachts and more starts on page 11. Be sure and check to confirm that you're on the list with the right number of people!

# ***Happy New Year!***

At this point, the cruise includes members from almost every Cruising Club station and post. Current registration figures indicate that we'll have 25 sailing yachts and 19 powerboats. Seventeen of the 44 yachts now registered are charters.

## ***CRUISE SCHEDULE***

### **Friday, April 16.**

**Registration (1600), cocktails (1730) and buffet dinner (1930) with live steel drum music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour right at the resort, or walk over or catch a cab from nearby Marsh Harbour where you can anchor or reserve a marina slip—or pick up your charter yacht.

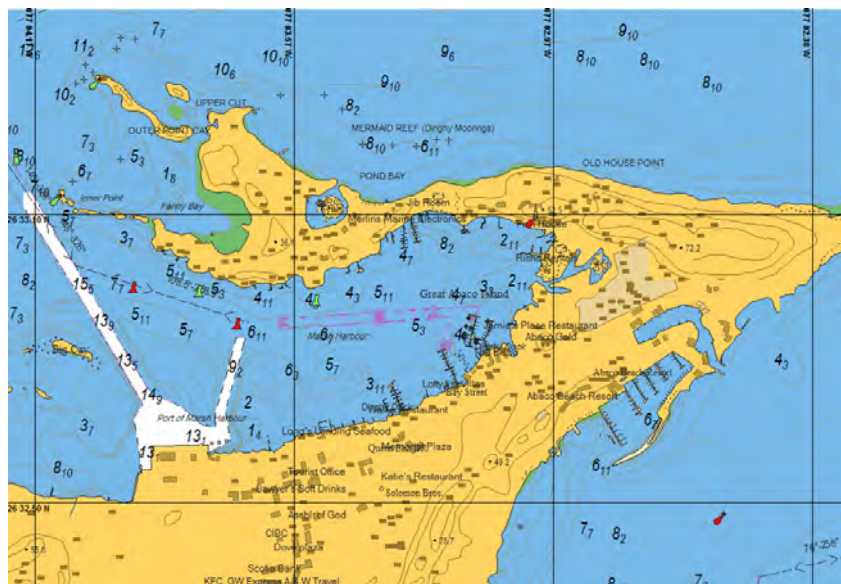
Marsh Harbour offers a number of marinas with lower rates, but if you want a guaranteed berth at Abaco Beach Resort the resort asks that you make reservations by Feb. 16. Contact the marina at 1-800-468-4799 or

<http://www.abachbeachresort.com>

*Event captains Registration: Paul & Jerri Ives,*

*Pete & Dot Hoffman.*

*Event captains Cocktails and dinner: Milt & Judy Baker*



*Marsh Harbour to the west and Boat Harbour at the Abaco Beach Resort to the southeast.*

*Depths in feet and inches.*

*Not for navigation.*

### **Saturday, April 17.**

**Lay day.** Cruise the Sea of Abaco or offshore. Sail down to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. You'll find excellent snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of the Great Guana Cay. If the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. Or anchor off and enjoy Treasure Cay's powdery white 3½-mile beach.



### Sunday, April 18.

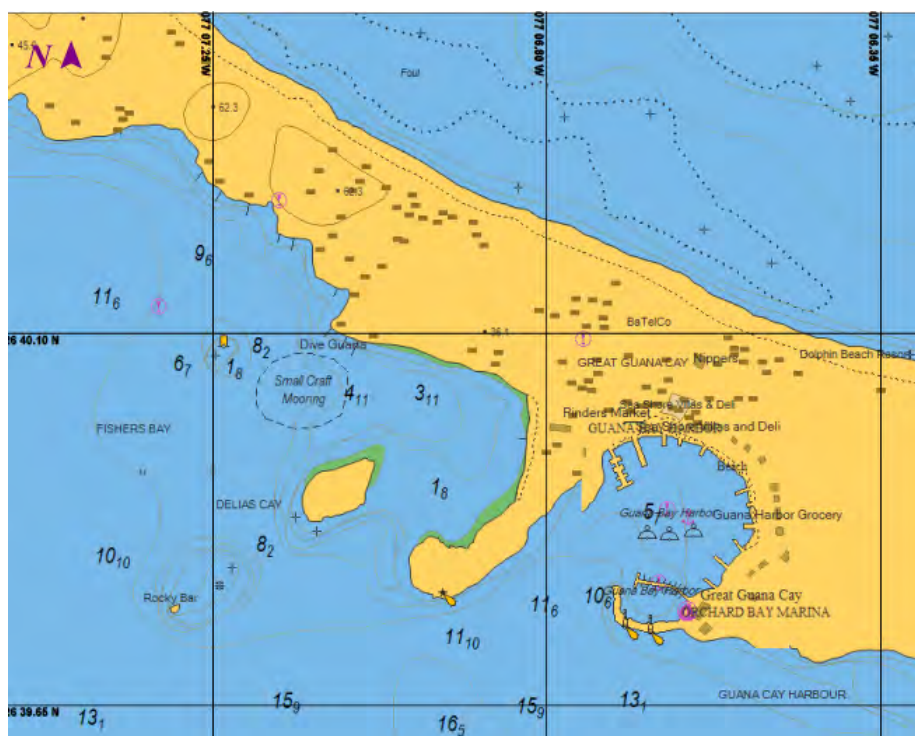
**Rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres (1700) at Guana Breeze, Fishers Bay, Great Guana Cay.** Anchor at Fishers Bay or dock your boat at Orchid Bay Marina in the settlement, a 15-minute walk away. Guana Breeze is the Abaco cottage of long time CCA member Dick Homer and his wife Rocky and their daughter Susi who just completed a two-year term as post captain of the Gulf of Maine Post.

*Event captains: Susi Homer*

*Jim and Sue Chambers,*

*Jim and Babs Gourd*

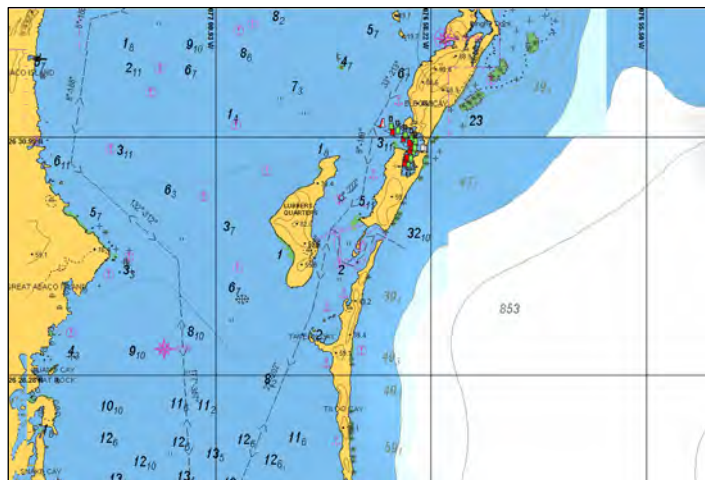
*Great Guana Cay, showing the Orchid Bay Marina and the anchorage at Fishers Bay.*



*Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation*

### Monday, April 19.

**Lay day.** Cruise at will in the Hub of Abaco or offshore. Why not consider exploring the western shore of Elbow Cay including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters with your yacht or dink?



*Elbow Cay, Tilloo Cay and Lubbers Quarters, just south of Hope Town.*

*Soundings in feet and inches  
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## Tuesday, April 20.

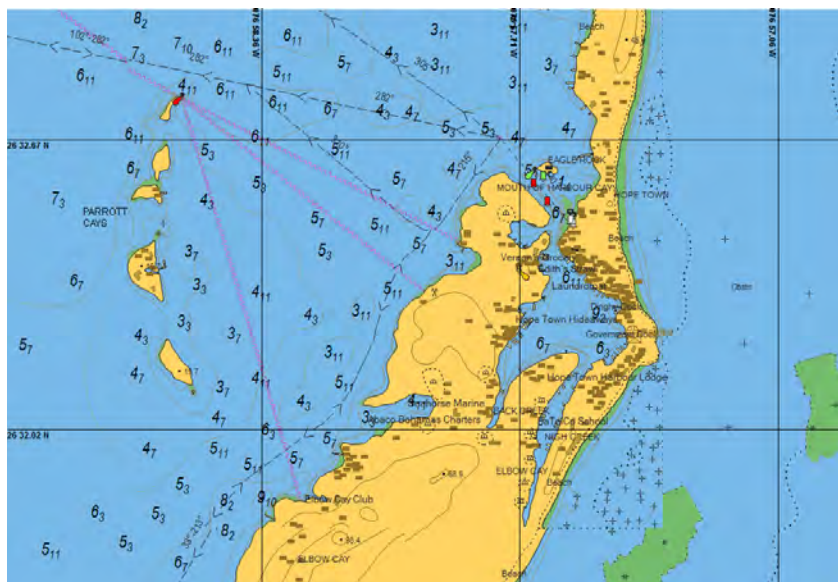
**A Day in Hope Town (1200-1900), beginning at Hope Town Sailing Club.** Take a mooring in Hope Town, a slip in a marina, or anchor off the Parrot Cays, then dink in to the club's big dinghy dock. Plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, are event captains and will be at HTSC to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch, Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge are located on the docks and accessible by dinghy. Wrap-up for the day (1700-1900) will be cocktails (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) at the Abacos' only hotel overlooking a coral reef just a few feet away, the Hope Town Harbour Lodge.

*Event captains:*

*Jim and Ruth Modisette*

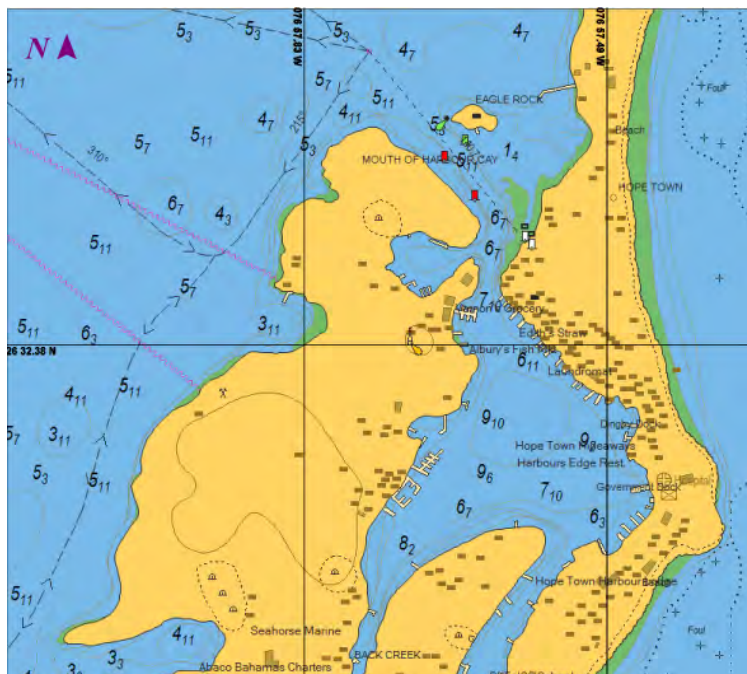
*Approaches to  
Hope Town,  
including the  
Parrott Cays.*

*Soundings in feet and inches  
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*Hope Town Harbor, including the  
narrow channel in from the  
northwest*

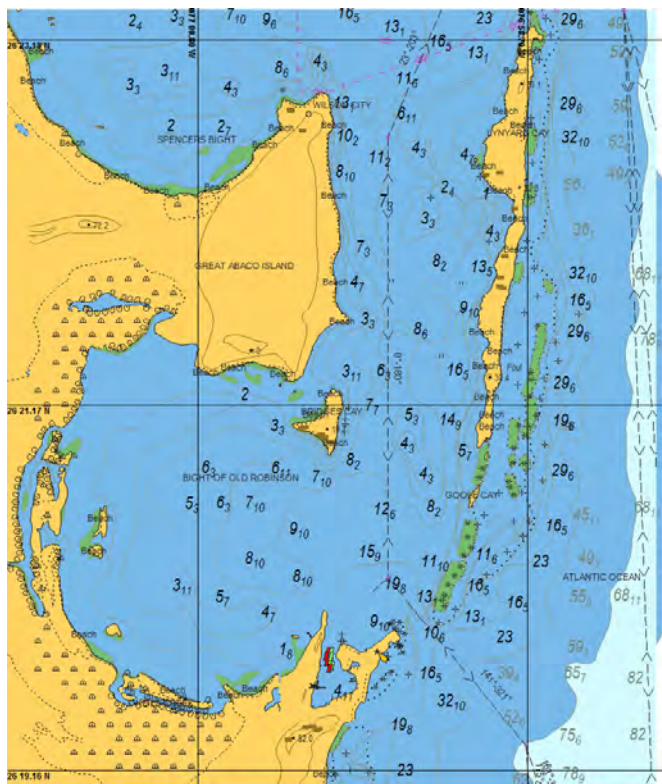
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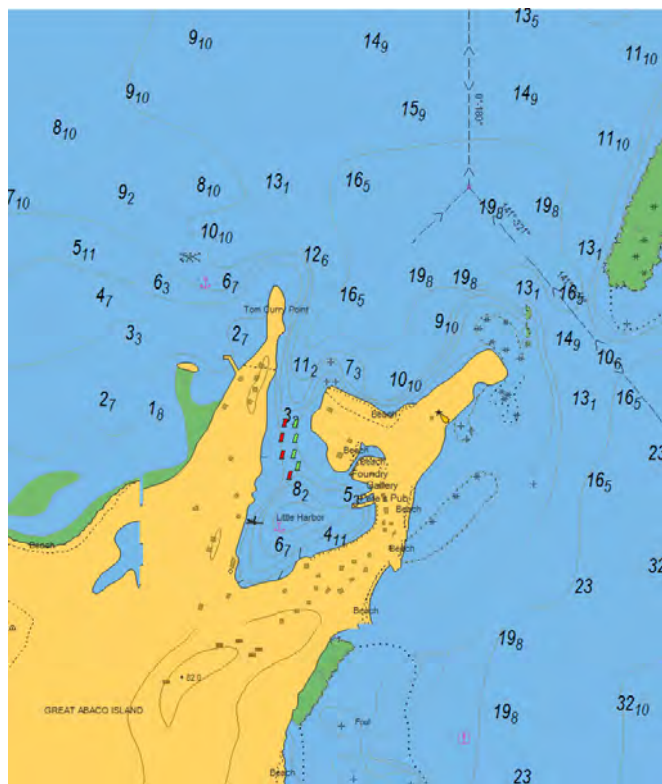


### Wednesday, April 21.

**Lay day.** Cruise at will between Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or head into Little Harbour a day early, ride the 2.4-foot afternoon tide over the 3½-foot (MLW) bar there, and enjoy a sundowner at Pete's Pub. Little Harbour is aptly named . . . not much room inside but plenty of room for anchoring nearby if you care to dinghy in.



*The approaches to Little Harbour, Lynyard Cay and the Bight of Old Robinson*



*Little Harbour, showing the shallow but buoyed entry channel*

*Soundings in feet and inches – Not for navigation*

### Thursday, April 22.

**Pig roast at Pete's Pub at Little Harbour (1200),** one of Abaco's most memorable stops. Take your choice: slip across the 3½-foot (MLW) bar into the tiny harbor or anchor in deep water off Lynyard Cay or in the often roly Little Harbour where you can explore the blue holes. A chartered Albury's Ferry will be provided to shuttle guests between anchored yachts and Little Harbour for the pig roast.

*Event captains:*

*Dave & Lenore Mulock.*

### Friday, April 23.

**Lay day.** Spend the day in the Little Harbour area or cruise at will along the 15 miles between Little Harbour and the Marsh Harbour area.



**Saturday, April 24.**

**Final party: cocktails (1730) and Bahamian buffet dinner (1930) with live island music from the New Entry Band at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour right at the resort, walk, or catch a cab over from Marsh Harbour.

*Event captains:  
Milt & Judy Baker*

**Sunday, April 25.**

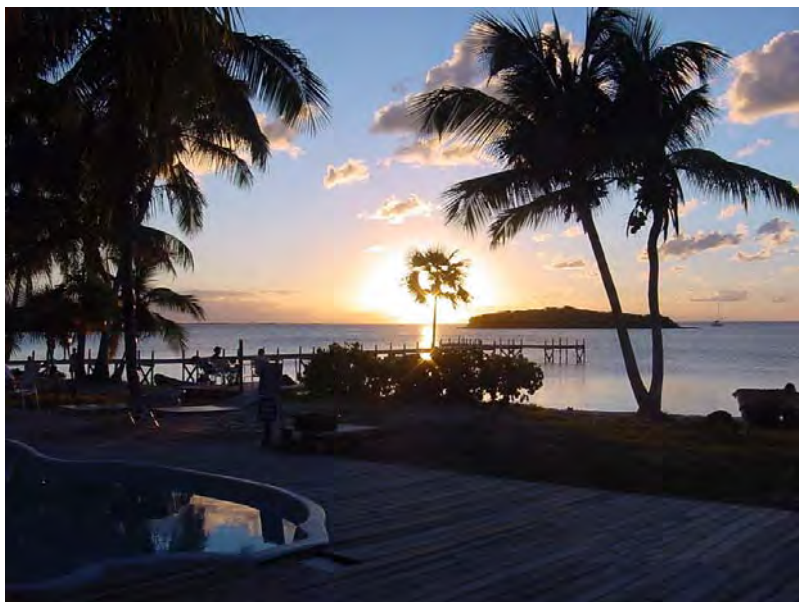
**Cruise disbands (0900).**



## ***MORE ABOUT ABACO***

Each of our sitreps has told you a little about Abaco. Here's another view, this one from the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

*With its own calm sea surrounded by charming islands, each worth a visit, the Abacos are known as one of the world's top boating and sailing destinations. With quaint colonial towns, miles of stellar beaches, great fishing and diving, and a wonderful selection of hotels and resorts and restaurants and bars, the Abacos are the most complete vacation destination in the Bahamas out islands.*



*The Abacos consist of their own 120-mile-long island chain, basically a mini-Bahamas complete with its own out islands. Great Abaco Island and Little Abaco serve as the “mainland,” with a string of barrier islands separating them from the Atlantic. The body of water between – a turquoise nirvana for those boaters and sailors – is the usually calm, shallow Sea of Abaco.*

**Marsh Harbour.** *Great Abaco Island is home to Marsh Harbour, the “bright lights and big city” of the out islands. To put that into perspective, Marsh Harbour has exactly one traffic light (the only operating one in all the*

*Bahamas out islands!). Along with a selection of hotels, restaurants and bars, Marsh Harbour is charter boat central, with several full-service marinas..*

**Treasure Cay and Little Harbour.** North of Marsh Harbour is Treasure Cay, a hotel, golf, marina and real estate development wrapped around a beach with the whitest, softest sand you've ever seen. To the south lies Little Harbour, a picturesque protected bay where you'll find a small artist colony based around the Johnston family and Pete Johnston's Pete's Pub.

Set out across the Sea of Abaco from Great Abaco Island, and you can steer toward any one of a number of islands – each a vacation destination in its own right. This is an island hopper's paradise.

**The Cays of Abaco.** The Abacos were settled by English colonists who remained loyal to the crown after the American Revolutionary War, which is why the settlements like Hope Town on Elbow Cay and New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay have the look of New England fishing towns complete with picket fences and gingerbread trim – of course with the distinctive Bahamian touch of pastel colors.



**Hope Town.** Hope Town is home to the famous candy-striped lighthouse, a favorite photo subject now, but quite controversial when it was under construction back in 1863 because up until then many of the island's residents had been making a comfortable living by salvaging ships wrecked on the offshore reefs.

**Man-O-War Cay.** North of Elbow Cay, Man-O-War is another Loyalist settlement, a conservative "dry" island, and the Abacos' boat-building center, with a wonderful naturally protected harbor and boat-fitting and sail shops. Next up the chain is beachy Great Guana Cay, famed for the Sunday barbecues thrown at Nippers Bar that sits atop the island's tall sand dune, which overlooks Guana's magnificent seven-mile long beach.

## CRUISE REGALIA

While the cruise fee will include one logo ball cap per person and one logo canvas tote bag per couple (or adult not a part of a couple), if you want other logo-embazoned clothing you're on your own. Well, not exactly because CCA regalia provider Stars Signatures is offering a selection of

shirts, caps, and tote bags, all

with the handsome cruise logo--but these must be ordered direct from Start Signatures. Why not order matching shirts for the whole crew now?

To order cruise regalia, call Stars Signatures at 727-520-8772 or visit:  
<http://www.starssignatures.com/ccaabaco/>

For a small additional fee, your boat's name (or your own name) can be included on the sleeve of any shirt ordered.



# COMMUNICATIONS

Remember that when you're in the Bahamas your mobile phone and Internet won't necessarily work like they do in the USA. If staying in touch is important you may want to start now considering the options for the time you'll be in Abaco.

## VOICE

- **U.S. Cell Phone.** You'll find a good tutorial on what works and doesn't in the Bahamas on the Active Captain site at: <http://www.activecaptain.com/articles/mobilePhones/bahamas.php>
- **Satellite Phones.** Of course, both Iridium and INMARSAT phones work fine in the Bahamas. Use your own or rent a portable. For more information Google satellite phone rentals.
- **Skype.** Coupled with a good Internet connection, Skype.com offers a remarkable and inexpensive service. All you need is an account, funded with \$10+/- and an inexpensive headset with microphone. Call any phone in the world for a few cents a minute. And the quality is often as good as landlines. Sign up at: <http://www.skype.com/getconnected/>
- **Phone Cards:** Yes, there are still pay phones powered by phone cards in Abaco, and sometimes these provide the most reliable connection. If you have to make lengthy calls, that require solid service, this might be your best bet, if not the most elegant. Phone Cards can be purchased at grocery and convenience stores in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and Great Guana.

## DATA

- **Wi-fi:** Out Island Internet is the primary provider of internet service in the Abaco Islands, offering WiFi hot spots in the following harbors: Marsh Harbour, Lubbers Quarters, Little Harbour, Hope Town( Elbow Cay), Scotland Cay and Man-O-War Cay. Weekly rates are about \$40. Check their website for the type and locations of the antennas and service available in each harbor: <http://www.abacoinet.com>

There are many options for extending beyond normal WiFi range. A plug-and-play portable antenna that committee member Milt Baker used in Abaco in mid-2009 with success up to a mile from the antennas is:

- **Radio Labs** <http://www.radiolabs.com/products/wireless/wireless-marine-antenna.php>

That said, even with equipment like this, Milt found WiFi service in Abaco to be somewhat iffy – it dropped in and out for no apparent reason, sometimes staying down for several hours at a time, so it's good have a back-up plan.



