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FEATURE STORY:

Regional marine science leaders gather in The Bahamas to create plan to save grouper population

NASSAU, Bahamas -- The names sounded like the star-studded marquis of marine scientists, but the celebrities of maritime conservation weren't fishing for attention, they arrived in Nassau June 10 for day-long intense workshop sessions aimed at creating a plan to save the declining grouper population in The Bahamas.

The National Nassau Grouper Conservation Strategy Meeting was spearheaded by the Bahamas National Trust and sponsored by The Moore Bahamas Foundation, an affiliate of Louis Bacon's Moore Charitable Foundation. For nearly eight hours today, local experts and scientists and conservationists from as far away as Cayman and New York participated in presentations on the status of the grouper population, experience from the Cayman Islands, priority research needs and an overview of current local regulations and management. Those presentations led to discussions of future efforts, including education and the development of a 5-year strategic plan for management.

According to Bahamas National Trust spokesman Lynn Gape, the gathering made possible by The Moore Bahamas Foundation could make a real difference in the survival of the fish that has earned its place on the podium of culinary arts in The Bahamas, sharing its stature with conch and crawfish.

NATIONAL news

PM attends first Sir Randol Fawkes Labour Day March

NASSAU, Bahamas -- Prime Minister Perry Christie greets Jacqueline Lady Fawkes, widow of Sir Randol Fawkes and daughter, Rosalie Fawkes, during the first Sir Randol Fawkes Labour Day March, Friday, June 7.

(BIS Photo/Peter Ramsay)

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Sandals Royal Bahamian and Emerald Bay donate to flood victims

Sandals Royal Bahamian donated several bags of linen and towels to the Red Cross last week to aid victims of the recent flooding throughout the Bahamas.

Brenda-Lee Rolle, Welfare Officer at the Red Cross, said some of the donated bedding and towels were given to Urban Renewal offices in the severely affected areas of Pinewood and Nassau Village. She said other items were shipped to Acklins to assist several fire victims.

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Commonwealth Brewery reports $5 million increase in net earnings, new taxes could impact business

In the fifth year of recession with a still nervous, if slowly recovering economy, Commonwealth Brewery executives credited increased beer sales, broader retail appeal through store upgrades and greater operating efficiencies with driving net earnings up by $5 million over the previous year and allowing the leading spirits, wine, beer and beverage company to share profits with some 3,000 Bahamian shareholders.

The positive report -- issued with a warning flag about increases in the cost of doing business -- was presented to a packed house during the company's annual general meeting (AGM) June 4 at the British Colonial Hilton.

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"We are very excited about these strategic meetings," said Ms. Gape. "The Bahamas is fortunate to still have grouper and conch populations that with care and planning will be able to continue to be harvested sustainably. The research needed on which to base management decisions is crucial to this sustainability. The opportunity to bring together committed conservation professionals and scientists and advocates like Craig Dahlgren and Guy Harvey is an amazing opportunity for The Bahamas. Bahamas' young conservation professionals like Krista Sherman, Lindy Knowles and Vanessa Haley-Benjamin will be our future leaders in marine conservation and will have valuable input for these meetings as partners in current research and drivers of future research."

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Ambassador Rahming addresses OAS General Assembly

ANTIGUA, Guatemala -- Describing the global drug problem as "a long-standing, persistent, and destructive one, impacting countries throughout the hemisphere," His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Elliston Rahming, The Bahamas' Washington, D.C.-based permanent representative to the Organisation of American States (OAS), said on Wednesday, June 5, that the geography of The Bahamas "presents a particularly difficult challenge" in addressing the drug problem.

"Located just off the coast of the United States, our geographical configuration of hundreds of islands spread over more than 100,000 nautical miles of water, makes The Bahamas especially vulnerable to illicit transit and trafficking of drugs," Dr. Rahming said, in an address at the 43rd General Assembly of the OAS in Antigua, Guatemala.

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NASSAU news

Bahamas Striping breaks ground on new $400,000 HQ and manufacturing plant

The country's leading road marking company, Bahamas Striping, celebrated the groundbreaking of its new headquarters and manufacturing plant last Thursday on land leased from the Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation.

