

# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Free Cruising Guides Now Reformatted

Frank Virgintino reports: The *Free Cruising Guides* that are available at [www.free-cruisingguide.com](http://www.free-cruisingguide.com) have now been released in newly formatted editions and can be downloaded in EPUB format as well as PDF format — absolutely free. The guides are also available in Kindle format at the Amazon bookstore.

I am also pleased to announce the forthcoming release of *A Thinking Man's Guide to Voyaging South: The many facets of Caribbean Cruising*. This nearly 200-page book covers all routes from North America to the Caribbean and breaks the Caribbean down into four quadrants with discussions of cruising in each quadrant. The book will be available free at [www.freecruisingguide.com](http://www.freecruisingguide.com) and also through the Amazon bookstore as a Kindle e-book.

For more information see ad on page 14.



CHRIS DOYLE

## Charter Yachts: Register Now for Antigua Show

The Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting has announced the opening of registration for the 50th Annual Antigua charter yacht show for agents, press, non-exhibiting vendors and yachts. Early registration discount for yachts only: yachts that register from now till August 31st will receive ten percent discount on their registration fee.

For more information visit [www.antiguayachtshow.com](http://www.antiguayachtshow.com).

## New Company to Provide TTSA Training

A new local company, Marine Maven, has been appointed as an accredited training service provider to the Trinidad & Tobago Sailing Association (TTSA). A range of yacht and pleasure boat training courses are now available as part of the new National Sailing Scheme in Trinidad & Tobago. The training is aimed at all boat users, including sailing, power and motor boating, and is designed to provide qualifications of an international standard. The training will be delivered by Marine Maven (T&T) Ltd and headed by Hedge Shuter, an MCA/RYA Ocean Yachtmaster with many years experience in the training field and the senior yacht instructor at TTSA. Both practical boating and shore-based navigation courses are available from beginner to expert level.

For more information visit [www.marinemaven.com](http://www.marinemaven.com) and [www.tsailing.org](http://www.tsailing.org).

## Second Edition of *The Last Schoonerman*

Now available is a new edition of *The Last Schoonerman, The Remarkable Life of Captain Lou Kennedy*, by Joe Russell. This history of the Atlantic and Caribbean commercial schooner trade documents the life of Captain Lou Kennedy (1910-1991), founder of the recently revived schooner race around Barbados. The book has been redesigned and updated with more historical detail and scores of photos. Fine Edge Nautical & Recreational Publishing is now taking orders for the second edition. For more information contact [sales@fineedge.com](mailto:sales@fineedge.com).

## Free 'Chip and Putt' at Ali Baba's

Mark Denebeim reports: Ali Baba's Restaurant and Bar located on Jost Van Dyke.

BVI offers the Caribbean's only two-hole "chip and putt" golf course — and it's free! It was donated by [www.oceanbreezefours.com](http://www.oceanbreezefours.com), so when you enjoy a happy hour round or two, please make sure you say, "Thanks, Ocean Breeze!"

## Marine WiFi Perfected with The Wirie<sup>AP</sup>

As a result of months of research, testing, development and collaboration with Alfa Network, Inc. (a leading provider of networking hardware), Island Consulting brings you a new product that will fulfill the needs of modern long-range WiFi users: The Wirie<sup>AP</sup>.

The Wirie<sup>AP</sup> uses most of the high-grade components of the original Wirie and is still fully waterproof, but contains a wireless access point (router). This "hot spot" allows the customer to create his/her own local wireless network on their boat. No Ethernet or USB cable is required and the unit is powered by a simple 12-volt DC electrical cable.

The Wirie<sup>AP</sup> allows all WiFi enabled devices, such as laptops, iPods, iPhones, chart plotters and printers to connect to the local access point and share the long-range internet connection. Information can also be shared among the different devices without needing access to the internet.

For more information visit [www.thewirie.com](http://www.thewirie.com).

## New Inter-Island Ferry Service Announced

It seems that a new ferry service is announced every year or so, but few actually get underway. We hope this one does. L'Express Des Iles recently announced that the Jeans Ferry Service will begin on October 20th, offering travel between Montserrat, Antigua, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe and Martinique, plus weekend charters to Montserrat, Antigua, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Martin and St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

For more information visit [www.express-des-iles.com](http://www.express-des-iles.com).

## Panama's Red Frog Marina

Daniel Cranney reports: The new Red Frog Marina and Resort is located in Bocas del Toro, Panama, about 150 miles from the Panama Canal on the leeward side of Isla Bastimentos.



Red Frog Marina can handle monohulls and multihulls up to 180 feet with deep-water access all the way into the marina. All docks have floating decking with an anchoring system engineered to 85 knots of wind. There is a workshop, secure storage for boat equipment, dinghies and outboards, and weekly free transportation into Bocas town. The resort offers luxury villa accommodations as well as an affordable jungle lodge for yacht crews.

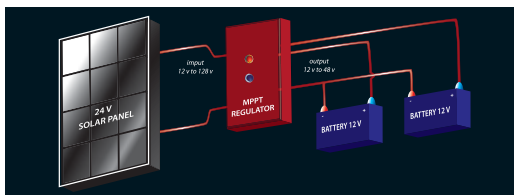
For more information visit [www.redfrogbeach.com](http://www.redfrogbeach.com).

## Montserrat Nature Guidebook Bargain

*A Guide to the Centre Hills*, a comprehensive guidebook on Montserrat's nature and wildlife written by Steve Holliday of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, is now available at a reduced price of EC\$30. This comprehensive 140-page full-colour book provides an insight into the unique biodiversity of the Centre Hills, which are home to a dazzling array of plants and animals, including the endemic Montserrat Oriole. The Guide also provides information on the island's eight main hiking trails and the main features on each trail.

For more information contact [info@montserratourism.ms](mailto:info@montserratourism.ms).

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