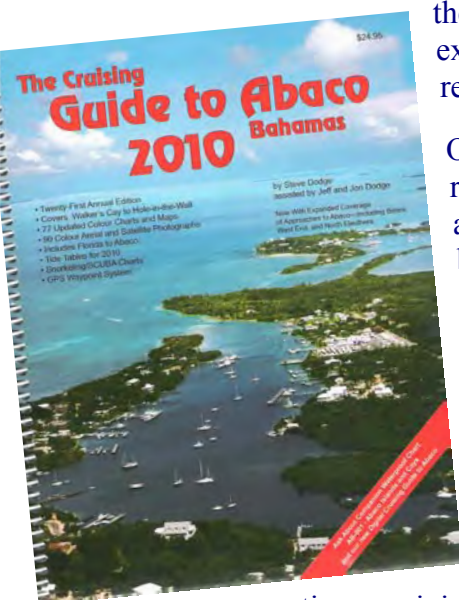
## INVERTER

- Having technology on the boat can sometimes be problematic – unless, of course, you have a 12-volt plug for every device. One easy solution is a small, portable inverter to charge phones, camera batteries, Black Berries, computers, etc. Radio Shack, West Marine and others sell basic 150-watters - and don't forget a gang-socket while you're at it.



## THE FINE PRINT

In a time of rampant cost overruns, we're pleased to report all indications are that the cruise is on budget. As reported earlier, the cruise fee is expected to come in at US\$450 per adult (\$225 per child under 18). The cruise fee covers most all cruise expenses including a handout "goodie" bag for each couple (or adult not a part of a couple on the cruise) and all dinners (including the mid-day pig roast) and other events. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and all events except the rum keg party will include cash bars. Of course, your own charter yacht expenses, marina expenses, and transportation to and within Abaco are your responsibility.



One copy of Steve Dodge's popular *The Cruising Guide to Abaco* 2010 edition, a respected 208-page guide with color sketch charts and local knowledge covering all Abaco, will be included for each yacht. It will be in each captain's "goodie bag."

Deposit 2 is due Jan. 15 and should be sent with your updated **Second Deposit and Name Tags Sheet** (see page 14). Payment is by check in U.S. dollars only, please. If there's any question about who's paying the deposits for any yacht or crewmember we recommend that captains and crew coordinate to make sure no one is left out. Responsibility for making certain deposits for all crewmembers are paid rests with each captain.

While payment is due on or before the dates shown below, if you wish to send your entire remaining cruise fee at this time we will welcome your early payment! Sorry, no discounts for early payment.

Cruise Payment Schedule		
Deposit Number	Per person Amount*	Date Due
1	\$100	Aug. 31, 2009
2	\$100	Jan. 15, 2010
3	\$100	Feb. 15, 2010
4	\$150	Mar. 15, 2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450</b>	
*Cruise payment for children under 18 is half the amount shown above.		



## A FINAL WORD

For your information and later reference, this sitrep and those that went before it are posted on the Members Only portion of the club website at: [http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo\\_home.asp](http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo_home.asp)  
If you spot any conflicts, the latest information should be considered correct.

Additional sitreps will be e-mailed to everyone on the cruise list as developments warrant. We welcome your questions—and your ideas for making this a great and enjoyable cruise.

Happy New Year! We're all looking forward to cruising with you in Abaco.

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## Registrations CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

12/31/2009								
Name	Boat Source	Boat Name	Boat Type	Boats #	Power or Sail?	Party	Station/Post	Party #
Arenburg, David F.	Own	Sable	Little Harbor 44	1	S	Fred & Elizabeth Ann Arenburg	BDO	2
						TBD		2
Baker, Milton S.	Own	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	1	P	Milt & Judy Baker	FLA	2
						Jim & Sue Chambers	FLA	2
Barker III, B. Devereux	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	S	Dev Barker	BOS	1
						Henry Keene	BOS/BUZ	1
						Frank Beveridge	BOS/BUZ	1
						Sandy Weld	BOS	1
Barlow, Jr., Herbert B.	Own	Blue Heron	True North 38	1	P	Skip Barlow	FLA	1
						Jack & Glory Wills	FLA	2
Bernheim, Robert	Own	Soft Touch	DeFever 68	1	P	Bob & Susan Bernheim	SAF	2
						TBD		2
Billings, Arthur	Own		Bristol 47	1	S	Art & Trish Billings	FLA	2
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Own	Cheers	Krogen 48	1	P	Jeff & Anne Cannon	SOC	2
						Pete & Harriet Palette	SOC	2
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Own	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	1	P	Tommy & Renee Closs	CHE	2
						Walter & Anne-Lise Fink	CHE	2
						Karl & Lisa von Schwarz	CHE	2
Comfort, Lyn	Own	Nell	Huckins 50	1	P	Lyn & Peggy Comfort		2
						Commodore Sheila McCurdy	NYS	1
						Dave Brown	BOS/BUZ	1
Cook, Charles E.	Own	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48	1	P	Chuck & Pam Cook	SOC	2
						Jim & Jil Morgan		2
Cornelius M.D., H. James	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	1	S	Jim & Mimi Cornelius	SAF	2
						Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2
						? & ? Pugh		2
Council, Ronald E.	Own	Heron	East Bay 49	1	P	Ron Council & Pam McCallum	CHE	2
Ewing III, William	Moorings	Moorings 41.3	Monohull	1	S	Bill & Susan Ewing	NYS	2
Garrett, G. Waddy	Own	Running Tide	J46	1	S	Waddy & Connie Garrett	CHE	2
Gillette, Dennis	Own	Witch	Legacy 42	1	P	Buck & Mimi Gillette	FLA	2
Gourd, James H.	Charter	Gannet	Albury 23	1	P	Jim & Babs Gourd	FLA	2
Herman, Peter E.	Moorings		TBD	1	S	Peter & Sheila Herman	NYS	2
						Rich Feeley & Susan Ellsworth		2

						Doug Hill & Alexandra Breed		2
						Fred & Laura Groff		2
Hinckley, Edward W,	Own	Edge	Atlantic 44	1	P	Bud & Tess Hinckley	FLA	2
Hoffman, Peter S.	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Pete & Dot Hoffman	FLA	2
Ives, R/C Paul Lane						Paul & Jerri Ives	FLA	2
Hosack, Frederick O.	Own	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch	1	S	Fred & Darlene Hosack	FLA	2
						Dan and Mimi Dyer	BOS/BUZ	2
Jorch, William C.	Own	Frolic	Albin 43	1	P	Bill & Nancy Jorch	NYS	2
Keith, Harry	Own	Lanikai	Schucker 48 MS	1	S	Harry & Malinda Keith	FLA	2
Kessler, Bruce	Own	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64	1	P	Bruce & Joan Kessler	FLA	2
						Mike & Maria Martus		2
Langston, Roger H.S.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Roger & Jennifer Langston	BOS	2
						Charles & Leeanne Langston	BOS/BUZ	2
LeRoy, William M.	Moorings	Moorings 40	Moorings 40	1	S	Bill & Paula LeRoy	SAF	2
						Jack & Irene Kaus		2
						Julie Croker		1
Marvin, George	Own	Bristol 45.5	Trumpeter	1	S	George & Nancy Marvin	BOS/GMP	2
McDonough, Joseph	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Joe & Holly McDonnough		2
Meserve, Edwin A.	Moorings	Moorings 46	Moorings 46	1	S	Ed & Barbara Meserve	SOC	2
						John & Adrienne Garrison	SOC	2
						Tom & Mimi Hogan	SOC	2
						Bob & Corky Winters	SOC	2
Moore, Charles R.	Moorings	Moorings 372	Moorings 372	1	P	Charles & Jeanne Moore	FLA	2
						Bob & Debbie English	FLA	2
Mulock, David G.	Own	Runabout	Runabout	1	P	David & Lenore Mulock	FLA	2
						Bob & Susan Dockery	FLA	2
Munroe, William M.	Own	Decoy	Presto 36	1	S	Bill & Irene Munroe	FLA	2
						Sennett & Anne Duttonhoffer	FLA	2
Noyes, Bradley P.	Charter	Moorings	Moorings 4000	1	S	Brad & Gail Noyes	BOS	2
						Bill & Sandra White		2
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Own	Pipe Dream 9	J160	1	S	Scott Piper & Mary Vineberg	FLA	2
						Mike & Lee Brown	PNW	2
Reppert, Sibley	Own	Catalyst	Cat 42	1	S	Sib Reppert & Chris Vezetinski	BOS/BUZ	2
						TBD		2
Robinson, Harold W.	Own	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41	1	S	Harry & Joan Robinson	FLA	2
Rowland, Jr, Edward	Moorings		Moorings 4000	1	S	Ed & Peggy Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
						Ned Rowland Age 12	BOS/BUZ	1
						Molly Rowland Age 11	BOS/BUZ	1
						Julie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	1
						Eric Brietenberger		1

Smullen, Brian T.	Own	Namhara	Vicem 67	1	P	Brian Smullen	BOS	1
O'Flaherty, Michael P.						Mike O'Flaherty	BOS	1
						P/C Ned & Susie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
						Peter Underdown & Rosie Frost		2
Somers, Lawrence	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	1	S	Larry Somers & Lisa Laing	SOC	2
						Bill & Jeri Barse		2
					S	Tod & Linda White	SOC	2
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1		Cyrus & Bobbie Sweet	BOS	2
						Greg & Debby Gebow	BOS/GMP	2
					P	Tom Kenny	FLA	1
Towle, John F.	Own	Thistle	Dyer 29	1	S	Jack Towle & Pam Barker	BOS/BUZ	2
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Own	Iona	Catalina 28	1		Barbara Watson-Clapp	FLA	1
Clapp, Gerald B.					S	Gerry Clapp	FLA	1
Wick, Christopher M.	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	1		Chris & Shirley Wick	ESS	2
Wick, Michael D.					S	Mike & Jean Wick	CHE	2
Wick III, Philip	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Pip & Judy Wick	BOS/GMP	2
Woolsey MD, David	Own	Circe III	Morgan 41	1		David & Susan Woolsley	FLA	2
						TBD		1
						TBD, age 6	FLA	1
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>44</b>				<b>165</b>
<b>WAIT LIST</b>								
Smith, Owen	Sun Sail		Sun Sail 39	1	S	Owen & Chris Smith		2
						Bob & Penny Young		
Gunther, J. Robert	Own	Claret 45	Dolphin	1	P	Bob & Teta Gunther		2



# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010

## SECOND DEPOSIT AND NAME TAG NAMES

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEPOSIT BY JAN. 15, 2010**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*If there's any question about who is paying the deposits for crewmembers on any yacht, we suggest that captains/crew coordinate with one another to make sure deposits are paid. Ultimately, it's each captain's responsibility to make certain that fees are paid for all crewmembers.*

**This second deposit covers my group as follows:**

- Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 second deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 second deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total second deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

Send to: Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963

**List names as you wish them to appear on cruise name tags** for all persons covered by the deposit above.

Name _____	Station/Post* _____
Name _____	Station/Post* _____
Name _____	Station/Post* _____
Name _____	Station/Post* _____
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Name _____	Station/Post* _____
Name _____	Station/Post* _____

**\*Leave the Station/Post field blank for each non-CCA member who is not the (a) spouse, (b) significant other, or (c) under-18-year-old child of a member.**

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP FIVE

FEB. 8, 2010

## ***COUNTDOWN TO ABACO***

### **165 CRUISERS, 43 YACHTS REGISTERED FOR CCA SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO**

Although a few cruisers on the list for the Abaco cruise have had to drop out, their slots have been quickly filled by others on the wait list, and at the moment the cruise is in perfect balance: **sold out with nobody on the waiting list.**

It seems likely that we can expect a few more dropouts, so if you know members who'd like to take part in the cruise by all means have them get on the first-come/first-served wait list by sending a \$100 per person deposit to treasurer Pete Hoffman. Wait list deposits are fully refundable.

Keep in mind that the ceiling on cruise size is dictated by limits on the number of people who can be accommodated at venues available for cruise events. That means it will not be possible for CCA members who just happen to be in Abaco to join the cruise without advance registration. In short, there's no room for those **not** signed up to take part in the cruise.

The latest edition of the committee's ever-changing spreadsheet showing registered participants, yachts and more starts on page 11. Be sure to check and confirm that you're on the list with the right number of people!

Also, please check the Name Tag List on pages 14-15 and let the committee have any spelling corrections, corrections or updates. **Please e-mail those to name tag czar Jack Wills, at: [gwillls3@juno.com](mailto:gwillls3@juno.com) copy to [plives@gmail.com](mailto:plives@gmail.com) and [miltbaker@mindspring.com](mailto:miltbaker@mindspring.com)**

At this point, the cruise includes members from almost every Cruising Club station and post. Current registration figures show that we'll have 24 sailing yachts and 17 powerboats. Eighteen of the 43 yachts now registered are charters.



## ***RUM KEG PARTY UPDATE***

You'll find one venue change on the schedule beginning on page 3: the Great Guana Cay Rum Keg Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres is now scheduled for



Orchid Bay Marina's big porch overlooking the Sea of Abaco. That means you can make reservations at the marina and just walk up the pier to the party when the time comes. Orchid Bay Marina has 66 fixed wood docks accommodating vessels up to 120 feet/9ft draft. With fuel, showers, ice, a freshwater pool, and a restaurant you'll find everything you need there.



Sundays are popular with residents of Abaco because of a mid-day pig roast at Nippers on Great Guana Cay, so advance reservations at Orchid Bay Marina are a good idea.

Orchid Bay Marina is offering a 10% discount for Cruising Club Members on the normal \$1.95/foot dockage fee. Metered water and electricity are additional.

For reservations:

Tel: 242-365-5175

Cell: 242-577-6623

E-mail: [orchidbay2004@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidbay2004@yahoo.com)

## ***NEXT DEPOSIT DUE: FEB. 15***

**Deposit 3 is due Monday, Feb. 15** and should be sent with a completed **Deposit Sheet** (see page 16). Payment is by check in U.S. dollars only, please. If there's any question about who's paying the deposits for any yacht or crewmember we recommend that captains and crew coordinate to make sure no one is left out. Responsibility for making certain deposits for all crewmembers are paid rests with each captain.

**While payment is due on or before the dates shown below, you may find it convenient to send your entire remaining cruise fee at this time and be done with it. We welcome your early payment!**

<b>Cruise Payment Schedule</b>		
<b>Deposit Number</b>	<b>Per Adult</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
1	\$100	Aug. 31, 2009
2	\$100	Jan. 15, 2010
<b>3</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Feb. 15, 2010</b>
4	\$150	Mar. 15, 2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450</b>	
<i>* Cruise payment per child under 18 is one-half the amount shown above.</i>		







### Saturday, April 17.

**Lay day.** Cruise the Sea of Abaco or offshore. Sail down to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. You'll find excellent snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of the Great Guana Cay. If the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. Or anchor off and enjoy Treasure Cay's powdery white 3½-mile beach.

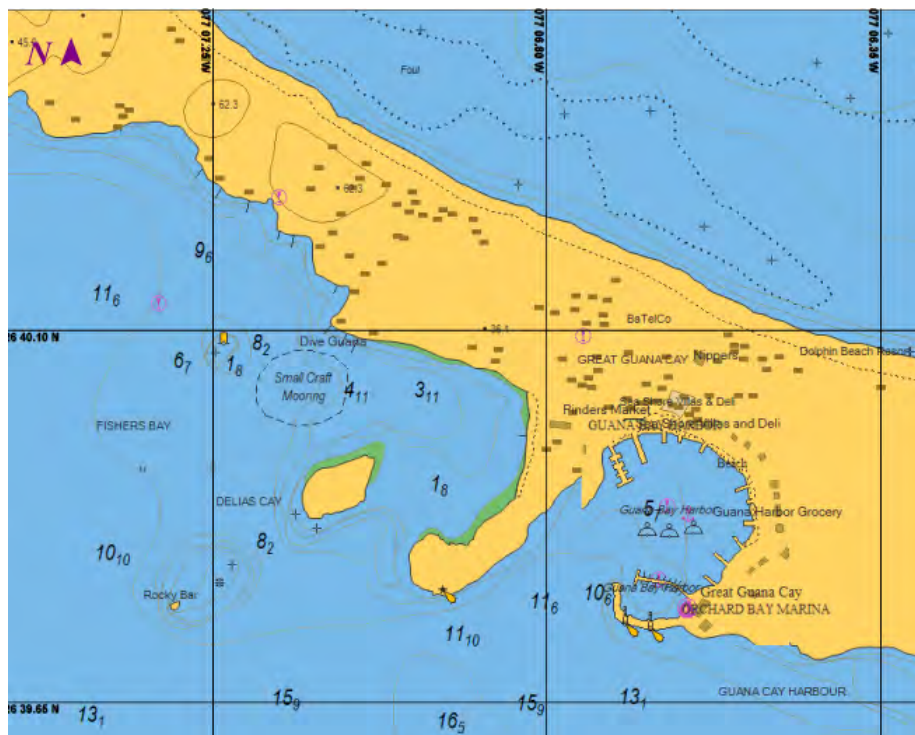
### Sunday, April 18.

**Rum keg party with heavy hors d'oeuvres (1630-1930) at Orchid Bay Marina, Great Guana Cay.**

*Event captains:*

*Jim and Sue  
Chambers,  
Jim and Babs  
Gourd*

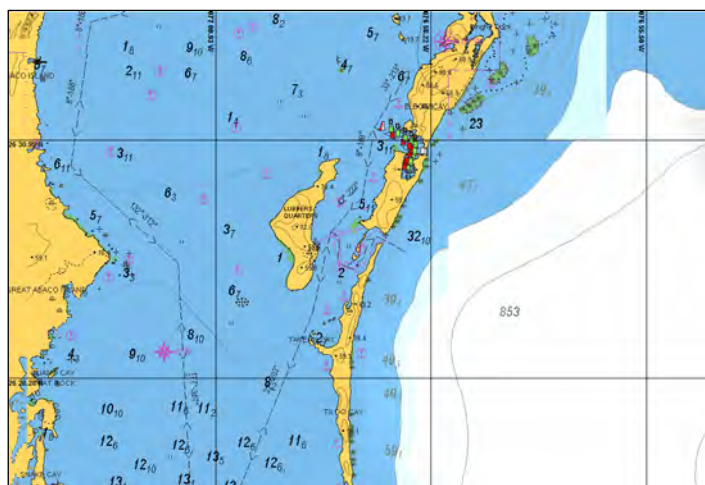
*Great Guana Cay, showing  
Orchid Bay Marina just inside  
the breakwater*



*Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation*

### Monday, April 19.

**Lay day.** Cruise at will in the Hub of Abaco or offshore. Why not consider exploring the western shore of Elbow Cay including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters with your yacht or dink?



*Elbow Cay, Tilloo Cay and Lubbers  
Quarters, just south of Hope Town.*

*Soundings in feet and inches  
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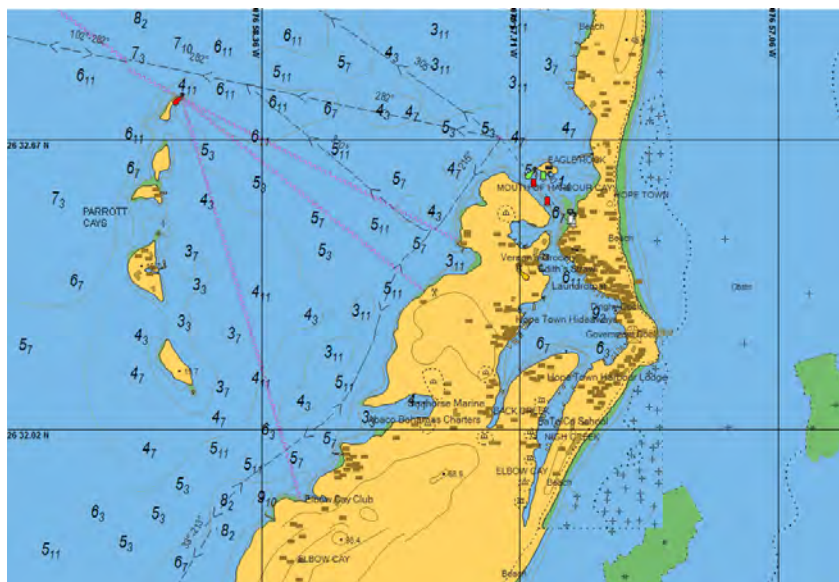
## Tuesday, April 20.

**A Day in Hope Town (1200-1900), beginning at Hope Town Sailing Club.** Take a mooring in Hope Town, a slip in a marina, or anchor off the Parrot Cays, then dink in to the club's big dinghy dock. Plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, are event captains and will be at HTSC to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch, Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge are located on the docks and accessible by dinghy. Wrap-up for the day (1700-1900) will be cocktails (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) at the Abacos' only hotel overlooking a coral reef just a few feet away, the Hope Town Harbour Lodge.

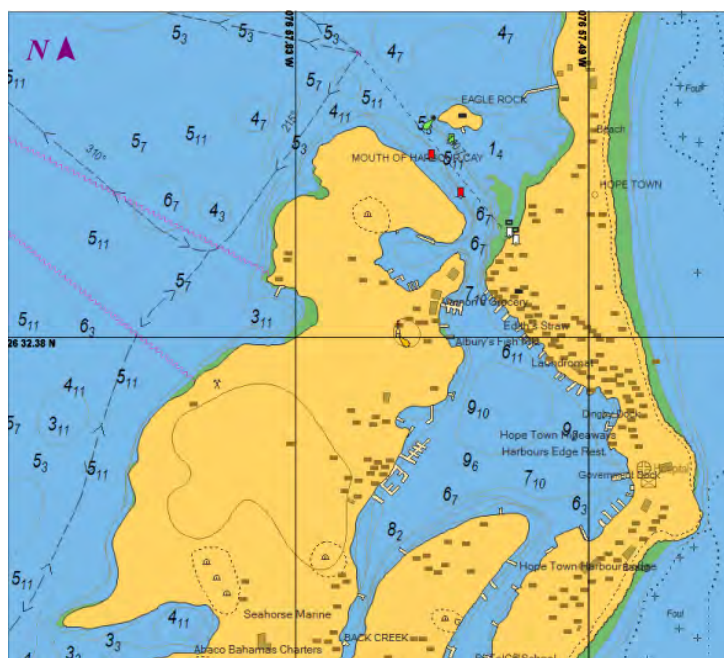
*Event captains:*

*Jim and Ruth Modisette*

*Approaches to  
Hope Town,  
including the  
Parrott Cays.*



*Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation*



*Hope Town Harbor, including the  
narrow channel in from the  
northwest*

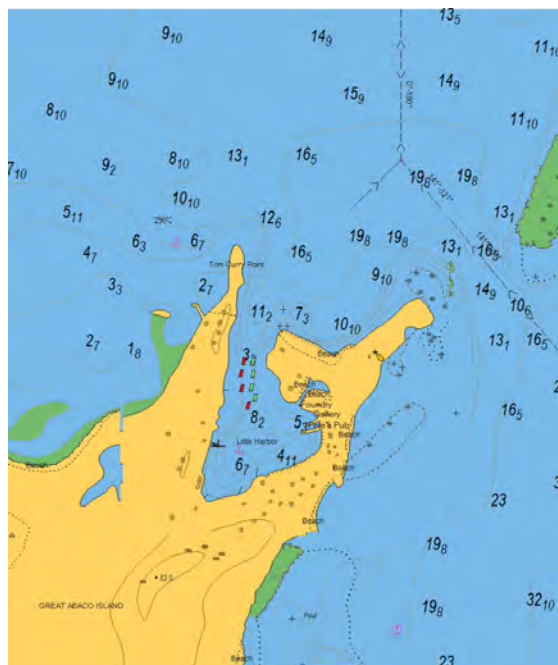
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### Wednesday, April 21.