The project, representing a $400,000 investment, is located in the industrial park near Abundant Life Road and will house offices, storage, training facilities and a manufacturing plant for concrete products such as parking lot wheel stops.

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Women on the R.I.S.E. symposium uplifts and unites

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Primary school students learn water efficiency

The Oakes Field Primary School in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and the Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) held a special assembly on Tuesday, June 4 marking the closing of a Water Efficiency programme at the school.

The Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald Minister of Education, Science and Technology told the students to remember to put everything they learned about water efficiency to use in their lives and to pass the information on to their siblings and parents.

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Doula Delight: Practices for which insufficient evidence exists to support a clear recommendation and should be used with caution

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Category C: Practices for which Insufficient "Evidence Exists to Support a Clear Recommendation [for continued practice] and which Should be Used with Caution until Further Research Clarifies the Issue."

In 1996, the World Health Organization (WHO) assembled birth experts from around the world to identify common practices in normal birth that were justified, that improved birth outcomes, and that ought to be encouraged for sound care in normal birth.1 At the same time, the WHO identified common birth practices that are known to be harmful, unnecessary, underused as well as those interventions that required further study to determine their merit in the care of child bearing families. In a way, as presented, the listing of intervention by category serves as a "sort of" report card for birthing facilities in that either the intervention is or is not currently practiced. This article "speaks to" the third of the four categories of common birth practices and the need for research that either affirms of refutes the merit of the Category C interventions. The practices in question are in bold type and listed below. Current research findings for each intervention follow.

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GRAND BAHAMA news

Third Annual West End Snapper Tournament and Festival coming up June 22

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More news from our Bahama Islands Info website

Moore Bahamas Foundation sponsors visit of Guy Harvey to show grouper documentary and participate in BNT workshops

Housing and NIB allocate $60 million for home construction

Air Traffic Controllers Union members call on Governor General

Government promotes improved fiscal policy

Filmmaker Marion Bethel pays courtesy visit on Opposition Leader Dr. Hubert A. Minnis

Womanish Ways documentary showing this Thursday

WSC and BahaMar sign contracts

Snug Corner Primary School perform for E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Adjudications in Acklins

Queen's College prefects visit the Governor General

Governor-General welcomes book author Deanne Hanna-Ewers and family to Government House

Attorney General appears before Constitution Commission

Lady Helen Bethel undergoes surgery

Fred Mitchell updates House on US visa issues

DNA statement: Crime will destroy us!

FNM statement: Talk of Independence boycott is bald faced LIE

Foreign Service Orders before Cabinet for

The community of West End, Grand Bahama will be hosting its 3rd Annual Snapper Tournament & Festival on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., under the theme " Celebrating the Fishing Legacy of a Community Over Forty-years ".

West End's rich history has attracted boaters and sailors from around the world. World record big game tuna and blue marlin have been caught offshore and as well attracted notorious bootleggers when rum running was flourishing during prohibition. We also boast some of the best bone-fishing grounds found anywhere in The Bahamas. Our community once thrived with a fish cannery and sponging factory during the early 1900's.

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Not just dogs and cats - our feathered friends need help sometimes, too

There's never a dull moment at the Humane Society of Grand Bahama. In addition to dozens of dogs and cats, our veterinarian has tended to two birds in the last week.

The first was an injured sea gull we picked up at Independence Park, thanks to a phone call from local environmentalist, Gail Woon, who had spotted the bird during her evening exercise. Sadly, the little gull's injuries were too extensive and he had to be humanely euthanized. A Good Samaritan spotted an injured red tailed hawk on the ground just off Seahorse Road Tuesday morning, and was able to gently capture her with the ingenious use of a small fishing net and a towel.

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Bahamas National Trust in Grand Bahama has grand agenda with newly-elected officers

Bahamas National Trust's Grand Bahama division and Regional Committee held their Annual General Meeting on May 23 at the Rand Nature Centre.

Outgoing President Lloyd Cheong welcomed the members and gave an overview of the accomplishments for the year, which included renovations, new construction, progress in its beach preservation efforts, and an expansion of national parks. The Bens Cave staircase has been replaced, thanks to a donation by Sir Jack Hayward, the new Pavilion at Lucayan National Park is complete on account of donations given by the Grand Bahamas Power Company,

approval

DNA commentary: Who are the Elites who own the Shanty Towns?