**Lay day.** Cruise at will between Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or head into Little Harbour a day early, ride the 2.4-foot afternoon tide over the 3½-foot (MLW) bar there, and enjoy a sundowner at Pete's Pub. Little Harbour is aptly named . . . not much room inside but plenty of room for anchoring nearby if you care to dinghy in.



*The approaches to Little Harbour, Lynyard Cay and the Bight of Old Robinson*



*Little Harbour, showing the shallow but buoyed entry channel*

*Soundings in feet and inches – Not for navigation*

### Thursday, April 22.

**Pig roast at Pete's Pub at Little Harbour (1200),** one of Abaco's most memorable stops. Take your choice: slip across the 3½-foot (MLW) bar into the tiny harbor or anchor in deep water off Lynyard Cay or in the often roly Little Harbour where you can explore the blue holes. A chartered Albury's Ferry will be provided to shuttle guests between anchored yachts and Little Harbour for the pig roast.

*Event captains:*

*Dave & Lenore Mulock  
Bob & Susan Dockery  
Tom Kenney*

### Friday, April 23.

**Lay day.** Spend the day in the Little Harbour area or cruise at will along the 15 miles between Little Harbour and the Marsh Harbour area.



### **Saturday, April 24.**

**Final party: cocktails (1730) and Bahamian buffet dinner (1930) with live island music from the New Entry Band at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour right at the resort, walk, or catch a cab over from Marsh Harbour.

*Event captains:*

*Milt & Judy Baker*

### **Sunday, April 25.**

**Cruise disbands (0900).**

## ***CRUISE REGALIA***

While the cruise fee includes a cruise tote bag (left) and ball caps, you may order more from CCA regalia provider Stars Signatures. Check out their selection of shirts, caps, and tote bags, all with the handsome cruise logo..

Please keep in mind that polo shirts (navy, white and aqua) must be ordered directly from Stars Signatures and will **not** be for sale on the cruise in Abaco. Please order in plenty of time to have them before you leave for Abaco.

For a small additional fee, your boat's name (or your own name) can be included on the sleeve of any shirt ordered.

To order call Stars Signatures at 727-520-8772 or visit:  
<http://www.starssignatures.com/ccaabaco/>



## ***ABOUT ABACO***

Great Abaco is the second largest island in the Bahamas, lying just north of the Tropic of Cancer less than 200 miles from Florida. A scattering of luxury homes, inns and marinas co-exist alongside traditional settlements. Two national parks protect thousands of acres of mangroves, shallow reefs, and forest, and more than 100 miles of sheltered waterways form what's often called one of the world's best cruising grounds. Pink sand beaches and weathered bluffs line the windward Atlantic coasts, while quiet mangrove creeks and bonefish flats extend for miles off to leeward. Offshore cays and barrier reefs fringe the northwest coast, creating a sheltered sound known as the Sea of Abaco where the water depth averages about 20 feet.

Today's privately published paper and electronic charts of the Abacos are highly accurate, but eyeball navigation is still in the islands. With few exceptions the gin-clear water over the banks is deep enough for deep draft vessels yet protected from heavy Atlantic winds and seas by the cays to windward in the usual trade winds and by Great Abaco Island to the west. Springtime weather in Abaco can be delightful. Cooled by the prevailing southeasterly trade winds in summer and warmed by the

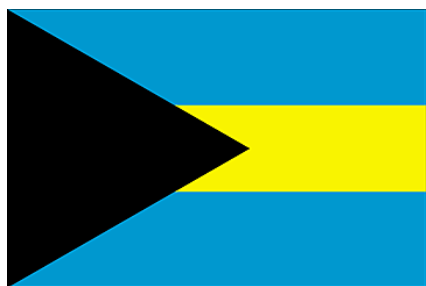


surrounding waters and the Gulf Stream in the cooler months, the Abacos are rarely uncomfortably hot or cold. Although the central Abacos are on the same latitude as West Palm Beach, spring temperatures average 10°F warmer than Florida - daytime highs in April average 81°, with overnight lows averaging 69° and water temperatures during the month averaging a comfortable 76°. Average wind speed in April is 8 knots, typically E to ESE, and rainfall averages of less than 2 inches.

The crescent of cays was settled by British loyalists who sailed mainly from New York, Charleston, and St. Augustine in the years following the American Revolution. They built sturdy seafaring villages with colorful names like Man-O-War, Hope Town and New Plymouth. For many years boatbuilding, fishing, smuggling and wrecking provided their chief livelihoods.

Today tourism is king and even in a down economy Abaco is a magnet for visiting yachtsmen, sport fishermen, divers and other modern-day adventurers. But this is not your father's Bahamas! While much of the island charm of yesterday remains, today's edition of Abaco comes complete with cell phones, Internet, wi-fi, satellite TV, and more, but in a style befitting the islands it all works with some quirks and it's not inexpensive. Like the rest of the Bahamas, Abaco has suffered from the worldwide recession of late and cruise committee member Milt Baker reports that tourism was distinctly down when he visited aboard Bluewater in May.

### ***ENTERING THE BAHAMAS***



*Bahamas national flag*



*Bahamas courtesy flag*

Yachts entering the Bahamas are required to clear customs and immigration by going to a Port of Entry. It's not required that you stop and clear at the first available port so long as no one aboard lands until the yacht and crew have been cleared. Once you're in Bahamian waters, the yellow Q flag should be flown until the yacht has been cleared, then it should be replaced with the Bahamas courtesy flag. The Bahamas national ensign may be flown in place of the courtesy flag and is equally appropriate.

The fee schedule covers a 12-month cruising permit, a fishing permit, and departure taxes (paid in advance) for up to four persons aboard any non-Bahamas-registered yacht. The fee (cash only, U.S. or Bahamian currency) for yachts up to 35 feet is \$150 and for yachts above 35 feet is \$300. One additional entry and exit is permitted within 90 days of the original entry without payment of a second fee, though some cruisers report being charged a "transportation fee" for the second clearance.

Entry ports enroute to Abaco include West End and Port Lucaya on Grand Bahama, Bimini, Nassau, and Walkers Cay, and in Abaco Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, and Marsh Harbour. Enroute to Abaco cruise committee member Milt Baker likes to clear at Green Turtle Cay, which can normally be done by anchoring off New Plymouth and dinghying in. He's cleared in there several times and reports that the clearance process at Green Turtle is usually quick and hassle-free.

## ***PASSPORTS AND VISAS***

No visas are required for American, Canadian and E.U. citizens to enter the Bahamas, but **a valid passport is required**. According to the U.S. State Department, all Americans traveling by air and sea outside the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. Travelers must present Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document such as a passport or a passport card for entry or re-entry to the U.S.

The State Department strongly encourages all American citizen travelers to apply for a U.S. passport or passport card well in advance of anticipated travel. American citizens can visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or call 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778) for information on how to apply for their passports.

## ***FIREARMS***

Bahamas' customs authorities enforce strict regulations concerning temporary importation or exportation of firearms. If you must carry firearms to the Bahamas, it's advisable to contact the Embassy of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas in Washington at 202-319-2260. No or one of the Bahamian consulates in the U.S. for specific information regarding customs requirements. Anyone arriving in the Bahamas by private yacht must declare firearms and ammunition to Bahamian Customs and leave firearms on the boat while in the Bahamas.

## ***PROVISIONING***

Shopping in Marsh Harbor you'll have no difficulty in finding the essentials: meat, poultry, fish, fresh produce, baked goods, milk, cheese, ice cream, and canned and packaged goods from coffee to corn flakes. Prices are substantially higher than in the U.S. because all goods brought into the Bahamas are taxed. If there are special items or brands you can't do without, by all means bring them with you. For more information on shopping in Abaco now, Google "groceries + Abaco" or follow these links:

<http://coconuttelegraph.net/savedposts/abacoshopping.shtml>

<http://www.bahamascruisersguide.com/page42/page42.html>

<http://jerawyn.typepad.com/wanderingmariner/2008/03/communicaitons.html>

Groceries are also available in other settlements, though Marsh Harbour has the best selection.

## ***FINAL WORD***

We are aiming to have a first draft of the Cruise Book for this cruise e-mailed to you in PDF format about 30 days before the cruise begins. The idea is to provide you the cruise information you'll need to make plans well in advance. Of course, there will be last-minute changes not reflected in the early draft, but those will be in the final printed cruise book which will be in the "goodie bag" you receive at registration on April 16.

For your information and later reference, this sitrep and those that went before it are posted on the Members Only portion of the club website at: [http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo\\_home.asp](http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo_home.asp)  
If you spot any conflicts, the latest information should be considered the most correct.



Additional sitreps will be e-mailed as developments warrant. We welcome your questions—and your ideas for making this a great and enjoyable cruise.

We're very much looking forward to cruising with you in Abaco.

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# Registrations CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco

2/8/2010

Green = paid in full

Name	Boat Source	Boat Name	Boat Type	Boats #	Power or Sail?	Party	Station/Post	Party #
Arenburg, David F.	Own	Sable	Little Harbor 44	1	S	Dave & Elizabeth Ann Arenburg	BDO	2
						Kit & Gretchen McCurdy	BDO	2
Baker, Milton S.	Own	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	1	P	Milt & Judy Baker	FLA	2
						Jim & Sue Chambers	FLA	2
Barker III, B. Devereux	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	S	Dev Barker	FLA	1
						Henry Keene	BOS	1
						Frank Beveridge	BOS/BUZ	1
						Sandy Weld	BOS/BUZ	1
Barlow, Jr., Herbert B.	Own	Blue Heron	True North 38	1	P	Skip Barlow	FLA	1
						Jack & Glory Wills	FLA	2
Bernheim, Robert	Own	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68	1	P	Bob & Susan Bernheim	SAF	2
						Don & Joan Bekins	SAF	2
Billings, Arthur	Own		Bristol 47	1	S	Art & Patricia Billings	FLA	2
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Own	Cheers	Krogen 48	1	P	Jeff & Anne Cannon	SOC	2
						Pete & Harriet Palette	SOC	2
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Own	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	1	P	Tommy & Renee Closs	CHE	2
						Walter & Anne-Lise Fink	CHE	2
						Karl & Lisa von Schwarz	CHE	2
Comfort, Lyn	Own	Nell	Huckins 50	1	P	Lyn & Peggy Comfort		2
						Commodore Sheila McCurdy	NYS	1
						Dave Brown	BOS/BUZ	1
Cook, Charles E.	Own	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48	1	P	Chuck & Pam Cook	SOC	2
						Jim & Jil Morgan		2
Cornelius M.D., H. James	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	1	S	Jim & Mimi Cornelius	SAF	2
						Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2
						Bill & Debbie Pugh		2
Ewing III, William	Moorings	Moorings 41.3	Monohull	1	S	Bill & Susan Ewing	NYS	2
Garrett, Garland Waddy	Own	Running Tide	J46	1	S	Waddy & Connie Garrett	CHE	2
Gillette, Dennis	Own	Witch	Legacy 42	1	P	Buck & Mimi Gillette	FLA	2
Gourd, James H.	Charter	Gannet	Albury 23	1	P	Jim & Babs Gourd	FLA	2
Guther, J. Robert	Own	Dolphin		1	P	Bob & Teta Gunther	FLA	2
						Bob and Mindy Drew	ESS	2
Herman, Peter E.	Moorings		?	1	S	Peter & Sheila Herman	NYS	2
						Rich Feeley & Susan Elsworth		2
						Doug Hill & Alexandra Breed		2
						Fred & Laura Goff		2
Hoffman, Peter S.	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Pete & Dot Hoffman	FLA	2
Ives, R/C Paul Lane	"	"	"			Paul & Jerri Ives	FLA	2

Hosack, Frederick O.	Own	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch	1	S	Fred & Darlene Hosack	FLA	2
						Dan & Mimi Dyer	BOS	2
Johns, David W.	Own	Vivaldi		1	S	Chip & Colleene Johns	BOS/BUZ	2
						Gia & Angelia Florie		2
						Guest		1
Jorch, William C.	Own	Frolic	Albin 43	1	P	Bill & Nancy Jorch	NYS	2
Keith, Harry	Own	Lanikai	Schucker 48 MS	1	S	Harry & Malinda Keith	FLA	2
Kessler, Bruce	Own	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64	1	P	Bruce & Joan Kessler	FLA	2
						Mike & Maria Martus		2
Langston, Roger H. S.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Roger & Jennifer Langston	BOS	2
						Charles & Leeanne Langston	BOS/BUZ	2
LeRoy, William M.	Moorings	Moorings 40	Moorings 40	1	S	Bill & Paula LeRoy	SAF	2
						Jack & Irene Kaus		2
						Julie Croker		1
McDonough, Joseph	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Joe and Holly McDonough		2
Meserve, Edwin A.	Moorings	Moorings 46	Moorings 46	1	S	Ed & Barbara Meserve	SOC	2
						John & Adrienne Garrison	SOC	2
						Tom and Mimi Hogan	SOC	2
						Bob and Corky Winters	SOC	2
Moore, Charles R.	Moorings	Moorings 372	Moorings 372	1	P	Charles & Jeanne Moore	FLA	2
						Bob & Debbie English	FLA	2
Mulock, David G.	Own	Runabout	Runabout		P	David & Lenore Mulock	FLA	
			Runabout	1	P	Bob & Susan Dockery	FLA	2
Munroe, William M.	Own	Decoy	Presto 36	1	S	Bill & Irene Munroe	FLA	2
						Sennet & Anne Duttonhoffer	FLA	2
Noyes, Bradley P.	Charter	Moorings	Moorings 4000	1	S	Brad & Gail Noyes	BOS	2
						Bill & Sandra White		2
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Own	Pipe Dream 9	J160	1	S	Scott Piper & Mary Vineberg	FLA	2
						Mike and Lee Brown	PNW	2
Reppert, Sibley	Own	Catalyst	Cat 42	1	S	Sib Reppert & Chris Vezetinski	BOS/BUZ	2
						Tom Franklin		1
Robinson, Harold W.	Own	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41	1	S	Harry & Joan Robinson	FLA	2
Rowland, Jr, Edward	Moorings		Moorings 4000	1	S	Ed & Peggy Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
						Ned Rowland Age 12	BOS/BUZ	1
						Molly Rowland Age 11	BOS/BUZ	1
						Julie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	1
						Eric Brietenberger		1
Smullen, Brian T.	Own	Namhara	Vicem 67	1	P	Brian Smullen	BOS	1
O'Flaherty, Michael P.						Mike O'Flaherty	BOS	1
						Peter Underdown & Rosie Frost		2
						P/C Ned & Susie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
Smith, Owen	Sun Sail		Sun Sail 39	1	S	Owen and Chris Smith	NYS	2
						Bob and Penny Young		2
Somers, Lawrence	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	1	S	Larry Somers & Lisa Laing	SOC	2

						Bill & Jeri Barsz	SOC	2
						Tod & Linda White	SOC	2
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Cyrus & Bobbie Sweet	BOS	2
						Greg & Debby Gebow	BOS/GMP	2
						Tom Kenny	FLA	1
Towle, John F.	Own	Thistle	Dyer 29	1	P	Jack Towle and Pam Barker	BOS/BUZ	2
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Own	Iona	Catalina 28	1	S	Barbara Watson-Clapp	FLA	1
Clapp, Gerald B.						Gerry Clapp	FLA	1
Wick, Christopher M.	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	1	S	Chris & Shirley Wick	ESS	2
Wick, Michael D.						Mike & Jean Wick	CHE	2
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<b>WAIT LIST</b>								
Currently empty								

## NAME TAGS – PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOUR INFO IS CORRECT

Name	NAME TAG	NAME TAG	Station/ Post	Total
Arenburg, David F.	Dave Arenburg	Elizabeth Ann Arenburg	BDO	2
	Kit McCurdy	Gretchen McCurdy	BDO	2
Baker, Milton S.	Milt Baker	Judy Baker	FLA	2
	Jim Chambers	Sue Chambers	FLA	2
Barker III, B. Devereux	Dev Barker		FLA	1
	Henry Keene		BOS	1
	Frank Beveridge		BOS/BUZ	1
	Sandy Weld		BOS/BUZ	1
Barlow, Jr., Herbert B.	Skip Barlow		FLA	1
	Jack Wills	Glory Wells	FLA	2
Bernheim, Robert	Bob Bernheim	Susan Bernheim	SAF	2
	Don Bekins	Joan Bekins	SAF	2
Billings, Arthur	Art Billings	Patricia Billings	FLA	2
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Jeff Cannon	Anne Cannon	SOC	2
	Pete Palette	Harriet Palette	SOC	2
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Tommy Closs	Renee Closs	CHE	2
	Walter Fink	Anne-Lise Fink	CHE	2
	Karl Schwarz	Lisa von Schwarz	CHE	2
Comfort, Lyn	Lyn Comfort	Peggy Comfort		2
	Sheila McCurdy		NYS	1
	Dave Brown		BOS/BUZ	1
Cook, Charles E.	Chuck Cook	Pam Cook	SOC	2
	Jim Morgan	Jil Morgan		2
Cornelius M.D., H. James	Jim Cornelius	Mimi Cornelius	SAF	2
	Steve Hunt	Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2
	Bill Pugh	Debbie Pugh		2
Ewing III, William	Bill Ewing	Susan Ewing	NYS	2
Garrett, Garland Waddy	Waddy Garrett	Connie Garrett	CHE	2
Gillette, Dennis	Buck Gillette	Mimi Gillette	FLA	2
Gourd, James H.	Jim Gourd	Babs Gourd	FLA	2
Gunther, J. Robert	Bob Gunther	Teta Gunther	FLA	2
	Bob Drew	Mindy Drew	ESS	2
Herman, Peter E.	Peter Herman	Sheila Herman	NYS	2
	Rich Feeley	Susan Elsworth		2
	Doug Hill	Alexandra Breed		2
	Fred Goff	Laura Goff		2
Hoffman, Peter S.	Pete Hoffman	Dot Hoffman	FLA	2
Ives, R/C Paul Lane	Paul Ives	Jerri Ives	FLA	2
Homer, Susannah	Susi Homer		BOS/GMP	1
Hosack, Frederick O.	Fred Hosack	Darlene Hosack	FLA	2
	Dan Dyer	Mimi Dyer	BOS	2
David W. Johns	Chip Johns	Colleene Johns	BOS/BUZ	2
	Gus Fiorie	Angelia Fiorie		2
	Guest ?			1
Jorch, William C.	Bill Jorch	Nancy Jorch	NYS	2
Keith, Harry	Harry Keith	Malinda Keith	FLA	2



Kessler, Bruce	Bruce Kessler	Joan Kessler	FLA	2
	Mike Martus	Maria Martus		2
Langston, Roger H. S.	Roger Langston	Jennifer Langston	BOS	2
	Charles Langston	Leanne Langston	BOS/BUZ	2
LeRoy, William M.	Bill LeRoy	Paula LeRoy	SAF	2
	Jack Kaus	Irene Kaus		2
	Julie Croker			1
McDonough, Joseph	Joe McDonough	Holly McDonough		2
Meserve, Edwin A.	Ed Meserve	Babara Meserve	SOC	2
	John Garrison	Adrienne Garrison	SOC	2
	Tom Hogan	Mimi Hogan	SOC	2
	Bob Winters	Corky Winters	SOC	2
Modisette, Jim & Ruth	Jim Modisette	Ruth Modisette	SOC	2
Moore, Charles R.	Charles Moore	Jeanne Moore	FLA	2
	Bob English	Debbie English	FLA	2
Mulock, David G. **	David Mulock	Lenore Mulock	FLA	2
	Bob Dockery	Susan Dockery	FLA	2
Munroe, William M.	Bill Munroe	Irene Munroe	FLA	2
	Sennet Duttonhofer	Anne Devereux	FLA	2
Noyes, Bradley P.	Brad Noyes	Gail Noyes	BOS	2
	Bill White	Sandra White		2
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Scott Piper	Mary Vineberg	FLA	2
	Mike Brown	Lee Brown	PNW	2
Reppert, Sibley	Sib Reppert	Chris Vezetinski	BOS/BUZ	2
	Tom Franklin			1
Robinson, Harold W.	Harry Robinson	Joan Robinson	FLA	2
Rowland, Jr, Edward	Ed Rowland	Peggy Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
	Ned Rowland		BOS/BUZ	1
	Molly Rowland		BOS/BUZ	1
	Julie Rowland		BOS/BUZ	1
	Eric Brietenberger			1
Smith, Owen	Owen Smith	Chris Smith	NYS	2
	Bob Young	Penny Young		2
Smullen, Brian T.	Brian Smullen		BOS	1
O'Flaherty, Michael P.	Mike O'Flaherty		BOS	1
	Peter Underdown	Rosie Frost		2
	NedRowland	Susie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
Somers, Lawrence	Larry Somers	Lisa Laing	SOC	2
	Bill Barsz	Jeri Barsz	SOC	2
	Tod White	Linda White	SOC	2
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Cyrus Sweet	Bobbie Sweet	BOS	2
	Greg Gebow	Debby Gebow	BOS/GMP	2
	Tom Kenny		FLA	1
Towle, John F.	Jack Towle	Pam Barker	BOS/BUZ	2
Turtle, Penny	Penny Turtle			1
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Barbara Watson-Clapp		FLA	1
Clapp, Gerald B.	Gerry Clapp		FLA	1
Wick, Christopher M.	Chris Wick	Shirley Wick	ESS	2
Wick, Michael D.	Mike Wick	Jean Wick	CHE	2
Wick III, Philip	Pip Wick	Judy Wick	BOS/GMP	2

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010

## DEPOSIT SHEET

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR 3<sup>rd</sup> DEPOSIT BY FEB. 15, 2010**

**To ease bookkeeping, we encourage you to send in both your 3rd deposit and final deposit now!**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*If there's any question about who is paying the deposits for crewmembers on any yacht, we suggest that captains/crew coordinate with one another to make sure deposits are paid. Ultimately, it's each captain's responsibility to make certain that fees are paid for all crewmembers.*

**This 3<sup>rd</sup> deposit covers my group as follows:**

- Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 3rd deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 3rd deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total 3rd deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **OPTIONAL EARLY PAYMENT OF 4th AND FINAL DEPOSIT**

**This 4<sup>th</sup> and final deposit covers my group as follows:**

- Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150 4<sup>th</sup> and final deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 4<sup>th</sup> and final deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total 4<sup>th</sup> and final deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to: CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

Send to: Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963

# CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

## SITREP SIX

MARCH 5, 2010

### JUST A MONTH TO GO!

## 165 CRUISERS, 43 YACHTS ON TRACK FOR CCA SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO

This is a short sitrep to remind you:

- It's just over a month to go to the cruise in Abaco and the cruise is on track,
- The cruise is sold out with no one now on the waiting list, and
- Your final payment for the cruise is due not later than Monday, March 15

The past few weeks have been busy ones for your committee. We've been crediting cruise payments, receiving, checking and stowing stuff for the goodie bags, making final cruise arrangements in Abaco, and fine-tuning everything. We're pleased to report that the cruise is on course and prospects for a great cruise are bright.