Bahamas Mortgage Corporation Chairman responds to former Sen. Duane Sands comments in the Tribune

FNM urges the Government to ensure that visitors and residents are protected against violence

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and the expansion project of LNP to a Land & Sea Park is currently conducting field assessments.

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GBPA chairman addresses Maritime Cadet Corps graduates

"You are entering an industry that is vibrant, active and growing despite a global recession," said Ian Fair, Chairman, The Grand Bahama Authority, Limited (GBPA). Addressing the largest group of Maritime Cadet Corps to graduate on Grand Bahama to date, Fair further added, "Unlike many fields that are downsizing, the maritime sector offers so many different job careers for you to choose from." The Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps (BMCC) was formed in 2004 and spread to Grand Bahama in March 2009. The programme affords secondary education students with an opportunity to receive skills training in various areas of the maritime industry.

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FAMILY ISLAND news

The Sandals Foundation hands over 10 new computers to Stuart Manor Primary School

EMERALD BAY, Exuma -- The Sandals foundation handed over a computer lab outfitted with 10 brand new computers to the students and faculty of Stuart Manor Primary School today.

General Manager of Sandals Emerald Bay Jeremy Mutton was on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon that officially opened the lab.

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Independence flag lands in Long Island

On the second leg of its national tour, the 40th Anniversary Independence Flag landed in Deadman's Cay Long Island by the Air Wing of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force this morning, June 11, to an enthusiastic crowd ranging from toddlers to senior citizens.

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Wearing their national colours,
Long Islanders beamed with pride proclaiming "I am proud to be Bahamian" as the flag was hoisted on the grounds of the Deadman's Cay airport on this historic occasion.

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PM speaks at 'Every Child Counts' commencement exercise in Abaco

Remarks by The Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie Prime Minister & Minister of Finance

I am pleased to be in Abaco. I have brought a number of important persons with me to share in this very special occasion for the school Every Child Counts and even more especially to demonstrate our joy and support for the Graduating Class of 2013. I now introduce you to the Permanent Secretary Mr. Creswell Sturrup; Under Secretary Abaco Mr. Alexander Flowers; Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister Mrs. Monique Morley and Ricardo Moss of the Office of the Prime Minister.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Lois Seiler Academy of Dance celebrates 44 years of excellence with Body Language

FREEPORT, Grand Bahama -- Over 100 dancers are polishing pirouettes and reviewing relevés in anticipation of Body Language, coming to the Regency Theatre this weekend. Tickets are now on sale for the Lois Seiler Academy of Dance's celebration of 44 years of excellence with its bi-annual recital on Saturday 15th June at 7:00pm and a matinee performance on Sunday 16th June at 4:00pm.

Director and Choreographer Lois Seiler, whose experience ranges from Broadway to Casino Revues, is elated at the performance prepared for this year. "I'm excited about the variety of styles represented in this year's recital. There is going to be something for everyone and much to enjoy. The 'Rhapsody in Blue' number is definitely one I tell everyone to keep an eager eye on along with many others."

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E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Adjudications come to Andros

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Lowe Sound Primary School students perform a James Catalyn skit, during the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Andros Adjudications, in Nicholl's Town, North Andros, on June 10, 2013.

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Elyett impresses international beauty queen with creative design

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NASSAU, Bahamas -- Local designer Theodore Elyett continues to remain a stitch ahead of the other designers in the Mission Catwalk design competition. Elyett impressed international beauty queen Yendi Phillips, a guest judge on episode 8, with his creative design specifically made for her, securing his second place finish in the challenge.

In episode 8, the designers were challenged to create a garment for beauty queen and Digicel brand ambassador Yendi Phillips to wear at the Samsung Galaxy Mini launch event. Phillips is internationally knows as Miss Jamaica World 2007, Miss Jamaica Universe 2010 and the first runner up in the 2010 Miss Universe pageant.