The latest edition of the committee's spreadsheet showing registered participants, yachts and more starts on page 5. Be sure to check and confirm that you're on the list with the right number of people! Also, please note that everyone shown in green is fully paid. If you're not shown in green, the cruise treasurer's records show that you owe more money to be fully paid up for the cruise.

### ***FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 15***

As noted above, your final payment is due March 15 and should be sent with a completed **Deposit Sheet** (see page 8). Payment is by check in U.S. dollars only, please. Captains should make certain that all crewmembers are paid up. Responsibility for making certain deposits for all crewmembers are paid rests with each captain. The cruise fee is \$450 per adult and \$225 per child (under 18).



The cruise is on budget, and the cruise fee covers most all cruise expenses including a handout “goodie” bag for each couple (or adult not a part of a couple on the cruise) and all dinners (including the mid-day pig roast) and other events. In keeping with club tradition, marina expenses are not included and most events will include cash bars. The rum keg and two drink tickets per person (good for sodas, wine, beer, or mixed drinks at the rum keg party) are included in the cruise fee. Of course, your own charter yacht expenses, marina expenses, and transportation to and within Abaco are your responsibility.

## ***CRUISE SCHEDULE***

### **Friday, April 16.**

**Registration (1600), cocktails (1730) and buffet dinner (1930) with live steel drum music at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour right at the resort, walk over or catch a cab from nearby Marsh Harbour where you can anchor or reserve a marina slip—or pick up your charter yacht.

Marsh Harbour offers a number of marinas with lower rates, but if you want a guaranteed berth at Abaco Beach Resort the resort asks that you make reservations by Feb. 16. Contact the marina at 1-800-468-4799 or <http://www.abachbeachresort.com>

*Event captains Registration:*

*Paul & Jerri Ives,*

*Pete & Dot Hoffman.*

*Event captains Cocktails and dinner:*

*Milt & Judy Baker*

### **Saturday, April 17.**

**Lay day.** Cruise the Sea of Abaco or offshore. Sail down to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach.

### **Sunday, April 18.**

**Rum keg party with heavy hors d’oeuvres (1630-1930) at Orchid Bay Marina, Great Guana Cay.**

Orchid Bay Marina is offering a 10% discount for Cruising Club Members on the normal \$1.95/foot dockage fee. Metered water and electricity are additional.

For reservations:

Tel: 242-365-5175

Cell: 242-577-6623

E-mail: [orchidbay2004@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidbay2004@yahoo.com)

*Event captains:*

*Jim and Sue Chambers,*

*Jim and Babs Gourd*

### **Monday, April 19.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will in the Hub of Abaco or offshore. The western shore of Elbow Cay including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters offer inviting cruising.

### **Tuesday, April 20.**

**A Day in Hope Town (1200-1900), beginning at Hope Town Sailing Club.** Take a mooring in Hope Town, a slip in a marina, or anchor off the Parrot Cays, then dink in to the club's big dinghy dock. Plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, will be at HTSC to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch, Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge are located on the docks and accessible by dinghy. Wrap-up for the day (1700-1900) will be cocktails (heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) at Hope Town Harbour Lodge.

*Event captains:*

*Jim and Ruth Modisette*

### **Wednesday, April 21.**

**Lay day.** Cruise at will between Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or head into Little Harbour a day early, ride the 2.4-foot afternoon tide over the 3½-foot (MLW) bar there, and enjoy a sundowner at Pete's Pub. Little Harbour is aptly named . . . not much room inside but plenty of room for anchoring nearby if you care to dinghy in.

### **Thursday, April 22.**

**Pig roast at Pete's Pub at Little Harbour (1200),** one of Abaco's most memorable stops. Take your choice: slip across the 3½-foot (MLW) bar into the tiny harbor or anchor in deep water off Lynyard Cay or in the often roly Bight of Old Robinson where you can explore the blue holes. A chartered Albury's Ferry is being provided to shuttle guests between anchored yachts and Little Harbour for the pig roast, then back.

*Event captains:*

*Dave & Lenore Mulock*

*Bob & Susan Dockery*

*Tom Kenney*

### **Friday, April 23.**

**Lay day.** Spend the day in the Little Harbour area or cruise at will along the 15 miles between Little Harbour and the Marsh Harbour area.

### **Saturday, April 24.**

**Final party: cocktails (1730) and Bahamian buffet dinner (1930) with live island music from the New Entry Band at the Abaco Beach Resort** at Boat Harbour, a short walk from Marsh Harbour and The Moorings base. Bring your boat to the marina at Boat Harbour right at the resort, walk, or catch a cab over from Marsh Harbour.

*Event captains:*

*Milt & Judy Baker*

### **Sunday, April 25.**

**Cruise disbands (0900).**

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## ***CRUISE REGALIA***

There's still time to order from CCA regalia provider Stars Signatures. Check out their selection of shirts, caps, and tote bags, all with the handsome cruise logo.

Polo shirts (navy, white and aqua) must be ordered directly from Stars Signatures and will **not** be for sale on the cruise in Abaco. For a small additional fee, your boat's name (or your own name) can be included on the sleeve of any shirt ordered.

To order call Stars Signatures at 727-520-8772 or visit:  
<http://www.starssignatures.com/ccaabaco/>



## ***FINAL WORD***

We aim to have a first draft of the Cruise Book for this cruise e-mailed to you in PDF format at least two weeks before the cruise begins. The idea is to provide you the cruise information you'll need to make plans advance. Of course, there will be last-minute changes not reflected in the early draft, but those will be in the final printed cruise book which will be in the "goodie bag" you receive at registration on April 16.

For your information and later reference, this sitrep and those that went before it are posted on the Members Only portion of the club website at: [http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo\\_home.asp](http://www.cruisingclub.org/mo/mo_home.asp)  
If you spot any conflicts, the latest information should be considered the most correct.

Additional sitreps will be e-mailed as developments warrant. We welcome your questions—and your ideas for making this a great and enjoyable cruise.

We're very much looking forward to cruising with you in Abaco.

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## Registrations CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco

	<b>Green =</b>							
<b>Mar 5, 2010</b>	<b>Paid in Full</b>							
Name	Boat Source	Boat Name	Boat Type	Boats #	Power or Sail?	Party	Station/Post	Party #
Arenburg, David F.	Own	Sable	Little Harbor 44	1	S	Dave & Elizabeth Ann Arenburg	BDO	2
						Kit & Gretchen McCurdy	BDO	2
Baker, Milton S.	Own	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47	1	P	Milt & Judy Baker	FLA	2
						Jim & Sue Chambers	FLA	2
Barker III, B. Devereux	Moorings	Cat 40	Cat 40	1	S	Dev Barker	BOS	1
						Henry Keene	BOS	1
						Frank Beveridge	BOS/BUZ	1
						Sandy Weld	BOS/BUZ	1
Barlow, Jr.,Herbert B.	Own	Blue Heron	True North 38	1	P	Skip Barlow	FLA	1
						Jack & Glory Wills	FLA	2
Bernheim, Robert	Own	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68	1	P	Bob & Susan Bernheim	SAF	2
						Don & Joan Bekins	SAF	2
Billings, Arthur	Own		Bristol 47	1	S	Art & Patricia Billings	FLA	2
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Own	Cheers	Krogen 48	1	P	Jeff & Anne Cannon	SOC	2
						Pete & Harriet Palette	SOC	2
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Own	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65	1	P	Tommy & Renee Closs	CHE	2
						Walter & Anne-Lise Fink	CHE	2
						R/C Karl & Lisa von Schwarz	CHE	2
Comfort, Lyn	Own	Nell	Huckins 50	1	P	Lyn & Peggy Comfort		2
						Commodore Sheila McCurdy	NYS	1
						Dave Brown	BOS/BUZ	1
Cook, Charles E.	Own	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48	1	P	Chuck & Pam Cook	SOC	2
						Jim & Jil Morgan		2
Ewing III, William	Moorings	Moorings 41.3	Monohull	1	S	Bill & Susan Ewing	NYS	2
Garrett, Garland Waddy	Own	Running Tide	J46	1	S	Waddy & Connie Garrett	CHE	2
Gillette, Dennis	Own	Witch	Legacy 42	1	P	Buck & Mimi Gillette	FLA	2
Gourd, James H.	Charter	Gannet	Albury 23	1	P	Jim & Babs Gourd	FLA	2
Guther, J. Robert	Own	Dolphin		1	P	Bob & Teta Gunther	FLA	2
						P/C Bob and Mindy Drew	ESS	2
Herman, Peter E.	Moorings	Moorings	40' Catamaran	1	S	Peter & Sheila Herman	NYS	2
						Rich Feeley & Susan Elsworth		2
						Doug Hill & Alexandra Breed		2
						Fred & Laura Groff		2
Hoffman, Peter S.	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Pete & Dot Hoffman	FLA	2
Hunt, Steven	Charter	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49	1	S	Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2

						Jim & Mimi Cornelius	SAF	2
						Bill & Debbie Pugh		2
Ives, R/C Paul Lane	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37		P	R/C Paul & Jerri Ives	FLA	2
Hosack, Frederick O.	Own	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch	1	S	Fred & Darlene Hosack	FLA	2
						Vice Commodore Dan & Mimi Dyer	BOS	2
Johns, David W.	Own	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51	1	S	Chip & Colleen Johns	BOS/BUZ	2
						Gian Luca & Angela Fiori		2
						Antonio Pacini		1
Keith, Harry	Own	Lanikai	Schucker 39 MS	1	S	Harry & Malinda Keith	FLA	2
Kessler, Bruce	Own	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64	1	P	Bruce & Joan Kessler	FLA	2
						Mike & Maria Martus		2
Langston, Roger H. S.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Roger & Jennifer Langston	BOS	2
						Charles & Leeanne Langston	BOS/BUZ	2
LeRoy, William M.	Moorings	Moorings 40	Moorings 40	1	S	Bill & Paula LeRoy	SAF	2
						Jack & Irene Kaus		2
						Julie Croker		1
McDonough, Joseph	Moorings	PowerCat 37.2	PowerCat 37	1	P	Joe & Holly McDonough	BOS/BUZ	2
Meserve, Edwin A.	Moorings	Moorings 46	Moorings 46	1	S	Ed & Barbara Meserve	SOC	2
						John & Adrienne Garrison	SOC	2
						Tom and Mimi Hogan	SOC	2
						Bob and Corky Winters	SOC	2
Moore, Charles R.	Moorings	Moorings 372	Moorings 372	1	P	Charles & Jeanne Moore	FLA	2
						Bob & Debbie English	FLA	2
Mulock, David G. **	Own	Runabout	Runabout		P	David & Lenore Mulock	FLA	
			Runabout	1	P	Bob & Susan Dockery	FLA	2
Munroe, William M.	Own	Decoy	Presto 36	1	S	Bill & Irene Munroe	FLA	2
						Sennet Duttonhofer & Anne Devereux	FLA	2
Noyes, Bradley P.	Charter	Moorings	Moorings 4000	1	S	Brad & Gail Noyes	BOS	2
						Bill & Sandra White		2
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Own	Pipe Dream 9	J160	1	S	Scott Piper & Mary Vineberg	FLA	2
						Mike & Lee Brown	PNW	2
Reppert, Sibley	Own	Catalyst	Cat 42	1	S	Sib Reppert & Chris Vezetinski	BOS/BUZ	2
						Tom Franklin		1
Robinson, Harold W.	Own	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41	1	S	Harry & Joan Robinson	FLA	2
Rowland, Jr, Edward	Moorings		Moorings 4000	1	S	Edward & Peggy Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
						Ned Rowland, Age 12	BOS/BUZ	1
						Molly Rowland, Age 11	BOS/BUZ	1
						Julie Rowland		1
						Eric Brietenberger		1
Smullen, Brian T.	Own	Namhara	Vicem 67	1	P	Brian Smullen	BOS	1

O'Flaherty, Michael P.						Mike O'Flaherty	BOS	1
						Peter Underdown & Rosie Frost		2
						P/C Ned & Susie Rowland	BOS/BUZ	2
Smith, Owen	Sun Sail		Sun Sail 39	1	S	Owen & Chris Smith	NYS	2
						Bob & Penny Young		2
Somers, Lawrence	Moorings	Cat 43	Cat 43	1	S	Larry Somers & Lisa Laing	SOC	2
						Bill & Jeri Barsz	SOC	2
						Tod & Linda White	SOC	2
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Cyrus & Bobbie Sweet	BOS	2
						Greg & Debby Gebow	BOS/GMP	2
						Tom Kenney	FLA	1
Towle, John F.	Own	Thistle	Dyer 29	1	P	Jack & Pam Barker	BOS/BUZ	2
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Own	Iona	Catalina 28	1	S	Barbara Watson-Clapp	FLA	1
Clapp, Gerald B.						Gerry Clapp	FLA	1
Wick, Christopher M.	Moorings	Club 403	Club 403	1	S	Chris & Shirley Wick	ESS	2
Wick, Michael D.						Mike & Jean Wick	CHE	2
Wick III, Philip	Moorings	Beneteau 41.3	Beneteau 41	1	S	Pip & Judy Wick	BOS/GMP	2
Wickersham, James	Own	Gannet	Saberliner 47	1	P	Jim Wickersham & Ginny Sanford	NYS	2
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>43</b>				<b>165</b>

## CCA 2010 SPRING CRUISE IN ABACO - APRIL 16-25, 2010

### **FINAL PAYMENT SHEET**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR FINAL PAYMENT BY MARCH 15, 2010**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*If there's any question about who is paying the deposits for crewmembers on any yacht, we suggest that captains/crew coordinate with one another to make sure deposits are paid. Ultimately, it's each captain's responsibility to make certain that fees are paid for all crewmembers.*

This **final payment** covers my group as follows:

- Number of Adults\*: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children\* under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total final payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late payment of **any payment(s) not made previously:**

This payment covers my group as follows:

- Number of Adults\*: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of children\* under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total **late payments** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please include names of persons covered by these payments on the back of this sheet!**

Make check payable to: **CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**

Send to: **Pete Hoffman, 965 Lantern Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963**

## Attachment 4 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report

### Initial Budget

**Budget 1 - first rough cut**  
**2010 Abaco Spring Cruise**  
**24-May-09**

*file: Budget 1 2010 Abaco Spring Cruise*

Item	No. Boats	Cost Each	No. Adults	No. Kids	Total People	Total
Logo design fee	45	1.62	150	4	154	250
Name tags	45	10.00	150	4	154	1,540
Cruise info book - printing	45	5.84	150	4	154	900
Cruise book - printing	45	5.84	150	4	154	900
Communications	45	3.25	150	4	154	500
Mailing/ FedEx expenses	45	3.25	150	4	154	500
Ferries/tenders	45	9.74	150	4	154	1,500
Cruising guide	45	6.00	150	4	154	900
Gifts for participants	45	30.00	150	4	154	4,620
Gifts for others	45	3.25	150	4	154	500
Rum keg ingredients	45	1.62	150	4	154	250
Plastic glasses	45	1.40	150	4	154	215
Opening cocktails	45	25.00	150	4	154	3,850
Opening dinner	45	75.00	150	4	154	11,550
Music opening event	45	4.87	150	4	154	750
Rum Keg party	45	20.00	150	4	154	3,080
Pig roast (cash bar)	45	20.00	150	4	154	3,080
Final dinner (cash bar)	45	80.00	150	4	154	12,320
Non-paying guests at dinners	45	4.22	150	4	154	650
Contingency/reserve fund	45	38.96	150	4	154	6,000
						53,855
Per person						349.71
Per boat						1,196.78

# Attachment 5 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report

## Final Budget

Budget 2- 4th cut  
2010 Abaco Spring Cruise  
March 24, 2010

Figures below based on:

Yachts	43
Adults	162
Children	3
<b>Total participants</b>	<b>165</b>

Item	Per Person Cost	Quantity Required	Cost Each	Total	Percent
Logo design fee	1.62			250	0.35%
Name tags	10.61	175	10	1,750	2.45%
Cruise info book - printing	7.27	100	10	1,200	1.68%
Communications	1.21			200	0.28%
Mailing/ FedEx expenses	1.82			300	0.42%
Ferries/tenders	9.09		1500	1,500	2.10%
Cruising guide	4.83	48	17	797	1.12%
Gifts for participants					
Imprinted magnifier/chart weight	22.83	95	40	3,767	5.28%
Logo'd canvas bag	11.20	95	19	1,848	2.59%
Logo'd ball caps	13.91	180	13	2,295	3.21%
Logo'd junior ball caps	0.24	4	10	40	0.06%
Cruise flag	9.83	60	27	1,621	2.27%
Flag fastening expense for charter boats	0.08	20	1	13	0.02%
Custom printed napkins	4.41	5000	0	727	1.02%
Custom printed Post-It notes	2.33			384	0.54%
Sun screen	5.08	99	8	838	1.17%
Gifts for others	3.22			531	0.74%
Rum keg party rum, ice, mixers, etc. (not food)	1.80			297	0.42%
Rum Keg party catering (Orchid Bay Resort)	20.00		20	3,300	4.62%
Plastic glasses (for rum keg party and gifts)	1.87			308	0.43%
Napkins (pkgs of 50 ea)	4.62	100	8	762	1.07%
Opening cocktails	19.76		20	3,260	4.57%
Opening dinner	64.01		64	10,562	14.79%
Drinks for opening dinner	14.42	340	7	2,380	3.33%
Drinks for rum keg party	12.36	340	6	2,040	2.86%
Drink for final party	7.21	170	7	1,190	1.67%
Drink tickets cost of printed tickets	0.10	2000	0	17	0.02%
Music for opening cocktails and dinner	4.55		750	750	1.05%
Hope Town party (HTSC & Hope Town Lodge)	20.00		20	3,300	4.62%
Hope Town Sailing Club donation	3.03		500	500	0.70%
Abaco Beach room for assembling cruise bags	2.12		350	350	0.49%
Pig roast (cash bar)	25.00		25	4,125	5.78%
Final dinner incl. music	75.00		75	12,375	17.33%
Non-paying guests at dinners	4.85			800	1.12%
Contingency/reserve fund	42.42			7,000	9.81%
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>71,378</b>	
<b>Per person</b>	<b>432.59</b>				
<b>Per boat</b>				<b>1,659.95</b>	



**Attachment 6 to CCA Spring Cruise in Abaco After Action Report  
To-Do List**

**Abaco To-Do List**

**Edition 4A**

**10-Apr-10**

**CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**

File: To Do List Ed 4

No.	Item	Who	Due Date	Completed	Remarks
1	Recruit initial cocktails/dinner chair	Paul	6/22/2009	6/2/2009	Milt will handle these
2	Recruit registration chair	Paul	6/22/2009	6/22/2009	Paul says Jerri and Dot will handle this. Judy will assist.
3	Policy on deposits - amounts	Paul/Milt	6/22/2009	6/22/2009	
4	Solicit initial \$2K deposit from CCA national	Paul	6/25/2009	7/1/2009	
5	Bank account open and tested	Pete/Paul	6/30/2009	7/25/2009	
6	Recruit Hope Town event chair	Paul	7/1/2009	8/15/2010	Jim & Ruth Modisette will handle
7	Sitrep No. 1 - initial deposit due Aug. 31	Milt/Paul	7/10/2009	7/11/2009	
8	Recruit rum keg party chair	Milt	7/10/2009	7/21/2009	Jim Chambers locked in
9	Arrange pig roast at Pete's	Dave	7/10/2009	8/15/2009	Need pricing from Dave for budgeting
10	Arrange rum keg party incl. venue	Milt/Jim/Paul	7/10/2009	2/2/2010	Changing venue to Orchid Bay - Jim C. working
11	Abaco Beach Resort contract signed	Milt	7/10/2009	7/12/2009	
12	Abaco Beach Resort contact to hotel	Milt	7/12/2009	7/12/2009	Signed copy in the mail to Milt
13	Initial deposit from CCA national in bank acct	Paul/Pete	7/15/2009	7/28/2009	\$2,000 advance from national in the bank
14	Paul, Jim, Milt meet in SW Harbor	Paul/Jim/Milt	8/4/2009	8/4/2009	Go over all arrangements/assignments/handouts/budget items
15	Determine what gifts/how many/sources/costs	Paul/Jim/Milt	8/4/2009	9/30/2009	
16	Sitrep No. 2 - Reminder Aug. 31 deadline	Milt/Paul	8/15/2009	8/15/2009	Reiterate key details and remind about approaching deadline
17	Spreadsheet to committee on deposits received	Pete	9/1/2009	9/15/2009	Need good estimate of number of boats, adults, children
18	Sitrep No. 3 - Projected attendance/charters	Milt/Paul	9/20/2009	9/30/2009	
19	Deposit 1 to Abaco Beach Resort 20%	Milt/Paul	10/16/2009	10/14/2009	
20	Place order for magnifiers	Milt	12/1/2009	1/6/2010	On hand Jan. 6, 2010
21	Sitrep No. 4	Milt/Paul	12/30/2009	12/30/2009	
22	Proof of graphic for cruise flag	Milt	1/1/2010	1/15/2010	Coming from Freedom Flag and Banner
23	Order cruising guides	Milt	2/1/2010	1/6/2010	48 on hand Jan. 6, 2010
24	Event captain for pig roast	Paul/Milt/Dave	2/1/2010	2/22/2010	Dave making all arrangements
25	Confirm arrangement for pig roast	Dave	2/1/2010	3/30/2010	OK \$25 per person, cash bar
26	Purchase glasses rum keg party/bags	Jim G.	2/1/2010	1/7/2010	On hand Jan. 7, 2010
27	Design/quote/order cruise flags	Milt	2/1/2010	12/15/2009	Order placed Dec. 15, 2009
28	E-mail reminder: Deposit #3 due Feb 15	Milt	2/5/2010	2/8/2010	Sitrep 8 sent with reminder
29	Confirm slip reservations for Bluewater & SOZ	Milt	2/15/2010	3/30/2010	Abaco Beach Resort 4/14 thru 4/16
30	Final payment due for cruise flags	Milt/Pete	2/15/2010	2/12/2010	Due before shipment
31	Make up ID tags for cruise bags	Milt	2/15/2010	3/30/2010	Pack for transport
32	Confirm room reserved to assemble cruise bags	Milt	2/15/2010	2/28/2010	One room reserved for us
33	Confirm slip reservations for Bluewater & SOZ	Milt	2/15/2010	3/30/2010	Orchid Bay Marina
34	Sitrep No. 5	Milt/Paul	2/15/2010	2/8/2010	
35	Place order for gifts for supporters	Jim C.	2/15/2010	2/8/2010	
36	Arrange for ferry for day at Little Harbour	Milt	2/15/2010	2/28/2010	
37	Deadline for receipt of cruise flags	Milt	3/1/2010	2/25/2010	All burgees should be at Milt & Judy's by this date
38	Deadline for receipt of regalia	Jim G.	3/1/2010	3/2/2010	All regalia should be at Milt & Judy's by this date
39	Deadline for receiving gifts	Jim	3/1/2010	3/5/2010	Should be at Milt & Judy's by this date
40	Name tags ordered	Jack	3/1/2010	3/15/2010	Include 20 blank name tags
41	Estimated no. people to Abaco Beach Resort	Milt	3/15/2010	3/14/2010	Sent with estimate of 160 people
42	Deposit 2 to Abaco Beach Resort 40%	Milt/Pete	3/16/2010	3/12/2010	Sent
43	Final estimate of people to Abaco Beach Resort	Milt	3/26/2010	3/19/2010	Sent confirming 160 people
44	Name tags received and checked	Jack	3/20/2010	3/21/2010	
45	Cruise book sent by PDF to participants/printer	Milt/Paul	3/20/2010	3/29/2010	Take to reserved room and stuff bags
46	Name tags to Milt for transport to Abaco	Jack	3/25/2010	3/24/2010	Received
47	Sitrep No. 6	Milt/Paul	3/31/2010	3/5/2010	Sent out
48	Cruise books in hand	Milt	3/31/2010	3/31/2010	Paul says Jerri and Dot will handle this. Judy will assist.
49	Load regalia aboard Spirit of Zopilote	Milt	4/2/2010	4/2/2010	Bakers, Chambers and Kesslers all set
50	Deposit 3 to Abaco Beach Resort 10%	Milt/Pete	4/9/2010	4/7/2010	Sent
51	Deposit 4 to Abaco Beach Resort 10%	Milt/Pete	4/15/2010	4/15/2010	Printed by Kinkos/FedEx from PDF file
52	Final Deposit to Abaco Beach Resort 10%	Milt/Pete	4/15/2010	4/15/2010	Write check on-site in Abaco
53	Offload regalia at Abaco Beach Resort	All hands	4/15/2010	4/15/2010	Take to reserved room and stuff bags
54	Assemble cruise bags	All hands	4/15/2010	4/15/2010	Magnifiers, caps, Abaco Cruising Guide, cruise book, burgee
55	<b>WHAT'S MISSING?</b>				

# **The Cruise Book**



## **Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**

**April 16-25**

**Final Edition**

# CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

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March 20, 2010

Dear CCA Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco.

All the planning has been well worth it: We now get to enjoy a great cruise in the Bahamas. The cruise organizers have been tantalizing us for months with descriptions of quaint colonial settlements, miles of beaches, and great fishing, diving and beach-combing, and here we are!

Our cruise chairman, Florida Station Rear Commodore Paul Ives, and his lieutenants Milt Baker, Jim Gourd, Jim Chambers, Jim Modisette, and Pete Hoffman have been working hard for more than a year to put together a fine cruise. It'll take us all around the Hub of Abaco, from the bustling town of Marsh Harbour, where you'll see the family islands' only traffic light, to Little Harbour, home of the famous Pete's Pub where we'll enjoy a pig roast.

I hope you'll kick back and thoroughly enjoy yourselves, renewing old friendships and making new ones. Dave and I will be aboard Lyn and Peggy Comfort's 50-foot Huckins classic powerboat. We look forward to getting together with everyone.

Cheers to all,

SHEILA McCURDY





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March 18, 2010

## **WELCOME FROM THE FLORIDA STATION & YOUR CRUISE COMMITTEE**

Dear CCA Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Florida Station, hosts of this Spring Cruise, at the request of Commodore McCurdy, I am honored to be your General Chairman and welcome you to what we Floridians consider "our" cruising grounds. No venture of this magnitude can be successfully accomplished without the hard work and dedication of many people. I especially thank my co-chairmen, Milt Baker and Jim Gourd whose tireless efforts have made this possible, and my own work easy. The members of our Committee have each contributed in their own unique way, and we owe them our sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

If you've cruised here before, you know that Abaco has much to offer. If you're new to the cruising area, you are about to see what I mean. Casual attire is the order of the day, gentlemen need not pack a blazer, and the ladies will have no need for high heels. We like to think of this as a barefoot cruise, but you might find shoes handy when walking around the villages and towns.

We'll be anchoring along the way, so don't be shy--place a couple of fenders over the side as an invitation for others to come alongside. We have members from just about every CCA Station, and lots of new folks to meet. Friendships formed on a cruise like this can often last a lifetime.

Please remember to take part in the morning radio net at 0745 daily on VHF channel 77 beginning Sunday and every morning for the duration of the Cruise. Please do not hesitate to ask me or any members of the Committee if you have questions or special concerns.

My first rate chief mate, Jerri, joins me in welcoming you to Abaco and wishing you a most pleasant cruise.

Cheers!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul".

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## **CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco**

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### **Special thanks to**

#### **In Abaco**

Abaco Beach Resort – opening and closing events and door prize  
Orchid Bay Marina – rum keg party  
Hope Town Sailing Club – a day in Hope Town  
Hope Town Harbour Lodge – cocktails and hors d'ourves in Hope Town  
Pete's Pub – pig roast at Little Harbour  
Albury's Ferry – tender service to/from Little Harbour  
The Moorings – charter yachts  
SunSail – charter yachts  
Penny Turtle – cruise planning

#### **In the USA**

White Sound Press, New Smyrna Beach, FL – cruising guides  
Stars Signatures, Pinellas Park, FL – cruise regalia  
Alpha Promo World, Melbourne, FL – cruise glasses, napkins, stick-on notes  
Freedom Flag and Banner Co., North Miami, FL – cruise flags  
Dean Marr, Jacksonville, FL – cruise name tags  
A.G.A. Correa, & Son, Edgecomb, ME – presentation gifts  
Weems & Plath, Annapolis, MD - chart weight magnifier gifts  
Kinko's, Fort Lauderdale – cruise book printing  
Bruce & Joan Kessler, M.Y. Spirit of Zopilote – freight service to Abaco

## The Cruise Schedule

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Friday	16-Apr	Boat Harbour		Registration, cocktails, calypso music, opening buffet dinner
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*For details on each event, see the daily pages beginning on page 23.*

## Dress code

Commodore McCurdy has set the uniform of the day as “smart casual” or informal attire for all functions, so there’s no need for the gentlemen to bring coats and ties or the ladies to bring their finest. We’re looking forward to the barefoot informality of Abaco, though your shoes, flip-flops or Crocs are always welcome!

## Name tags

**Name tags are included in your cruise bag and represent your “tickets” to all events—a way of identifying you as a “paid guest” to those doing the serving. Name tags should be worn at all gatherings. If you’re not wearing your name tag servers are within their right to refuse to serve you.**

Name tags will be in your cruise bag which will be distributed at Registration at the Abaco Beach Resort beginning at 1500 Friday, April 16.

We've worked hard to get every name right, but if you find that your name is not correct on your name tag please don't suffer in silence. We can fix it while you wait! Just let us know.

## **Slips and moorings**

Reservations for slips and moorings for this cruise are the responsibility of each skipper. Your cruise committee strongly urges that you make reservations in advance if you expect to be able to use slips or moorings in Abaco. There's also plenty of room to anchor at most cruise venues, but you'll miss a lot of the pierside fun if you skip the marinas.

## **Daily fleet radio net**

The daily CCA fleet radio net will be on **Channel 77** at **0745**. A reminder call will be made on Channel 16 and 68 immediately before the net. Skippers are encouraged to stand by on VHF channels 68 and 77. For more information on VHF radio usage in the Bahamas, see page 16.

## **Sailing directions**

It is not the intention of the cruise committee for this cruise book to provide detailed sailing directions for cruising in the Abaco. Each captain will receive a copy of a respected cruising guide, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* by Steve Dodge, and your cruise committee recommends that the sailing directions in this guide and others be used as a primary source. For more information on cruising guides and charts, see page 13.

The chartlets shown in this cruise book are for reference only, not for navigation.

## **Getting your boat to Abaco**

You'll have lots of choices on the best route for getting your boat from Florida to Abaco. Keep in mind the strong influence of the Gulf Stream on all but the fastest vessels, especially if you want to leave from West Palm Beach or points north. Departing any port from West Palm Beach to Miami, it's roughly 200 miles to Abaco. You may get lucky and be able to depart ahead of a front just as the wind is shifting to the south (see weather on page 12), but with Florida's prevailing easterlies in April the odds are you'll be punching into head seas and headwinds while you're offshore. For that reason, many skippers prefer to minimize the time offshore.

### ***From Fort Lauderdale via West End***

Most Abaco-bound skippers departing Florida prefer to leave from Fort Lauderdale and clear Bahamas customs at West End, which has a new deepwater entrance and a much improved marina. Fort Lauderdale to West End is approximately 75 nautical miles, and it's another 125 miles to Marsh Harbour, including a shallow water passage (5 ft. MLW) through Indian Cay channel. (If you need more water, wait for the tide or go north to the deep water passage near Memory Rock.) This route has the advantage of offering the least time offshore and the most time on the Little Bahama Bank, where there are many safe anchorages and harbors.

### ***Deep water passages***

If you have a deep draft boat or are not comfortable entering via the shallow Indian Cay Channel, you can enter the banks near Memory Rock, to the north of West End. For additional information see your cruising guides.

### ***Via hole in the wall***

Another alternative is crossing from Florida to the Northwest Providence Channel south of Grand Bahama, then directly to Hole in the Wall at the southern tip of Great Abaco Island, and up the SE coast to North Man-O-War Channel and into Marsh Harbour. From Fort Lauderdale, this is a trip of approximately 220 nautical miles, all but the last few miles offshore.

### ***Via Lucaya and the Grand Lucayan Canal***

Shallow draft powerboats with bridge clearance of 27½ feet or less can cross the Gulf Stream from Fort Lauderdale to Lucaya (the Bell Channel) on Grand Bahama Island, an offshore passage of about 80 miles. Customs clearance is available at both marinas at Lucaya. From Lucaya, the next leg is along the coast and then through the Grand Lucayan Canal onto the Little Bahama Bank. Keep in mind that the bank side of the Grand Lucayan Canal has only about 4 to 4½ feet MLW and that tides there are about 2½ hours behind the tides at Freeport. The passage on the Little Bahama Bank from the Lucayan Canal to Marsh Harbour is about the same distance as the passage from West End to Marsh Harbor, 125 miles, with many safe anchorages and harbors.

### ***From West Palm Beach and Points North***

Most skippers agree that departing from West Palm Beach and points north makes sense only for vessels that have the speed to stem the Gulf Stream—15 knots is a good starting point, though you can do it with less. The farther north your departure point, the more speed you'll need to compensate for the set of the Gulf Stream. If you're coming to Abaco from the north, channels near Memory Rock and White Sand Ridge offer two good points to enter the banks. If you don't have the speed, one solution is cruising south along the coast to Fort Lauderdale and departing from there.

### ***Passports and visas***

No visas are required for American, Canadian and E.U. citizens to enter the Bahamas, but a valid passport is required. According to the U.S. State Department, all Americans traveling by air and sea outside the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. Travelers must present Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document such as a passport or a passport card for entry or re-entry to the U.S.

The U.S. Department of State strongly encourages all American citizen travelers to apply for a U.S. passport or passport card well in advance of anticipated travel. American citizens can visit <http://www.travel.state.gov> or call 1-877-487-2778 for information on how to apply for a passport.



## Pets

Healthy dogs and cats may be brought with you into the Bahamas but they must be at least six months old on the date of entry and must have a certificate of health, issued within 48 hours of the time you departed the U.S. for the Bahamas, together with a rabies certificate.

First step is to apply to the Bahamas Department of Agriculture for an application to import your pet. Complete the form and return it with an international money order for \$10.00 (no checks accepted!), and you should receive your permit within six weeks. For an extra fee you can have the application form faxed to you. Federal Express service and fax service are available at extra cost and can reduce the waiting time to a week or two.

Additional information is available from Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, P.O. Box N-3704, Nassau, The Bahamas. For more information, call 242-325-7502 or 242-325-7509 or fax 242-325-3960, or follow this link:



[http://www.bahamas.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Bahamas\\_Application\\_to\\_Import\\_Domestic\\_Animals\\_in\\_TIOTB.pdf](http://www.bahamas.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Bahamas_Application_to_Import_Domestic_Animals_in_TIOTB.pdf)

## Firearms

Bahamas' customs authorities enforce strict regulations concerning temporary importation or exportation of firearms. If you must carry firearms to the Bahamas, it's advisable to contact the Embassy of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in Washington or one of the Bahamian consulates in the U.S. for specific information regarding customs requirements. Anyone arriving in the Bahamas by private yacht must declare firearms and ammunition to Bahamian Customs and leave firearms on the boat while in the Bahamas.

## Currency

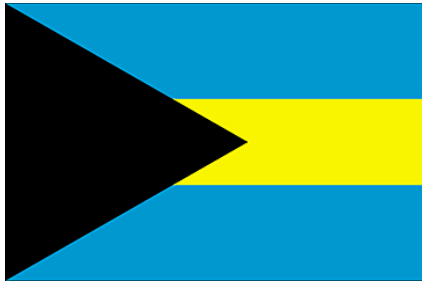
The Bahamian dollar is at par with the U.S. dollar, and U.S. currency is accepted throughout the Bahamas. You may pay in U.S. dollars and be given change in Bahamian currency or even in a mixture of U.S. and Bahamian currency. If you are nearing the end of your trip, it is not inappropriate to ask for your change in U.S. currency.



Many Bahamian establishments—especially restaurants and marinas—add a surcharge when you pay with a credit card. Whether or not this is legal in the USA, it is practiced throughout the Bahamas and complaining about it will get you nowhere. The usual surcharge is three to five percent. If you don't want to pay a surcharge, we suggest that you ask before making your purchase if there is a credit card surcharge and be prepared to pay cash for your purchases.



## Entering the Bahamas



*Bahamas national flag*



*Bahamas courtesy flag*

Yachts entering the Bahamas are required to clear customs and immigration by going to a Port of Entry. It's not required that you stop and clear at the first available port so long as no one aboard lands until the yacht and crew have been cleared. Once you're in Bahamian waters, the yellow Q flag should be flown until the yacht has been cleared, then it should be replaced with the Bahamas courtesy flag at the starboard spreader or equivalent. The Bahamas national ensign may be flown in place of the courtesy flag and is equally appropriate.

Ports of entry of interest to those headed for Abaco are: West End and Port Lucaya on Grand Bahama; and Walkers Cay, Spanish Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour in Abaco. Cruise committee member Milt Baker says he prefers Green Turtle because the clearance there is nearly always quick and easy—anchor off New Plymouth, dink in, take a three-minute walk to the administration building, and you're typically done with the paperwork in 15 or 20 minutes with no officials visiting your boat.

The fee schedule covers a 12-month cruising permit, a fishing permit, and departure taxes (paid in advance) for up to four persons aboard any non-Bahamas-registered yacht. The fee for yachts up to 35 feet is \$150 and for yachts above 35 feet is \$300 (cash only, U.S. or Bahamian currency). One entry and exit is permitted within 90 days of the original entry without payment of a second fee, though some cruisers report being charged a "transportation fee" for the second clearance.

## Colors and flag etiquette

Morning colors will be observed at 0800 and evening colors at sunset (time shown on each day's page) and may include a saluting battery where proper and permissible.

Your cruise committee encourages all captains to fly the club burgee. However, with many charter yachts lacking proper flag halyards, we recognize that flying the club burgee properly may present a challenge. To identify all yachts on the cruise, one "official" cruise flag is provided to the captain of each yacht. This flag should be flown at the starboard spreader, beneath (as appropriate) the Bahamas courtesy flag, flags of visiting flag officers on unofficial business, the member aboard



flag, circumnavigation and transoceanic pennants, past commodores' flag, and signals such as owner absent, code flag hoists and the like. The official cruise flag may be displayed at night.

In the event no flag halyard is available on charter yachts, it is permissible to affix the cruise flag to a starboard shroud at or near the starboard spreader or another appropriate location. Fastenings have been provided with the official flag to the captain of each charter yacht.

## Cays and keys

A word to the wise: you're probably already aware of this, but this is for the few who aren't. There's a right way and a wrong way to pronounce the word *cay* in the Bahamas. When you pronounce the word the way it looks ("**kay**") you mark yourself as a newcomer to the Bahamas. The proper Bahamian pronunciation is "**key**" so it's written Green Turtle **Cay** but it's pronounced Green Turtle **Key**. And that goes for every cay in the Bahamas. 'nuff said.

## Weather

Abaco is warmed by the trade winds so the typical springtime weather is dominated by prevailing easterlies. In spring winds are usually between ENE and SE averaging 15 knots in the daytime and a bit less at night. The only severe weather in April usually comes with frontal passage, often called a norther in the Bahamas because the winds are northerly and can be strong.

The Sea of Abaco is protected from heavy Atlantic winds and seas by the cays to windward in the usual trade winds and by Great Abaco Island to the west. Springtime weather in Abaco can be delightful. Cooled by the prevailing southeasterly trade winds in summer and warmed by the surrounding waters and the Gulf Stream in the cooler months, the Abacos are rarely uncomfortably hot or cold. Although the central Abacos are on the same latitude as West Palm Beach, spring temperatures average 10°F warmer than Florida—daytime highs in April average 81°, with overnight lows averaging 69° and water temperatures a comfortable 76°. Average wind speed in April is 8 knots, typically E to ESE, and rainfall averages less than 2 inches.

When a cold front pushes across the Florida coast and rolls into the Abaco, it is always preceded by winds veering to the S and then SW. When you see the wind veer from the usual easterlies to S, then SW, you'll know a front is on the way. The stronger the front, the more rapidly the wind veers. As the front passes, the wind shifts to W, then sequentially it clocks around to NW, N, NE and eventually back to E to SE.

Frontal passage is often accompanied by increased winds, ranging from 20 knots for a weak front to more than 40 knots for the occasional strong cold front. Most cold fronts in April come without precipitation, but temperatures dip into the 60s, sometimes less, until the winds veer back to the usual easterlies. It's usually a day or two after frontal passage before the easterly winds return.

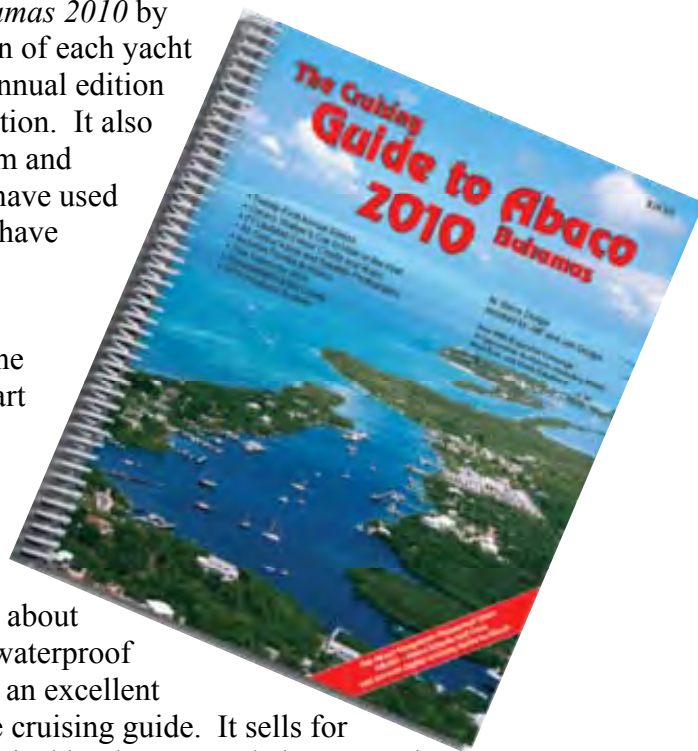
There's an excellent forecast and discussion of the daily weather affecting Abaco on the Abaco Cruisers Net on VHF channel 68 at 0815. If you have Internet access, you'll also find the Barometer Bob site the best available resource for all things relating to Abaco weather:

<http://www.barometerbob.com/>

## Cruising guides and charts

One copy of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco Bahamas 2010* by Steve Dodge is included in the cruise bag for the captain of each yacht on the cruise. This is a respected guide now in its 21<sup>st</sup> annual edition and it covers Abaco in detail, including marina information. It also provides useful information for crossing the Gulf Stream and cruising to Abaco. Members of your cruise committee have used the Dodge guide extensively for cruising in Abaco and have found it to be highly reliable.

The charts in the guide are based on extensive surveys by the Dodge crew and updated annually. All the charts in this guide are also available in BSB digital chart format for use on computers with many navigation programs, including Offshore Navigator, The Captain, Coastal Explorer, Fugawi and others. A CD of these charts may be purchased from White Sound Press (<http://wspress.com> – 386-423-7880). The charts may also be downloaded online from White Sound Press for about \$30. In addition, Steve Dodge publishes a single sheet waterproof chart, *AB-001 Abaco Islands and Cays*, which provides an excellent overview of Abaco and makes a good companion to the cruising guide. It sells for \$19.95. All of these publications are available from nautical bookstores and chart agencies and are usually available at West Marine stores in Florida.