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Local actors and actresses rewarded with Twirp Awards

Written by Yasmin Popescu / The Freeport News

Last Saturday evening, due to weather conditions, the annual Twirp Awards was held at the Regency Theatre where many prizes were given out for the performances by the various thespians performing with the Freeport Player Guild.

Highlights of the evening included a few words from Sir Jack Hayward who attended; a roast of Kay Hardy with roasters Lois Seiler, Vilma Dann, Tiffany Dennison, Darius Williams, Sarah Kirkby locally, while from England were Pat Myers, Director of RADA Tony Sewell and from the United States best wishes were sent from Jedd Fraser. Best friend Vicky Smith also flew in from Texas for the roast as well as Andrea Gottlieb who came from Abaco.

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SPORTS news

Thirty-five selected for Grand Bahama Sports Hall of Fame

The third edition of the Grand Bahama Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will feature thirty-five athletes, administrators, officials, and personalities during a gala show on July 6, 2013 at the Regency Theatre, Freeport, Grand Bahama.

The G.B. Sports Hall of Fame Committee, an entity of the City of Freeport Local Government Council, made the announcement on Wednesday as it unveiled this year's theme: Legends 2013 - 'Better...Stronger...Faster'.

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Southern Comfort takes first place in the 30th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament

It was a race to the finish for Southern Comfort, who captured top honors at the 30th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament (TCBT), June 2-7 at Treasure Cay Beach, Marina & Golf Resort, Abaco, Bahamas.

Owned by Peter Angel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Southern Comfort clinched First Place on the last day of fishing when they released their fourth blue marlin, bumping Domarlo, owned by Doug Macdonald, West Palm Beach, FL to second place.

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Grand Bahama looks forward to economic boost from baseball championship

Next week's 11th Annual Andre Rodgers National Baseball Championship is expected to bring an economic boost to the local economy when teams convene June 19 - 24 in Grand Bahama. Now in its fourth year of being held in Freeport, the much-anticipated event is pleased to have The Grand Bahama Authority, Limited (GBPA) as its principal sponsor once again.

"We are pleased to lend our support and are grateful that Grand Bahama continues to be the host venue for such a notable event on the sporting calendar," stated GBPA Vice President, Ginger Moxey. "From an economic standpoint, their presence is immeasurable. Additionally, the level of camaraderie and support amongst players and spectators is uplifting during the week of spirited competition."

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Letters

The Criminals in The Bahamas are feasting on our disunity, selfishness and indifference

Letters to the Editor

The negative and agonizing impact of crime in our country can be felt throughout the archipelago, and - it is the number one subject among residents. The solution to it is found among us. We must connect as one people to resolve this national menace. This means that neighbors must get to know each other and their respective communities. If we are not familiar with our next door neighbor, and if we don't communicate and look out for one another - then we are part of the crime problem - my people.

The criminals are feasting on our disunity, selfishness and indifference. We must resolve to unite and fight the unconscionable criminal elements in our mist, or dog will continue to eat our lunch.

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NASSAU EVENTS

2013 National Holidays Click HERE to view the calendar.

Tuesdays & Thursdays Summer Touch Rugby at Winton every Tuesday & Thursday evening, 6:30pm.

thru June 30: The John Beadle Project on exhibit at the NAGB. Call 328.5800 for info.