*The Explorer Charts of the Near Bahamas* by Monty and Sara Lewis is another highly recommended resource for cruising the Bahama islands closest to Florida. The fifth edition (2009) of this popular chartbook includes detailed Gulf Stream Crossing routes plus small- and large-scale charts of the Abacos, the Bimini Islands, the Berry Islands, Grand Bahama Island, New Providence, and Andros. Many electronic charts of Abaco on sale today are based on Explorer chart data. Explorer Charts are available at the company's website (<http://www.explorercharts.com/> - 410-213-2725) and from nautical bookstores and charts agencies and are usually available at West Marine stores in Florida.

The excellence of the resources above notwithstanding, nothing can replace “eyeball navigation” in the Bahamas, especially for the final approach into a harbor or anchorage.

## Eyeball navigation

Water around Abaco is usually so clear that eyeball navigation is the order of the day, and that makes navigation easy—especially for an experienced skipper. As with eyeball navigation anywhere in the world, try to make your passages while the sun is high and over your shoulder, something not



always possible. Eyeball navigation is easy once you get the hang of it.

With few aids to navigation in Abaco, you'll be reliant on eyeball navigation for much of the cruise. Your GPS will be useful to get you close to your destinations, but nothing can replace the collective eyeballs of the crew when cruising in Abaco.

The key to eyeball navigation, of course, is being able to read the water depth in

the first place. Be sure to start with good polarized sunglasses, which both enhance the color and reduce reflection. Then try your best to make passages when you have the sun over your shoulder or overhead. Trying to sail or power into the sun on the Bahama banks, especially when the sun is low on the horizon, can get you into real trouble. Ditto making night time passages on the banks. Posting a bow lookout makes sense in questionable waters.

While the number of shades is infinite, there are only six basic colors to consider in eyeball navigation in the Bahamas:

- **Blue.** Deep blue is absolute safety, and pale blue tells you you're coming near the edge of the banks.
- **Green.** Green tells you the water is beginning to shallow. The darker the green, the deeper the water. Green starts at 30 to 40 feet, and the paler it gets the shallower the water, down to about 12 to 15 feet. Green is the main color on the Bahama banks.
- **Yellow.** Yellow is your warning, usually 12 feet or less. You might have enough water, but then again . . . The paler the color, the shallower the water. When the yellow is gone and the water is gin clear, you're in five feet or less.
- **White.** White in the Bahamas equates to very shallow water over a sand bottom. Proceed with caution—if at all!

- **Brown.** In the Bahamas, dark brown water means either grass or a coral reef. When you see it, slow down or turn to avoid it. Brown grass covers larger areas like a carpet, while dark brown is also the color of coral heads—and it's hard to tell whether they're two feet beneath the surface or 10. Isolated coral heads usually appear as brown splotches on a blanket of green, yellow or white.
- **Black.** If you're seeing black water in the Bahamas, you're definitely over grass, mud or coral. Slow down or stop and find out which. If your depth sounder is showing plenty of water and the black is a uniform carpet, it's probably grass or mud. If not, beware!

## Fish muds

Fish muds are common in the Bahamas, especially in the northern Abacos, and they can put the fear of God into even the most experienced Bahamas cruisers. These are large areas, sometimes miles across, where the normal green water on the banks turns a milky, opaque grayish-green or white—and it looks for all the world like you're about to run right onto a sandbar. The water appears to be only a couple of feet deep, but you cannot see any bottom detail.

One real key is that a fish mud appears where your chart or cruising guide says the water is deep and safe, and when there's fish mud you're unable to see any bottom detail--no starfish, shells, grass, or other irregularities. The water is milky and opaque.

Experienced Bahamas cruisers learn to recognize fish muds, but many take no chances and go around them. Until you are sure that's what you're seeing, the safe course is to avoid any white water in the Bahamas.

One theory is that fish muds are caused by tiny fish feeding in the sand and stirring up the bottom. According to one guide fish muds occur when “hundreds of bonefish take it into their collective heads to go shoveling up the sand moving across the bank in search of delicacies.” Others say that fish have nothing to do with fish muds. Who really knows?

## Tides

Tides in the Bahamas are semi-diurnal: two high tides and two low tides per 24 hours, with roughly a six-hour interval between high and low. The mean tidal range in the Bahamas is 2.6 feet, rising to a high range of 3.2 feet at full moon. With few exceptions, tides throughout the Bahamas vary by only about 40 minutes. The single exception which may of interest to some participants on this cruise is the bank side of the Grand Lucayan Canal, which runs about 2½ hours behind Nassau.

The tidal information shown on the daily pages is for Marsh Harbour and is shown in Eastern Daylight Time. All tides within Abaco are within a few minutes of one another.



## VHF radio communications

**The daily CCA fleet radio net will be on channel 77 at 0745. A reminder call will be made on channels 16 and 68 immediately before the net. Skippers are encouraged to stand by on VHF channels 68 and 77.**

The most popular radio program in Abaco, the Abaco Cruisers' Net, is broadcast on channel 68 seven days a week at 0815. Former cruiser Patti Toler has been the heart and soul of the Cruisers' Net for many years and often anchors the broadcast. Listen in for an excellent discussion of weather affecting Abaco along with other information of use and interest to cruisers.

VHF radio is used heavily throughout Abaco, and you'll experience a decidedly different approach to VHF in the Bahamas. Many Bahamians use VHF as a kind of party line having little to do with the marine world.

Do not set your VHF to "International". If your set has an "A" on certain channels, i.e., 67A, that's the channel to use, not plain 67 which is actually an international channel. Also, radio call signs are not used in the Bahamas. Just use your boat name and the name of the station or boat you're calling. There are no reserved government, commercial, or recreational channels. However, by custom certain channels are set aside and courtesy dictates that you abide by these conventions.



<b>VHF Channel</b>	<b>Use in Abaco</b>
6	Local taxis
16	Emergency/calling – local businesses calling
22A	Bahamas Air Sea Rescue (BASRA) – Coast Guard
65A	Dolphin Research
66A	Port Operations
68	Cruising yacht calling channel
70	Digital selective calling
71	Fishing tournaments (Feb. – July)
72	Hope Town Fire Rescue working channel
77	CCA fleet radio net and calling
80A	Marsh Harbour emergency services

## Emergency communications

For emergency medical communications or emergency family communications only, Cruise Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who have a home in Hope Town, will have their Abaco telephones on 0800 to 0900 (and possibly at other times) each day of the cruise and they request that these numbers be used for bona fide family or medical emergencies only. Their numbers are as follows:

- Direct dial to Modisettes in Abaco from USA: **1-242-366-0210**
- Vonage line in Ellsworth, ME which rings in Abaco: **207-669-4245**



In addition, cruise operations officer Milt Baker will take family emergency and medical emergency calls on his Iridium satellite phone from 0800 to 0900 (and possibly at other times) each day of the cruise and requests that the number be used for bona fide family or medical emergencies only. This is an expensive service for the caller, billed as an international call. From a U.S. phone, call:

- **011-8816-3153-8249**

## **Normal communications**

The following information was excerpted from the Wandering Mariner website

<http://jerawyn.typepad.com/wanderingmariner/2008/03/communicaiton-1.html>

and seems to offer good advice.

**Cell Phones.** Check with your provider to see if the Bahamas are covered – and also check on the rates (\$1.50/min seems standard). If you need to be in touch on a regular basis, you may find that the per-minute charge encourages renting a cell phone or buying an open GSM phone (and buying a local SIM card with minutes - \$5, 10, \$20, \$50 or \$100).

Open GSM phones can be purchased on the web, or your cellular provider (i.e. AT&T or T-Mobile) may be willing to unlock your GSM phone for a fee. The Moorings base can pre-order rental phones and SIM cards and have them ready when you arrive. Or you can deal directly with BTC (Bahamas Telecommunications Company, formerly known as BaTelCo), or Island Care Wireless (242-367-0429). Our most recent experience proved futile. While we usually had service, the circuits were busy for almost an entire week. So be prepared with multiple methods of communication.



**Wi-fi.** Out Island Internet <http://www.abacoinet.com> is the primary provider of internet service in the Abaco Islands. They have hot spots in the following harbors: Marsh Harbour, Lubbers Quarters, Little Harbour, Hope Town (Elbow Cay), Scotland Cay, Great Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Green Turtle Cay. Weekly rates are about \$40. Check their website for the type and locations of the antennas and service available in each harbor.

Wi-fi hot spots are also available at many businesses in Abaco including:

- Hope Town  
Harbor Edge Restaurant (*closed Tuesdays*)  
The Coffee Shop
- White Sound  
Sea Spray Marina

Since wi-fi is a push-pull service, the “card” in most laptops will be good for about 300 feet line-of-sight. It has been our experience that a more powerful wi-fi card or an amplifier coupled with a high-gain antenna (bring duct tape!) will improve the service – so the sending hotspot can “hear” your computer. It’s a useful addition to any charter-bag.

Also look at the all-in-one system by Radio Labs

<http://www.radiolabs.com/products/wireless/wireless-marine-antenna.php>

Cruise committee member Milt Baker used one of the Radio Labs systems in Abaco last year and was very pleased with its performance. That said, even with higher end equipment wi-fi service in Abaco is somewhat iffy so it's good to have a back-up plan. Hey, it's de islands, mon.

**Skype.** Coupled with a good wi-fi connection, Skype <http://www.skype.com/> offers remarkably good and inexpensive voice service around the world. Besides a solid Internet connection, all you need is an account, funded with \$10+/-, and an inexpensive (\$15) headset with microphone (or if your laptop has Bluetooth, the earpiece from your phone might work just as well.) Call anywhere in the world for a few cents a minute. And the quality is often as good as landlines.

**Phone Cards.** Yes, Virginia, there are still pay phones powered by phone cards in Abaco. And sometimes, these provide the most reliable connection. So, if you have to make lengthy calls, that require solid service, this might be the best bet – though hardly the most elegant. Phone Cards can usually be purchased at grocery and convenience stores in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Man-O-War and Great Guana Cay.



**Inverter.** Having technology onboard without an inverter will be problematic unless you have a 12-volt plug for every device. You will likely need a small, portable inverter to charge phones, camera batteries, Black Berries, iPhones, computers, etc. West Marine sells basic 150-watters—and don't forget a gang-plug.

## Emergency rescue and towing

The Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Service (BASRA) has provided emergency rescue service in the Bahamas for more than four decades. Unlike the U.S. Coast Guard, it's a privately funded volunteer organization, and its Abaco base is Hope Town. Call BASRA on channel 16.



TowBoatUS now operates from Rainbow Boat Rentals in Marsh Harbour and provides towing and related services for members and non-members. Call on channel 16 or at 242-475-2400.

## Medical problems and facilities

The cruising guide each captain receives at registration, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* by Steve Dodge, contains an excellent section on medical tips for tropical waters beginning on page 187, and we commend it to you. The most common problems encountered by doctors in Abaco include skin reactions to UV exposure (sunburn), poison wood, Portuguese Man-O'War and other jelly fish, sea lice, and fire coral. You and your crew should be familiar with these potential threats.

A complete list of medical clinics and emergency organizations is shown on page 189 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*.

## Abaco marinas

Abaco has over 20 marinas and a total of more than 1,000 slips. This table shows the most popular marinas in the Hub of Abaco; information is from many different sources and should be verified before making reservations. When you make reservations, we recommend asking for the latest approach and alongside depths and verifying any facilities or amenities important to you.

Name	Location	Phone	Approach Ft. MLW	Pierside Ft. MLW	Number Slips	Comments
<b>Abaco Beach Resort</b>	Boat Harbor Marsh Harbour area	242-367-4151 242-359-6065	8	7	190	CCA Abaco cruise starts and ends here. Excellent marina with prices to match.
<b>Bakers Bay Marina</b>	Great Guana Cay, Bakers Bay	866-937-8756	16	12	158	Pricey, elegant new marina not quite complete
<b>Conch Inn Resort and Marina</b>	Marsh Harbour	242-367-4000	6	5	80	Headquarters for Moorings and SunSail
<b>Harbour View Marina</b>	Marsh Harbour	242-367-3910	6	6	60	Excellent marina with on-site owner and top-notch staff. Pool, fiel, restaurants.
<b>Hope Town Hideaways</b>	Hope Town	242-366-0224 800-688-4752	5+	4	12	
<b>Hope Town Inn &amp; Marina, formerly Club Soleil</b>	Hope Town	242-366-0003 850-588-4855	5	6	16	New docks, restaurant, 10 restored moorings for yachts to 45 feet. Across the harbor from town.
<b>Light House Marina</b>	Hope Town	242-366-0154 305-735-8550	5+	6	6	"Deep water dockge," fuel, just inside the inlet. Across the harbor from town.
<b>Man-O-War Marina</b>	Man-O-War	242-365-6008	5+	8	26	Wooden docks, fuel, free wireless Internet, restaurant,
<b>Mangoes Marina</b>	Marsh Harbour	242-367-4255 242-367-2957	6	5	29	A nice small marina catering to smaller yachts
<b>Marsh Harbour Marina, The Jib Room</b>	Marsh Harbour	242-367-2700	6	6	68	Popular marina with restaurant and entertainment. Across harbor - long walk to town.

<b>Orchid Bay Marina</b>	Great Guana Cay	242-365-5175	10	10	66	Site of the cruise Rum Keg Party. Pristine marina with restaurant.
<b>Sea Spray Marina</b>	White Sound	242-366-0065	6	6		Clean, well maintained, friendly marina. Free shuttle into town.
<b>Treasure Cay Hotel, Resort and Marina</b>	Treasure Cay	242-365-8250 800-327-1584	7	6	150	Large marina with all the services
For more information on these and other marinas, see <i>The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010</i> or <a href="http://www.activecaptain.com/OTW">http://www.activecaptain.com/OTW</a>						

## Moorings

Mooring Location	Contact	Comments
<b>Great Guana Cay, Settlement Harbour &amp; Fishers Bay</b>	Dive Guana 242-365-5178 or VHF 16	Only a few moorings available.
<b>Hope Town Harbour</b>	Call Alley Oop, Capt. Jack's, Hope Town Marina, or Lucky Strike	\$20/night reported.
<b>Little Harbour</b>	Pete's Pub	Pete's Pub moorings are usually best. Pick up any mooring but confirm condition by diving on it. Pay at Pete's.
<b>Man-O-War</b>	Man-O-War Marina	Marked moorings \$17/night in Eastern Harbor (formerly American Harbour) and North Harbour. Pay at marina office.
<b>Man-O-War</b>	Edwin's Boat Yard	Marked moorings \$17/night in Eastern Harbor (formerly American Harbour) and North Harbour. Pay at Edwin's Boat Yard.
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>		No rental moorings available.
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	Treasure Cay Marina	\$12/night, includes use of marina facilities. Pay at marina office.
<b>White Sound, Elbow Cay</b>		No rental moorings available.

## Provisioning

Shopping in Marsh Harbor you'll have no trouble finding the essentials: meat, poultry, fish, fresh produce, baked goods, milk, cheese, ice cream, and canned and packaged goods from coffee to corn flakes. Prices are substantially higher than in the U.S. because all goods brought into the Bahamas are taxed. If there are special items or brands you can't do without, by all means bring them with you.



By the time the cruise begins, there may be two supermarkets in Marsh Harbour, both relatively close to the town-side marinas. The newest of the two Marsh Harbour supermarkets is Maxwell's (242-367-2601), which used to be called Solomons, and as this cruise book went to press it was getting close to opening. Ask your marina manager or taxi driver; they'll know whether the new supermarket is open. The other supermarket is Price-Rite (242-367-7283). Both are shown on the Marsh Harbour map on page 96 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*. Each is about a ten minute walk from the waterfront and both are owned by the same group. You can expect both to be relatively well-supplied with fresh produce, fresh and frozen meat, chicken and fish and a curious mix of English, New Zealand and American products with a few Kirkland brand items tossed in the mix. The quality and extent of the stock depends on when the last supply freighter delivered, so asking around about "when de mail boat reach" could net you a better load of groceries!

The supermarket will sometimes deliver substantial orders to marinas or ferry docks, but our advice is to ask before filling your shopping basket. If this service isn't available, you'll find taxis plentiful. Be sure to take a hand-held VHF radio shopping with you so you can call a taxi.

You'll find a limited selection of groceries available in Man-O-War, Great Guana Cay, Hope Town and other settlements in Abaco. Once you get away from Marsh Harbor prices rise and selections shrink. Small settlement grocery stores are handy for topping off but not for major provisioning

One recommendation: don't miss fresh-baked Bahamas bread wherever you can find it. It's generally made without preservatives and is often sold warm from the oven. The lack of preservatives usually doesn't present a problem; the bread is almost always gone before the sun rises the next day!



Finally, for anything you need including alcoholic beverages just ask any taxi driver or at any marina or check the Yellow Pages starting on page 191 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*.

## Duty, spares and FedEx

The days of duty free importation of marine parts in the Bahamas are gone. All parts shipped into the Bahamas are subject to duty. It's hard to get a straight answer on the duty percentage, but if you figure 33% of the amount on the commercial invoice (which must accompany all shipments) plus 7% stamp tax you'll likely be close. With that in mind, it pays to arrive with a good set of spares, especially consumables like filters, belts, impellers, and oil. Onboard spares are considered "ship's equipment" and are not taxed. Fuel is expensive in the Bahamas, so arriving with full tanks for the yacht and dinghy, not to mention propane, pays off.



If you need spare parts or anything else urgently, FedEx is expensive but works well as long as you're prepared to pick up your package in Marsh Harbour. While it may be possible, we recommend against trying to have a package shipped elsewhere in Abaco. For further information, contact the FedEx representative in Abaco: Travel Spot, 111 Memorial Plaza, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Marsh Harbour, tel. 242-367-2817

## **Clearing Back into the U.S.**

Most skippers experience few problems clearing back into the United States after a Bahamas cruise. The key is for the skipper of for any U.S.-registered yacht 30 feet or larger is to obtain a 2010 U.S. Customs decal before leaving for the Bahamas. The customs sticker is mandatory for clearance back into the U.S. and the captain must be prepared to provide the decal number when clearing.

If you don't have an application, you can obtain the application form by telephoning 317-298-1200. You can also order your decal online at:

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure\\_boats/user\\_fee/user\\_fee\\_decal.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/user_fee/user_fee_decal.xml)

To place your order, you'll need a credit card plus your vessel's documentation number and hull identification number (HIN) along with your U.S. Customs account number, all of which are available on the invoice you received if you purchased a Customs decal for the year 2009. Price for the 2010 decal is \$27.50.

Once you enter U.S. waters upon your return, haul up your quarantine (Q) flag and leave it flying at the starboard spreader until your vessel has been cleared and you've been given a clearance number by U.S. Customs. If your vessel enters at a port South Florida (between Sebastian Inlet and Miami), the skipper should call U.S. Customs at 1-800-432-1216 to report the vessel's arrival back in the USA.

The captain should be prepared to answer the usual questions, including the vessel's name, documentation number, and passport numbers and dates of birth for all crewmembers, departure date from the U.S., and last port of call before returning to the U.S. In most cases, the skipper and all crewmembers will be required to present themselves at a nearby Department of Homeland Security office to complete the clearance process.





# The Daily Pages



## Cruising Club of America 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco

### FREE DRINKS – LATE ADDITION

Our original plan was for cash bars at all evening events. But as the cruise drew near we found ourselves with a bit of your hard-earned money left. What to do? This is money you paid for this cruise, so your cruise committee felt it ought to come back to you. The solution: six drink tickets per participant. Each ticket may be used to purchase a soda, beer, glass of wine, or mixed drink at any of these events:

Friday, April 16 - Registration, cocktails and dinner

Sunday, April 18 - Rum keg party at Orchid Bay

Saturday, April 24 - Farewell party

Enjoy

**Friday, April 16**

**Abaco Beach Resort  
Marsh Harbour area**

Sunrise 0644

Sunset 1932

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0411 -0.1 ft

High 1013 +2.5 ft

Low 1606 -0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

**Overview: Registration. Cocktails with  
Bahamian hors d'oeuvres, calypso music.  
Buffet dinner with calypso music.**



**Boat Harbour**

Soundings in feet and inches

Not for navigation

**Registration**

**Time**

1500 -1730

**Location**

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbour Marina

**Dress**

Informal

**What to expect**

This is the time and place pick up your cruise bag, cruise information book, name tags, and other important information. It's also a great place to meet old friends and make new friends. **Arrive early and avoid the rush!**

If you want a slip at Boat Harbour Marina, be sure to your own reservations. Call the Boat Harbour Marina at 242-367-4151 or 242-359-6065. We recommend making your reservations early. An alternative is anchoring in Marsh Harbour or taking a slip in Marsh Harbour.

**Event captains**

Paul & Jerri Ives

Pete & Dot Hoffman

### **Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live calypso music, and cash bar**

**Time:**

1730-1930

**Location:**

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

**Dress**

Informal

**What to expect**

Get ready for island food! Tonight's hors d'oeuvres feature fresh conch salad, conch bites with island cocktail sauce, conch fritters, pot stickers with sauce, fried jalapeno peppers and sauce, and citrus pineapple slaw. Calypso music by a Bahamas island musician. Your drink tickets (or cash) may be used for sodas, beer, wine or mixed drinks.

**Event captains**

Milt & Judy Baker

### **Buffet dinner with live calypso music**

**Time:**

1930-2130

**Location:**

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

**Dress**

Informal

**What to expect**

Island Buffet: Bahamian lobster chowder, mixed garden salad with assorted dressings, carved roasted angus rib eye, blackened grouper filet, baked chicken with rosemary wedges, mushroom rice pilaf, and pecan pie. Live calypso music with our musician playing right 'til the end.

**Event captains**

Milt & Judy Baker

### **Marsh Harbour backgrounder**

With a population of about 5,000 Marsh Harbour is the largest Bahamas settlement outside Nassau and Freeport and serves as Abaco's capital. No one will try to argue that Marsh Harbour is one of the Bahamas' loveliest settlements. In fact, as one cruising guide writer put it, "It's a hot, sprawling, disorganized town, noisy with road traffic, and the harbor is far from clean." And he forgot to mention the potholes. On the plus side, Marsh Harbour has a large, well-protected harbor and it's where most

business gets done in Abaco. In the Marsh Harbour area you'll find more businesses, restaurants, boat slips, boats and people than in all the rest of Abaco combined.

The harbor itself is easy to enter. Just stay a couple of boat lengths off Outer Point and Inner Point, and follow the coastline right into the harbor, being careful not to follow the commercial channel which bears off to starboard (marked with large lighted steel buoys). Depths in the harbor are mostly 6 feet MLW or more, and holding is good in soft sandy mud, though the harbor is sometimes so crowded it's difficult to find a place to drop the hook. Be sure to anchor outside the fairway, which is well defined. There are several marinas in Marsh Harbour, and finding a slip for a night or more usually poses no problem, especially with a few days' notice. If you want to walk to the grocery store and most restaurants, choose a marina on the south shore--Conch Inn Marina, Harbour View Marina, or Mangoes. You'll also find Abaco's best fuel prices and fresh water prices in Marsh Harbour, but ask around because not all the marinas charge the same.