- **June 13: Womanish Ways Documentary** Filmmaker Marion Bethel presents the documentary film *'Womanish Ways, Freedom, Human Rights and Democracy; The Women's Suffrage Movement in The Bahamas;1948-1962.'* Galleria Cinemas JFK Location 7pm. Admission: $10 Adults, $7 Students. Click here to view the poster.
- **June 15: JoAnn Callender in Concert** "A Celebration of Bahamian Composers" 8pm at Christ Church Cathedral, George Street. Click HERE to view the poster.
- **June 16: "Jazz in Bloom"** with Anuschka Wright, 7pm at the British Colonial Hilton. Click HERE to visit the website.
- **June 17: Homeschool Curriculum Fair** at Calvary Bible Church, Collins Ave., 7:30pm. Call 325-9109 for more information. Click HERE to view the poster.
- **June 19-20: Bahamian Project Kids Photography Workshop** for ages 7-12 at the NAGB. Click HERE for more info.
- **June 19-29: A Weddin' Tale** - A Play by James Catalyn at the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts. A humorous look at a Bahamian wedding from start to finish. Call Box Office at Dundas Centre: (242) 393-3728 or 394-7179.
- **June 22: Culture in the Square** Independence celebrations in Rawson Square.
- **June 22: Me & My Money Community Information Fair** at The Salvation Army Complex on 31 Mackey Street from 10am-4pm. Click HERE to view the poster.
- **June 22-28: Camp South trip to Crooked Island** for students ages 11-15. Click HERE to view the PDF for details or call 326-3443.
- **June 24-25: Seminar: Leadership skills for first-time supervisors** Hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **June 24-28: Humane Society Summer Camp** Ages 6-13 learn the basics of animal care and humane treatment. 9am-noon. $125wk includes t-shirt. Kids should bring a snack and drink. Contact b_humane@hotmail.com for info.323-5138.
- **June 29: Festival of the Bahama Islands** A celebration of Bahamian food, music, arts, crafts. Gates open 10am, concert 8pm, at the Botanical Gardens. Call 397-1452 for more info.

- **July 1-5: Humane Society Summer Camp** Ages 6-13 learn the basics of animal care and humane treatment. 9am-noon. $125wk includes t-shirt. Kids should bring a snack and drink. Contact b_humane@hotmail.com for info. 323-5138.
- **July 3-6: A Weddin' Tale** - A Play by James Catalyn at the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts. A humorous look at a Bahamian wedding from start to finish. Call Box Office at Dundas Centre: (242) 393-3728 or 394-7179.
- **July 6: Independence Anniversary Legacy Ball** Sheraton Cable Beach, 7pm cocktails, 8:30 dinner, Black Tie. $250. E-mail mpj1919@gmail.com for tickets and info.
- **July 8-12: Humane Society Summer Camp** Ages 6-13 learn the basics of animal care and humane treatment. 9am-noon. $125wk includes t-shirt. Kids should bring a snack and drink. Contact b_humane@hotmail.com for info. 323-5138.
- **July 13: 242 Colour Run** Registration now open for this colourful 5K. Click HERE for more info.
- **July 22-26: Humane Society Summer Camp** Ages 6-13 learn the basics of animal care and humane treatment. 9am-noon. $125wk includes t-shirt. Kids should bring a snack and drink. Contact b_humane@hotmail.com for info. 323-5138.
- **July 27: Comedian Tim Allen** at Atlantis, 9:00pm in The Grand Ballroom. Click HERE for more info.
- **August 31: Michael Bublé at Atlantis** Kicking off his world tour! Click HERE for info.
- **September 23-24: Seminar: Increasing productivity - Getting things done** Hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **November 18-19: Seminar: Business analysis 101** With national and international presenters, hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **November 24: Half Marathon/Half Marathon Relay/10K** in Cable Beach. A Wildside Online & Bahamas Roadmasters event. More info soon.
- **November 28-December 1: Battle 4 Atlantis** US college basketball teams battle it out. Click HERE for more info.
- **December 1-8: Bahamas Speed Week Revival** Third year of the mega-successful iconic car event. Visit www.bahamasspeedweek.com.
- **December 5-13: Bahamas International Film Festival** Films and celebrities from the Bahamas and the world! Click HERE to visit the website.
- **January 18-19, 2014: Marathon Bahamas Weekend** Never too soon to start planning your attendance! Click HERE to visit the website.

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GRAND BAHAMA EVENTS

- **June 13-17: Family Fun Weekend** Coastal Angler Magazine's Discover the Bahamas Adventures at Old Bahama Bay. Click HERE for more info.
- **June 14: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **June 14: Outdoor Gospel Concert** The Bahamas Red Cross Society will be holding an outdoor gospel concert at the Sunken Grounds of the Botanical Gardens at 7:00 p.m. Please come join us at our upcoming fundraising event. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for school children with ID.