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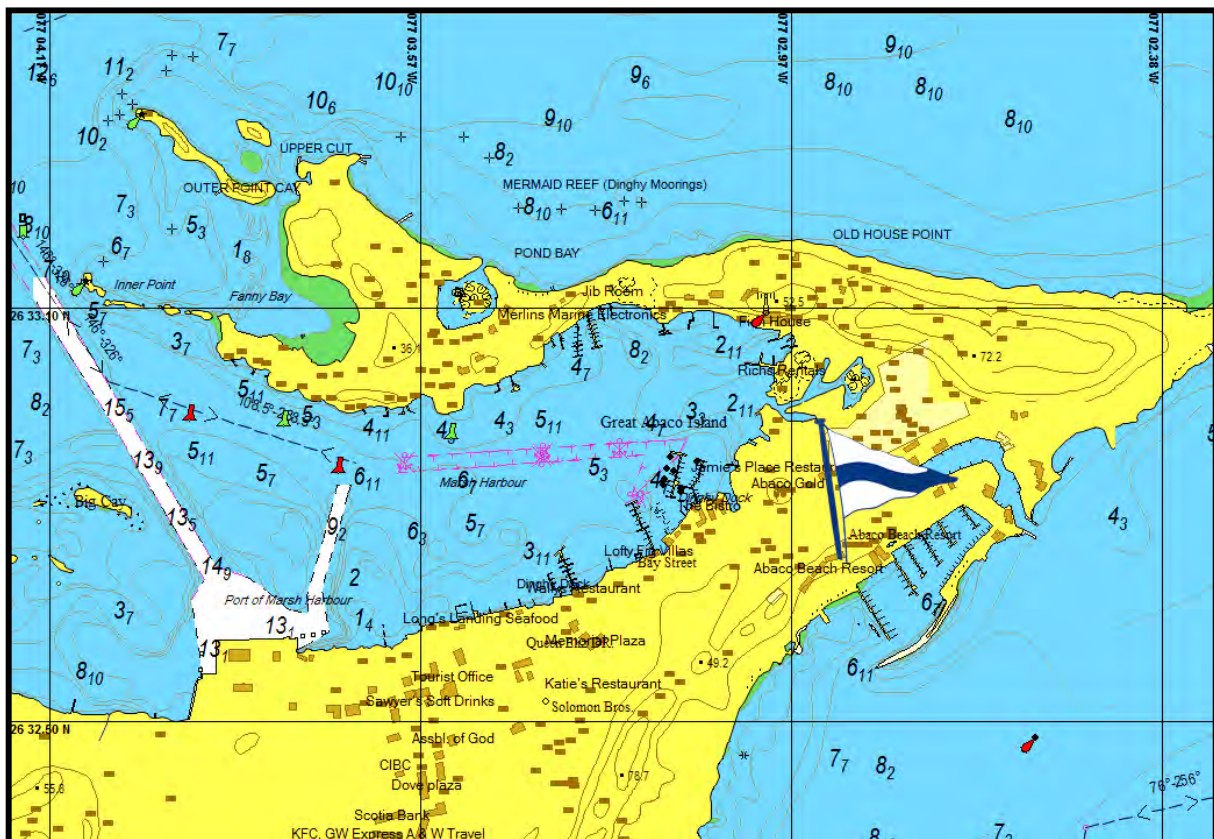
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Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation

Marsh Harbour, showing Boat Harbour on the SE coast.



**Saturday, April 17**

## **Lay day**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0643

Sunset 1933

### Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0453 +0.1 ft

High 1054 + 2.4 ft

Low 1647 +0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

**Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.**



Man-O-War Cay

## **Ideas**

Popular cruising destinations include (distance shown is from Boat Harbour):

Great Guana Cay

Orchid Bay 11.5 NM

Bakers Bay 14.2 NM

Hope Town 5.0 NM

Man-O-War 4.4 NM

Green Turtle Cay 26.3 NM

Cruise at will in the Sea of Abaco or offshore, or book a day of diving or sport fishing with local guides, a kayaking tour, or even 18 holes at one of the two golf courses (Treasure Cay and The Abaco Club on Winding Cay). Sail up to the spoil bank by the old cruise ship channel at the northern end of Great Guana Cay, or anchor nearby at Bakers Bay and dink ashore to the beautiful beach. In settled weather you'll find good snorkeling on the reef WNW of the NW end of Great Guana Cay. Or if the forecast warrants, sail across Whale Cay Passage and visit New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay. "The Whale Cay area is clearly the most difficult and treacherous part of the Abacos," says Steve Dodge in his cruising guide. Before planning to cross "the Whale," as it's known locally, be sure to read the rest of what Dodge says starting on page 69 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010* and listen to the morning Cruisers Net on channel 68, which provides condition reports for the Whale..

Another popular choice is Man-O-War Cay. The main entrance into Man-O-War's landlocked harbors is at the southern end of Dickies Cay. You'll find 5 feet MLW or more right at the entrance and a minimum of 6 feet once you're inside. Expect a tidal flow at the entrance. Use the chart and directions on page 87 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*. Man-O-War's small harbors are always crowded, and there's rarely room to anchor inside. You can, however, find a slip or a mooring if you make arrangements in advance. If it's too shallow or too crowded inside for you, you can also anchor in good holding sand off Dickies Cay and take your dinghy into the harbor. The north entrance, over the top of Dickies Cay, makes an excellent entrance for shallow-draft dinghies and runabouts.

**Sunday, April 18**

**Orchid Bay Marina  
Settlement Harbour  
Great Guana Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0642

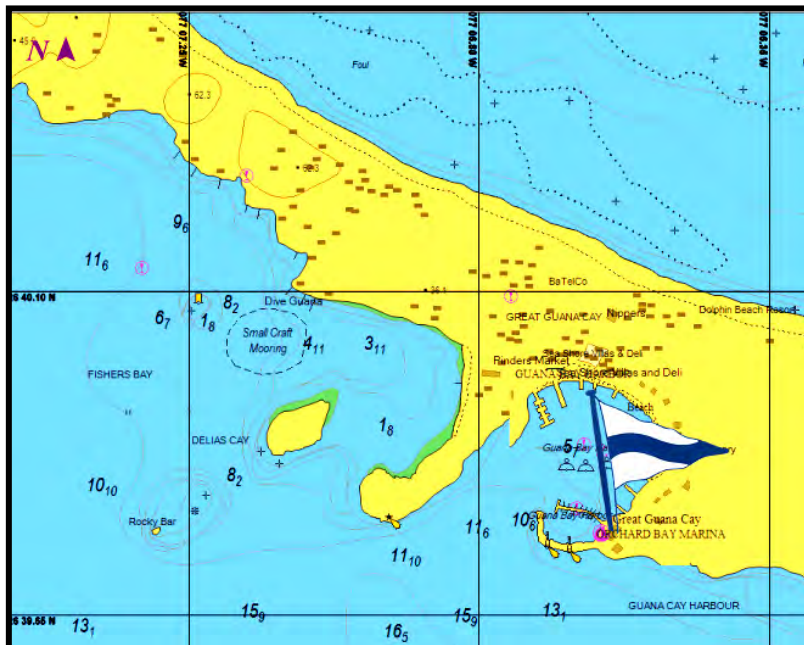
Sunset 1933

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0539 +0.2ft

High 1138 +2.4 ft

Low 1734 +0.1 ft



**Settlement Harbor at Great Guana Cay**

Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for Navigation

**Overview: Late afternoon Rum Keg Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres at Orchid Bay Marina.**

**Rum keg party**

**Time**

1630 - 1930

**Location**

Orchid Bay Marina Restaurant and Bar, Great Guana Cay

**Dress**

Casual

**What to expect**

Our event today is a traditional rum keg party (using the Florida Station's special recipe) with heavy hors d'oeuvres on the big front porch at Orchid Bay Restaurant and Bar right at the head of the piers at the marina, overlooking the Sea of Abaco. The party is timed to end at sunset, so bring your conch horn and salute the sunset with your own unique conch sounds!

There'll be plenty of rum punch for the asking. If you tire of that or just don't care for rum punch your drink tickets (or cash) may be used at the bar to purchase sodas, beer, wine, or mixed drinks.

Be sure to make a reservation at the marina or plan to anchor out. You'll also find a limited number of moorings in Settlement Harbour are available through Dive Guana. If you prefer, you can also anchor at Fishers Bay which is well-protected in the prevailing winds from the east and south but open to the west and northwest and a bit of a dinghy ride into the harbor.

**Event captains**

Jim & Sue Chambers

Jim & Babs Gourd



## Guana Cay backgrounder

Guana Cay has one of the smallest settlements in central Abaco, but the beautiful beaches on the ocean side of the cay have drawn more and more people in recent years. Pristine Orchid Bay Marina has been in operation since 1999 and is one of the nicest in Abaco, with 66 slips offering plenty of room for yachts up to 120 feet and beamy slips capable of handling charter catamarans. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Nippers Bar and Grill, high on a hill just a short walk from Orchid Bay, is responsible for bringing many cruisers and tourists to the cay, especially on Sundays for Nippers' mid-day pig roast. The ocean view from Nippers is spectacular, and the raucous ambience has led many a sailor to have just one or two drinks more than prudence allows.

Take time to walk the beach along the Atlantic side of Great Guana Cay. Some argue that it's even more relaxing than a drink at Nippers!

You'll also find a small grocery store, liquor store, and bakery ashore and Grabbers Bar and Grill is on the peninsula between Settlement Harbour and Fishers Bay.

There's also a new high-end development including a large, deep marina at Bakers Bay at the north end of Great Guana Cay. A recent visitor took his 80-foot motor yacht there a few weeks ago and had this to say about it in an e-mail to one of our cruise committee:

*The docks are new as is everything else there. Construction is ongoing on the property and everything is absolutely first class, with absolutely first class pricing—\$4 per foot on a day-to-day basis, \$2.50 a foot on a monthly basis, a 35-foot minimum applies with, of course, billing for water and power used. The marina is very, very well protected, the best protection we've seen in the Abacos . . . In general, our reaction was that it is/will be a magnificent high-end destination for good-sized boats with well-heeled owners. Visiting it in its incomplete state was great fun—rather like visiting Disneyland before it was completed.*



Sunset at Orchid Bay Marina

**Monday, April 19**

## Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0641

Sunset 1934

### Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0001 +2.9 ft

Low 0629 +0.2 ft

High 1229 +2.4 ft

Low 1827 +0.2 ft

**Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.**



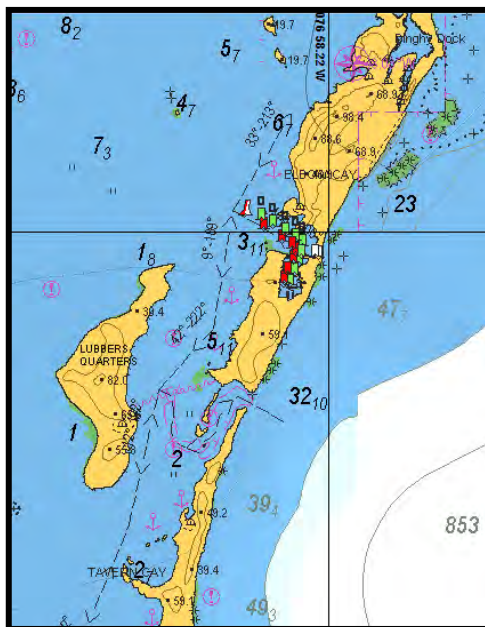
Tahiti Beach

## Ideas

Cruise at will in the Sea of Abaco or offshore. The western shore of Elbow Cay has much to offer including White Sound, Tahiti Beach and Lubbers Quarters, a 4½-foot MLW passage. Even if you have a deep draft yacht, in prevailing southeasterlies it's possible to anchor just west of the Parrot Cays, then use your dink to explore the leeward side of Elbow Cay, stopping for lunch at the Abaco Inn on White Sound or at the Boat House Restaurant at the Sea Spray Resort and Marina in southern White Sound. Another popular choice for lunch is on Lubbers Quarters just opposite Tahiti Beach: Cracker P's Bar & Grill, featuring fresh grilled food. Alas, at last report Cracker P's was closed on Mondays . . . but consider stopping in another day!

## Elbow Cay and Lubbers Quarters

*For additional detail showing this 4½-foot MLW passage, see page 140 of The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*



Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation



**Tuesday, April 20**

**A Day in Hope Town  
Hope Town Sailing Club &  
Hope Town Harbour Lodge  
Elbow Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0640

Sunset 1934

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0055	+2.8 ft	Low 0723	+0.3 ft
High 1326	+2.4 ft	Low 1927	+0.2 ft



Hope Town Harbour  
Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for Navigation

**Overview: A day in Hope Town in two parts, starting at the Hope Town Sailing Club (top burgee) at noon, and ending with cocktails (cash bar) and heavy hors d'oeuvres 1700-1900 at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge (bottom burgee).**



## ***A Day in Hope Town – in two parts***

### **Time**

Part I: 1200 – 1700 - Part II: 1700 - 1900

### **Location**

Starting at the Hope Town Sailing Club

Ending at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge

### **What to expect**

**Part I.** Deep draft yachts can anchor off the Parrot Cays. Others can proceed into Hope Town harbor and take a mooring or a slip in a marina. Dink into the Hope Town Sailing Club's (HTSC) big dinghy dock (top burgee on the chartlet above) and plan to use HTSC as headquarters while you explore one of the Bahamas' most picturesque settlements. Committee member Jim Modisette and his wife Ruth, who own a home in Hope Town, will be at HTSC all afternoon to answer your questions and get you pointed in the right direction. For lunch they recommend Cap'n Jack's and the Harbour's Edge, located on the docks and accessible by dinghy. If you wish come in later, after lunch, and spend just a few hours seeing Hope Town.

**Part II.** Cocktails (cash bar) and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge (lower burgee on the chart on the previous page), Abacos' only hotel which overlooks a coral reef. **Be sure to wear your name tag; it's your ticket to this event. Please note that drink tickets are not accepted at this event—it's a cash bar only!**

### **Event captains**

Jim & Ruth Modisette

## **Hope Town backgrounder**

Hope Town offers one of the best-protected harbors in all the Bahamas, and it's a wonderful place to spend time when the weather kicks up.

Reading the cruising guides, the approach to Hope Town sounds a little more difficult than it really is. Just follow the directions carefully and keep looking until you see the narrow concrete road and then the two range markers. Once you have the range markers in sight, the range and the vein of deep water make it easy to thread your way right into the harbor. The controlling depth on the approach is about 6 feet MLW, but there's more water inside the harbor. However, there's no room to anchor in this small, landlocked harbor. Reserve a mooring in advance by calling Chris or Jill Prewitt (242-475-1389 or call sign "Sunday" on channel 16), or make reservations in advance at one of the two marinas. If the Hope Town marinas are booked when you call, consider Sea Spray Marina at White Sound as an alternative.



Once you settle in you can gaze to your heart's content up at the prettiest candy-striped lighthouse you've ever seen—and you'll know exactly where your cruise committee got the idea for the logo for the CCA 2010 Cruise in Abaco. The 120-foot Hope Town Light was built while the Civil War was raging in America and is to this day is operated with a kerosene lamp and a hand-wound timing mechanism. The light is open to visitors in the daytime, and many a CCA member has climbed its steps.

Although it wraps around the landlocked harbor, Hope Town is not a marine community in the same sense as, say, Man-O-War. Life ashore in Hope Town is decidedly laid-back, and the folks here, residents and visitors alike, take being laid-back seriously. Once right after Hurricane Floyd had largely flattened the town, a U.S. reporter called to inquire about the damage at Hope Town. “Ah, we all got a roof over our heads, and y’know I went out in de boat and caught a right nice mess o’ snapper this morning, so we got plenty to eat,” one Hope Town resident told him with a chuckle. “Life is good.”

If you need marine supplies, best look elsewhere. But if you want groceries and other provisions, Hope Town has them, though a much smaller selection than Marsh Harbour. Be sure to try one of the famous key lime pies from Vernon's Grocery and Upper Crust Bakery. You'll also find restaurants in Hope Town featuring fresh seafood and other Bahamas staples such as peas 'n' rice.



The Hope Town Harbour Lodge



**Wednesday, April 21**

**Lay day**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0639

Sunset 1935

**Marsh Harbour Tides**

High 0156 +2.7 ft

Low 0822 + 0.3ft

High 1430 +2.4 ft

Low 2035 +0.2 ft

**Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.**



Sand dollar shells



Sunrise tellin shell

**Ideas**

Cruise at will between the Hub of Abaco and Little Harbour, a 15-mile stretch of mostly uninhabited flats and cays. Snorkeling, swimming, shelling and more. Or if you're up for an offshore passage, exit the Hub of Abaco via the deep and straightforward North Man-O-War channel, then cruise along the coast to the Little Harbour area, and follow Steve Dodge's directions (page 147, *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*) for entering Abaco Sound from the Atlantic Ocean off Little Harbour.

If you'd like to take the inside route and take home a few beautiful but fragile souvenirs of Abaco, Tilloo Bank is usually rich with sand dollars and sea biscuits and occasionally you can find sunrise tellin shells as well. If this appeals, arrive while the tide is low and anchor off shallow, sandy Tilloo Bank.

Or anchor off Sandy Key where you'll find good snorkeling along the reef which is part of the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park. Fishing here is not permitted and no shells or coral may be taken.

If your draft is a concern and you want to get into Little Harbour for the night, consider timing your arrival at Little Harbor near the early afternoon high tide so you'll have room to spare over the shallow entrance. Here's late local knowledge from committee member Dave Mulock, who owns a cottage at Little Harbour and winters there: "*Depth of the entrance channel is closer to 4.0 ft at MLW; the bottom is sand and grass, with no rock, so stay on the centerline between the buoys and do not read the water; approach the first pair of buoys from slightly to the right of the centerline, get on the centerline at the first pair of buoys, stay on the centerline all the way in and remain on or left of the*



*extended centerline once past the pair of buoys and in the harbour.” There’s deeper water once you’re inside the harbor.*

*Pete’s Pub, site of Thursday’s mid-day pig roast, is open for drinks beginning at 11 am and lunch from noon until 4 pm, then, with reservations only, for dinner from 6 to 9 pm. Dave Mulock advises: “The pub has approximately 10 moorings and there are 10 - 15 private moorings. Visitors may pick up any unoccupied mooring. There is ordinarily no procedure for reserving moorings but for the CCA event we will make an effort to reserve as many moorings as possible by securing things to them such as kayaks, signs and the like. Pay the mooring fee at the pub. The pub moorings are heavier than some of the private moorings and generally in good shape. Condition of private moorings varies considerably. I advise friends with large boats to be skeptical about any mooring anywhere in the Bahamas. The moorings in the western part of Little Harbour are generally farther apart, while the eastern moorings have moved around and are clumped together. Rafting is permitted (there would be an additional mooring fee for each extra boat) but only in settled conditions and if someone dives and inspects the tackle, and only if there is adequate separation from other moorings.”*



Little Harbour, looking to the SW

**Thursday, April 22**

**Little Harbour  
Or at anchor off Lynyard Cay**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

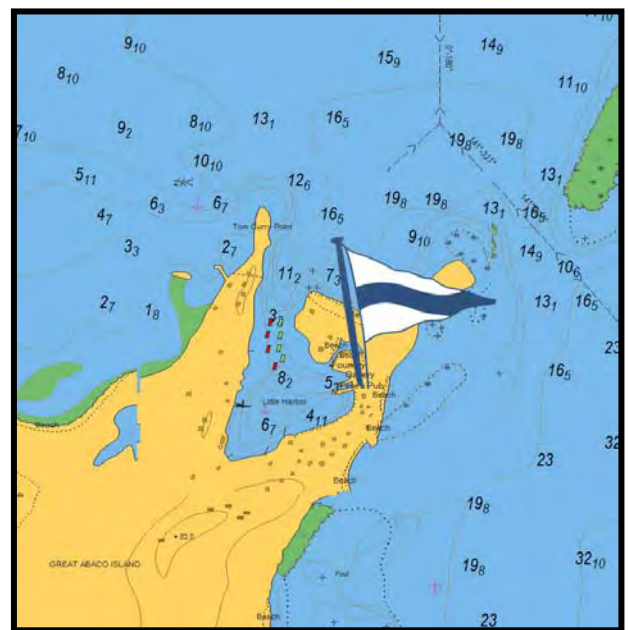
Sunrise 0638

Sunset 1935

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0302 +2.7 ft      Low 0923 +0.1ft

High 1537 +2.5 ft      Low 2145 +0.2 ft



**Little Harbour**

Soundings in feet and inches

Not for Navigation

**Overview: Mid-day pig roast at Pete's Pub with cash bar. Tender service by Albury's Ferry for yachts anchored outside Little Harbor—call "CCA Albury's Ferry" on VHF channel 71.**



Pete's Pub at Little Harbour

## ***Pete's Pub pig roast***

### **Time**

1200 - 1400

### **Location**

Pete's Pub, Little Harbour

### **Dress**

Very casual

### **What to expect**

The event today is a classic pig roast, a Pete's Pub tradition that dates back many years. Today's schedule looks like this:

0900 - 1030	Ferry service for CCA members and guests from the Crossing to Little Harbour *
1030 - 1200	Tender service picking up from yachts anchored outside Little Harbour **
1200 - 1400	Pig roast at Pete's Pub
1330 - 1530	Tender service returning to yachts anchored outside Little Harbour *
1530 - 1700	Ferry service returning from Little Harbour to the Crossing

\* The ferry holds up to 20 passengers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Departure will be from the Albury's Ferry office at the Crossing. To reach the crossing, start at Snappers Bar and Grill in downtown Marsh Harbour. Passing Snappers on your left heading east, pass Boat Harbour Marina on the right, and continue east. The office will be on the right hand side where you will see the water on both sides of the street.

\*\* Calls for pickup should be made to "CCA Albury's Ferry" on VHF channel 71. Ferries will be directed and dispatched by CCA members Bob Dockery and Tom Kenney at Little Harbour.

**Be sure to wear your name tag – it's your ticket to the pig roast! Please note that drink tickets are not accepted at this event—cash bar only.**

### **Event captains**

Dave & Lenore Mulock

Bob & Susan Dockery

Tom Kenney

## ***Little Harbour backgrounder***

Another wonderful landlocked harbor, Little Harbour lies all the way at the southern end of the Abaco circuit. It's only 15 miles or so south of Marsh Harbour, but you might as well be a million miles away. Little Harbour is protected from almost 360 degrees, and it's home to Pete's Pub, one of the most easygoing eating and drinking establishments in all the Bahamas.

Controlling depth for the entrance into Little Harbour is only 3½ feet MLW. You read that right: 3½ feet MLW, though late "local knowledge" information from committee member Dave Mulock who has a cottage at Little Harbour says the depth is closer to 4 feet MLW. (See pages 34-35 for Dave's local knowledge.) The entrance is well marked with floats, and you can enter on the tide.



Once inside, you'll find a minimum of 7 feet in the middle. Take one of the moorings, if you can find one vacant, and pay at the pub.

As author Sandy Estabrook wrote, "The die was cast in 1950 when a Canadian, Randolph Johnston, a longtime professor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass, pulled anchor and headed south in his schooner, the Langosta. Accompanying him was his wife Margot their daughter Marina, and three sons, Bill, Pete and Denny. His mission was to escape the 'megamachine' and continue his work on an island destination to be determined."

She continued: "It was May 1952 he and his family stepped ashore in Little Harbour. 'There is no sign of man except the distant roof of the Little Harbour Light,' he wrote in his log. 'To the west were sheltering high, verdant cliffs, pierced by numerous caves.' It was in those caves that he and his family settled along with bats and land crabs the size of footballs. They built a thatched hut and eventually that became their home and foundry. Later, Pete started his pub and the rest is history."

From the time the Johnston family settled until his death in 1992, from this remote location Randolph achieved international renown as one of the great sculptors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At the time of his death he was in his late 80s, having spent the last 40 years of his life working with his hands and his mind in an unspoiled natural environment, free from many of the worries of everyday 20th century life.

Little Harbor is still home to the foundry where the Johnson family cast their bronze sculptures, many of which are in prestigious galleries today. Son Pete Johnston carries on the family tradition, and his bronze sculptures and gold jewelry creations, many featuring dolphins and other sea creatures, have become well known in their own right.

The Johnston family welcome visitors at their gallery. Pieces of Pete's sculpture and jewelry are for sale in the gallery, which is open seven days a week from 11 am until 4 pm.

Little Harbour is no longer the primitive place it was when the Johnston family landed nearly 60 years ago. A number of homes have been built, and there's a road (some claim it's more a path) that leads to Marsh Harbour. But in many ways Little Harbour still retains the out-of-this-world charm that captured Randolph Johnston.

You can walk to the lighthouse and the ocean beach, and you can visit the caves on the west side of the harbor where the Johnstons first lived. Also worth exploring by dinghy is the Bight of Old Robinson, with its shallow creeks and deep blue holes.

## **Lynyrd Cay and Bight of Old Robinson backgrounder**

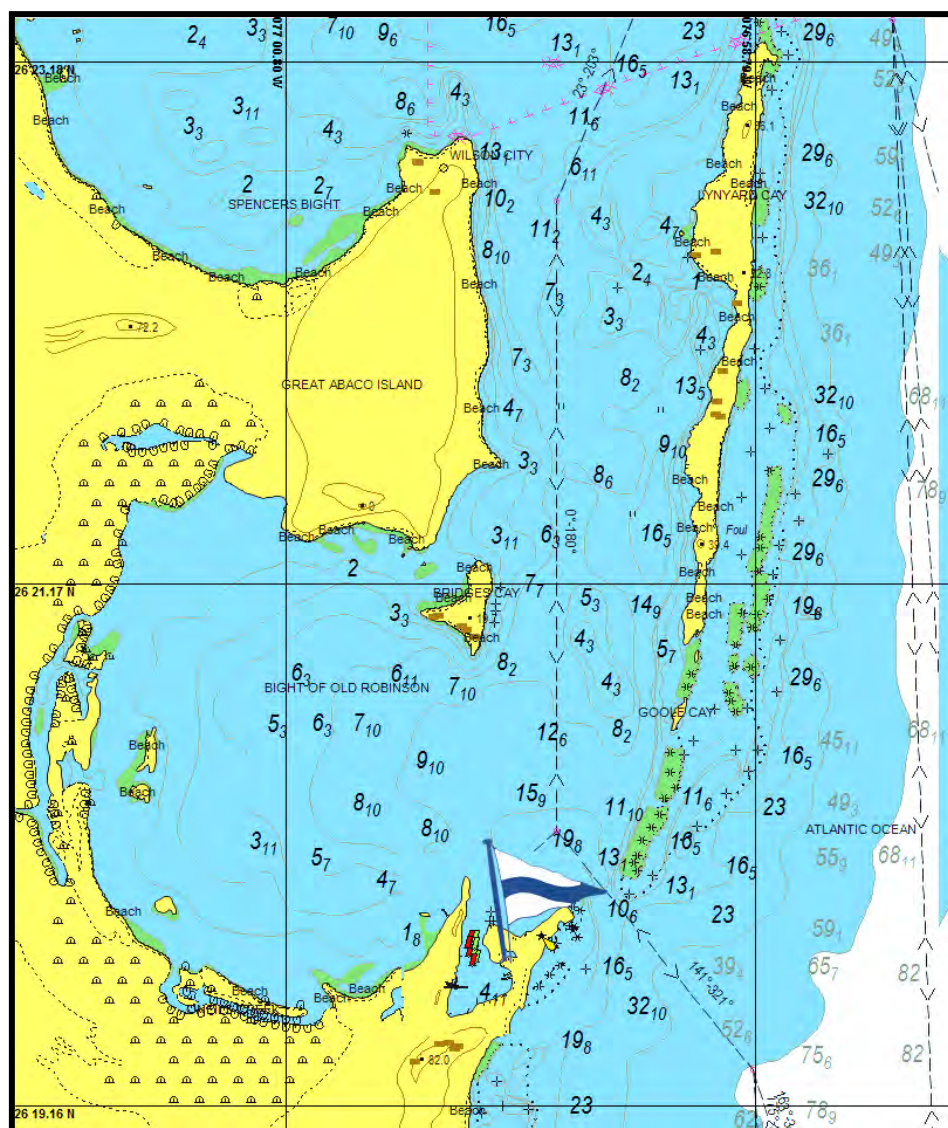
### ***Lynyrd Cay***

If your draft is too great to negotiate the shallow channel into Little Harbour, Lynyrd Cay is where you want to anchor to enjoy Little Harbour. You'll find good anchorage in prevailing easterlies along the lee side of Lynyrd. Best spot is along the southern third of the cay, where you'll anchor in 8 to 15 feet MLW. There are private homes on Lynyrd, but otherwise no facilities of interest to sailors. However, you're free to go ashore as long as you respect the private property there. At the south end of Lynyrd you're only 1.5 NM from the entrance to Little Harbour, a short dinghy ride by most

standards, but keep in mind there's a cut to cross and when it's blowing hard the cut can be tough for dinghies.

### ***Bight of Old Robinson***

Lynyrd Cay makes a good staging point for exploring the Bight of Old Robinson to the west by dinghy. Anchoring in the bight is not recommended in prevailing easterly winds because of the considerable swell rolling in over the bar, but the area provides a safe, comfortable anchorage in westerlies. The Bight of Old Robinson is full of surprises. Take your fins and snorkel along while you explore by dinghy and see how many blue holes you can find--by some reports there are more than a dozen! You'll also find reserving tidal falls. If you're a fisherman, here's where you can track the wily bonefish. You may also find a grouper hole or a lobster for dinner in the bight. Oops, forget the lobster because lobster season closed on March 31!



The approaches to Little Harbour, showing Lynyrd Cay to the E the Bight of Old Robinson to the SW, the cut into Abaco Sound to the SE, and Little Harbour itself (with burgee) in the S.

Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation

## Friday, April 23

### Lay day

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0637

Sunset 1936

#### Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0408 +2.3 ft

Low 1023 +0.1 ft

High 1656 +2.2 ft

Low 2254 +0.1 ft

**Overview: Lay day – stay where you are or cruise at your leisure.**



Don't you love Abaco's color palette?

### Ideas

If you didn't stop for snorkeling, swimming or shelling heading south to Little Harbour, see page 34 for ideas which work equally well on the northbound trip. Or if an offshore passage has appeal, exit the cut just outside Little Harbour (using Steve Dodge's waypoints on page 147 of *The Cruising Guide to Abaco 2010*) and head north up the coast. Best entry into the Sea of Abaco for the Hub of Abaco is via the deep and straightforward North Man-O-War channel.





**Saturday, April 24**

**Abaco Beach Resort  
Marsh Harbour area**

CCA Fleet Broadcast 0745 VHF Channel 77

Sunrise 0636

Sunset 1936

Marsh Harbour Tides

Low 0411 -0.1 ft

High 1013 +2.5 ft

Low 1606 -0.1 ft

High 2228 +3.0 ft

**Overview: Farewell party: Cocktails and a very casual Bahamian Seafood Grill buffet dinner with Live island music. Cash bar.**



Boat Harbour

Soundings in feet and inches  
Not for navigation

**Farewell party**

***Cocktails, cash bar, Bahamian seafood grill buffet, with live 'island music'***

**Time:**

1730-2130

**Location:**

Abaco Beach Resort, Boat Harbor Marina

**Dress**

Informal

**What to expect**

Say farewell to new friends and old and enjoy live "island music" throughout by Gary McDonald and the Impact Band at our cruise's final event. This party, easygoing and low key by design, will feature conch salad and smoked fish dip hors d'oeuvres set out at the start, followed by the main course of roasted conch and veggies, fresh grilled grouper, coconut rum chicken, Bahamian "boil up" and dessert. Dig right in as soon as the food begins to come off the grill, or take a more leisurely cocktail hour and dine a bit later—it's your call and we are assured that there'll be plenty of food to go around! Be sure to use up any drink tickets you have left—but you can always buy drinks with cash when the tickets run out.

If you want a slip at Boat Harbour Marina, please make your own reservations. Call the Boat Harbour Marina at 242-367-4151 or 242-359-6065. We recommend making your reservations early. An alternative is anchoring in Marsh Harbour or taking a slip in Marsh Harbour.

**Event captains**

Milt & Judy Baker

**Sunday, April 25**

**Abaco Beach Resort  
Marsh Harbour area**

Sunrise 0635

Sunset 1937

Marsh Harbour Tides

High 0612 +2.7 ft

Low 1213 -0.1 ft

High 1839 +3.1 ft

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**Cruise disbands at 0900**



Our sincere thanks for taking part in the CCA 2010 Spring Cruise in Abaco.  
We hope you had a wonderful time and that whenever you hear the word *Abaco*  
it'll rekindle warm memories of the time you spent cruising here.

We bid you Godspeed as you return home or more on to your next destination.

*--Your cruise committee*



## Cruise Roster - by Name

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Arenburg, Dave & Elizabeth Ann	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
Baker, Milt & Judy	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Barker, Dev	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
Barker, Pam	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Barlow, Skip	FLA	1	Blue Heron	True North 38
Barsz, Bill & Jeri	SOC	2	Charter	Cat 43
Bekins, Don & Joan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Bernheim, Bob & Susan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Beveridge, Frank	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
Billings, Art & Patricia	FLA	2	Cynosure	Bristol 47
Breed, Alexandra		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
Brietenberger, Eric		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Brown, Dave	BOS/BUZ	1	Nell	Huckins 50
Brown, Mike and Lee	PNW	2	Pipe Dream 9	J160
Cannon, Jeff & Anne	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Chambers, Jim & Sue	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Clapp, Gerry	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Closs, Tommy & Renee	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Comfort, Lyn & Peggy		2	Nell	Huckins 50
Cook, Chuck & Pam	SOC	2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Croker, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 40
Devereux, Anne	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Dockery, Bob & Susan	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
<del>Drew, Bob and Mindy</del>	<del>ESS</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>Dolphin</del>	<del>American Tug 41</del>
Duttenhofer, Sennet	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Dyer, Vice Commodore Dan & Mimi	BOS	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Elsworth, Susan		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
English, Bob & Debbie	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Ewing, Bill & Susan	NYS	2	Charter	Moorings 41.3
Feeley, Rich		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
Fink, Walter & Anne-Lise	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Fiori, Gian Luca & Angela		2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Franklin, Tom		1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Frost, Rosie		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Garrett, Waddy & Connie	CHE	2	Running Tide	J46
Garrison, John & Adrienne	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Gebow, Greg & Debby	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Gillette, Buck & Mimi	FLA	2	Witch	Legacy 42
Gourd, Jim & Babs	FLA	2	Gannet	Albury 23
Groff, Fred & Laura		2	Charter	40' Catamaran
<del>Gunther, Bob &amp; Teta</del>	<del>FLA</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>Dolphin</del>	<del>American Tug 41</del>
Herman , Peter & Sheila	NYS	2	Charter	40' Catamaran
Hill, Doug		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
Hoffman, Pete & Dot	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Hogan, Tom and Mimi	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
<del>Homer, Susi</del>	<del>BOS/GMP</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>Cruise committee</del>	
Hosack, Fred & Darlene	FLA	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Ives, R/C Paul & Jerri	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Johns, Chip & Colleen	BOS/BUZ	2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Kaus, Jack & Irene		2	Charter	Moorings 40
Keene, Henry	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
Keith, Harry & Malinda	FLA	2	Lanikai	Schucker 39 MS
Kenney, Tom & Carmen Johnson	FLA	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Kessler, Bruce & Joan	FLA	2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
Laing, Lisa	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
Langston, Charles & Leeanne	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Langston, Roger & Jennifer	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
LeRoy Bill & Paula	SAF	2	Charter	Moorings 40
Martus, Mike & Maria		2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
McCurdy, Commodore Sheila	NYS	1	Nell	Huckins 50
McCurdy, Kit & Gretchen	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
McDonough, Joe & Holly	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	PowerCat 37
Meserve, Ed & Barbara	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Modisette, Jim & Ruth	SOC	2	Cruise Committee	
Moore, Charles & Jeanne	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Morgan, Jim & Jill		2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Mulock, David & Lenore	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
Munroe, Bill & Irene	FLA	2	Decoy	Presto 36
Noyes, Brad & Gail	BOS	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
O'Flaherty, Mike	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Pacini, Antonio		1	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Palette, Pete & Harriet	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Piper, Scott	FLA	1	Pipe Dream 9	J160

Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Pugh, Bill & Debbie		2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Reppert, Sib	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Robinson, Harry & Joan	FLA	2	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41
Rowland, Edward & Peggy	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Molly, age 11	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, Ned, age 12	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Rowland, P/C Ned & Susie	BOS/BUZ	2	Namhara	Vicem 67
Sanford, Ginny	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
Smith, Owen and Chris	NYS	2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
Smullen, Brian	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Somers, Larry	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Sweet, Cyrus & Bobbie	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Towle, Jack	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Underdown, Peter		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
Vezetinski, Chris	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
Vineberg, Mary		1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
von Schwarz, R/C Karl & Lisa	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Weld, Sandy	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
White, Bill & Sandra		2	Charter	Moorings 4000
<del>White, Tod &amp; Linda</del>	<del>SOC</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>Charter</del>	<del>Cat 43</del>
Wick, Chris & Shirley	ESS	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Mike & Jean	CHE	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Pip & Judy	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Wickersham, Jim	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
Wills, Jack & Glory	FLA	2	Blue Heron	True North 38
Winters, Bob & Corky	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Young, Bob and Penny		2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
		<b>166</b>	<b>42 yachts</b>	



# Cruise Roster by Yacht

## Alphabetical by Captain

Captain	Party Names	Station/ Post	Party #	Boat Name	Boat Type
Arenburg, David F.	Arenburg, Dave & Elizabeth Ann	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
	McCurdy, Kit & Gretchen	BDO	2	Sable	Little Harbor 44
Baker, Milton S.	Baker, Milt & Judy	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
	Chambers, Jim & Sue	FLA	2	Bluewater	Nordhavn 47
Barker III, B. Devereux	Barker, Dev	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Keene, Henry	BOS	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Beveridge, Frank	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
	Weld, Sandy	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Cat 40
Barlow, Jr., Herbert B.	Barlow, Skip	FLA	1	Blue Heron	True North 38
	Wills, Jack & Glory	FLA	2	Blue Heron	True North 38
Bernheim, Robert	Bernheim, Bob & Susan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
	Bekins, Don & Joan	SAF	2	Soft Touch	Art DeFever 68
Billings, Arthur	Billings, Art & Patricia	FLA	2	Cynosure	Bristol 47
Cannon, Jeffrey D.	Cannon, Jeff & Anne	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
	Pallete, Pete & Harriet	SOC	2	Cheers	Krogen 48
Closs, Jr., Thomas H.	Closs, Tommy & Renee	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
	Fink, Walter & Anne-Lise	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
	von Schwarz, R/C Karl & Lisa	CHE	2	Tomahawk	Outer Reef 65
Comfort, Lyn	Comfort, Lyn & Peggy		2	Nell	Huckins 50
	McCurdy, Commodore Sheila	NYS	1	Nell	Huckins 50
	Brown, Dave	BOS/BUZ	1	Nell	Huckins 50
Cook, Charles E.	Cook, Chuck & Pam	SOC	2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
	Morgan, Jim & Jill		2	Outta the Loop	Navigator 48
Ewing III, William	Ewing, Bill & Susan	NYS	2	Charter	Moorings 41.3
Garrett, Garland Waddy	Garrett, Waddy & Connie	CHE	2	Running Tide	J46
Gillette, Dennis	Gillette, Buck & Mimi	FLA	2	Witch	Legacy 42
Gourd, James H.	Gourd, Jim & Babs	FLA	2	Gannet	Albury 23
<del>Gunther, J. Robert</del>	<del>Gunther, Bob &amp; Teta</del>	FLA	2	<del>Dolphin</del>	<del>American Tug 41</del>
	<del>Drew, Bob and Mindy</del>	ESS	2	<del>Dolphin</del>	<del>American Tug 41</del>
Herman, Peter E.	Herman, Peter & Sheila	NYS	2		
	Feeley, Rich		1	Charter	
	Elsworth, Susan		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
	Hill, Doug		1	Charter	
	Breed, Alexandra		1	Charter	40' Catamaran
	Groff, Fred & Laura		2	Charter	40' Catamaran
Hoffman, Peter S.	Hoffman, Pete & Dot	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37
Ives, R/C Paul Lane	Ives, R/C Paul & Jerri	FLA	2	Moorings	PowerCat 37



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Hunt, Steven	Steve & Marilyn Hunt	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
	Cornelius, Jim & Mimi	SAF	2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
	Pugh, Bill & Debbie		2	La Sonata	Jeanneau 49
Hosack, Frederick O.	Hosack, Fred & Darlene	FLA	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
	Dyer, Vice Commodore Dan & Mimi	BOS	2	Circe	Hinckley 49 ketch
Johns, David W.	Johns, Chip & Colleen	BOS/BUZ	2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
	Fiori, Gian Luca & Angela		2	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
	Pacini, Antonio		1	Vivaldi	Hinckley 51
Keith, Harry	Keith, Harry & Malinda	FLA	2	Lanikai	Schucker 39 MS
Kessler, Bruce	Kessler, Bruce & Joan	FLA	2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
	Martus, Mike & Maria		2	Spirit of Zopilote	Northern Marine 64
Langston, Roger H. S.	Langston, Roger & Jennifer	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Langston, Charles & Leeanne	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
LeRoy, William M.	LeRoy Bill & Paula	SAF	2	Charter	Moorings 40
	Kaus, Jack & Irene		2	Charter	Moorings 40
	Croker, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 40
McDonough, Joseph	McDonough, Joe & Holly	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	PowerCat 37
Meserve, Edwin A.	Meserve, Ed & Barbara	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Garrison, John & Adrienne	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Hogan, Tom and Mimi	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
	Winters, Bob & Corky	SOC	2	Charter	Moorings 46
Modisette, James P.	Modisette, Jim & Ruth	SOC	2	Cruise Committee	None
Moore, Charles R.	Moore, Charles & Jeanne	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
	English, Bob & Debbie	FLA	2	Charter	Moorings 411
Mulock, David G.	Mulock, David & Lenore	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
	Dockery, Bob & Susan	FLA	2	Runabout	Runabout
Munroe, William M.	Munroe, Bill & Irene	FLA	2	Decoy	Presto 36
	Duttenhofer, Sennet	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
	Devereux, Anne	FLA	1	Decoy	Presto 36
Noyes, Bradley P.	Noyes, Brad & Gail	BOS	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
	White, Bill & Sandra		2	Charter	Moorings 4000
Piper III, M.D., William S.	Piper, Scott	FLA	1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
	Vineberg, Mary		1	Pipe Dream 9	J160
	Brown, Mike and Lee	PNW	2	Pipe Dream 9	J160
Reppert, Sibley	Reppert, Sib	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
	Vezetinski, Chris	BOS/BUZ	1	Catalyst	Cat 42
	Franklin, Tom		1	Catalyst	Cat 42

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Robinson, Harold W.	Robinson, Harry & Joan	FLA	2	Eclipse	Royal Passport 41
Rowland, Jr., Edward	Rowland, Edward & Peggy	BOS/BUZ	2	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Rowland, Ned, age 12	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Rowland, Molly, age 11	BOS/BUZ	1	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Rowland, Julie		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
	Brietenberger, Eric		1	Charter	Moorings 4000
Smullen, Brian T.	Smullen, Brian	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
O'Flaherty, Michael P.	O'Flaherty, Mike	BOS	1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Underdown, Peter		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Frost, Rosie		1	Namhara	Vicem 67
	Rowland, P/C Ned & Susie	BOS/BUZ	2	Namhara	Vicem 67
Smith, Owen	Smith, Owen and Chris	NYS	2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
	Young, Bob and Penny		2	Charter	Sun Sail 39
Somers, Lawrence	Somers, Larry	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
	Laing, Lisa	SOC	1	Charter	Cat 43
	Barsz, Bill & Jeri	SOC	2	Charter	Cat 43
	White, Ted & Linda	SOC	2	Charter	Cat 43
Sweet III, Cyrus B.	Sweet, Cyrus & Bobbie	BOS	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Gebow, Greg & Debby	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
	Kenney, Tom & Carmen Johnson	FLA	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Towle, John F.	Towle, Jack	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
	Barker, Pam	BOS/BUZ	1	Thistle	Dyer 29
Watson-Clapp, Barbara	Watson-Clapp, Barbara	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Clapp, Gerald B.	Clapp, Gerry	FLA	1	Iona	Catalina 28
Wick, Christopher M.	Wick, Chris & Shirley	ESS	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick, Michael D.	Wick, Mike & Jean	CHE	2	Charter	Club 403
Wick III, Philip	Wick, Pip & Judy	BOS/GMP	2	Charter	Beneteau 41
Wickersham, James	Wickersham, Jim	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
	Sanford, Ginny	NYS	1	Gannet	Saberliner 47
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>166</b>	<b>42 yachts</b>	