- **June 14: Send the Fire Gospel Concert** Calvary Temple - Clive Ave, 7:30pm.
- **June 14-16: Son-Son a Musical Play** Presented by The Musical Peacock. Venue: Bishop Michael Eldon Auditorium Time: 8:00 pm.
- **June 14: Town Meeting** Constitutional Commission presents its final town meeting on Constitutional Reform. Mary Star of the Sea Auditorium, East Sunrise Highway from 7pm - 9 pm.
- **June 15: "Be Fishers of Men" Fishing Tournament** Family fun day 12:00 noon until. Venus: Hawksbill Yacht Club. Click HERE to view the poster.
- **June 15: Beth-El Ministries 3rd Annual Fun, Run, Walk-a-Thon for the Aged** Starting at 6:00 am from the Church's premises on West Mall Drive. Warm Up & Late Registration Begins at 5:30 am. For more information contact 242-352-2665.
- **June 15-16: Lois Seiler's Dance Production 'Body Language'** Talented young dancers hit the Regency Theater stage! 7pm Sat., 4pm Sun.
- **June 17-21: Soccer Camp** Grand Bahama's most popular summer camp for the last 10 years. Soccer Camp starts Monday - Pre Registration and Kit collection Sunday June 16th from 1pm - 4pm. Click HERE for the registration form and get it in early.
- **June 18: "Summer Serenade"** Presented by Allegro School of Music. Featuring Allegro String Orchestra, Hazel Springer on the Organ, Ossie Hall on the Saxophone and music students. Church of The Ascension at 7:30 pm. Contact: 351-4870.
- **June 19: 40th Anniversary Pre-Independence, GBI Outstanding Business Women** Cocktail Reception. For more information contact Ministry for Grand Bahama 352-8525.
- **June 21: 23rd Youth Basketball (Bragging Rights) Tournament** Hosted by Freeport Bible Church - 352-6065.
- **June 21: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **June 22: BNT Da Market** at the Rand Nature Centre, 9am-1pm. Click HERE to read all about it!
- **June 22: 40th Anniversary Pre-Independence "40 Cigars"** Honouring and recognizing 40 Outstanding Grand Bahamian Men. For more information contact Ministry for Grand Bahama 352-8525.
- **June 22: Legacy Cocktail Party in Honour of the Honourable Maurice Elijah Moore** Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Grand Bahama Yacht Club at 7:00 pm. Tickets are priced at $50.00 per person.
- **June 22-23: Bahamas Dance Theatre presents its 17th Annual Dance Performance** Performance entitled "The BDT Awards 2013" Live!" at the Regency Theater. 7pm Sat & 5pm Sun.
- **June 23: Freeport Bible Church salutes Police Officers** For information call the church at 352-6065.
- **June 26-27: Seminar: Leadership skills for first-time supervisors** Hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.

- **June 21: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.

- **June 28: 40th Anniversary Pre-Independence "Bridge to the Future-The Journey Continues"** Reception & Honour Ceremony, recognizing Freeport's Founders & Visionaries. For more information contact Ministry for Grand Bahama 352-8525.
- **June 28: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **June 29: Special Olympics Ball** Click HERE to e-mail for more information.
- **June 29: Downtown Junkanoo Festival** Stores stay open late, open late, Bahamian food, Junkanoo rush out. All day event.
- **June 29: Us TOO GRAND BAHAMA** Fundraising Boat Cruise on the Bahama Mama. Port Lucaya Marina at 8:00pm dep. Call 727-0471 for info.

- **June 29: GB Fam Jam Music Concert** Goombay Park 12:00pm - Midnight. For more information contact T & Productions.
- **June 30: 40th Anniversary Pre-Independence Grand Gospel Concert** Honouring the Cooling Waters, Venue: EMR High School Gymnasium.
- **July 1-13: Summer Shakespeare School** an intensive theatrical experience for 11 - 18 year olds. Call 374-2879 for registration and info.
- **July 5: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **July 6: 15th Annual Southfest Community Festival** on the grounds of St. Vincent de Paul School Hunters. 1pm until.
- **July 8-19: Miss Katey's Summer Magic Girls Camp** Stop into Miss Katey's for more information.
- **July 12: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **July 13: HSGB Pub Quiz** Test your trivia, raise funds for the Humane Society, and have a blast doing it! At Red Beards, 7pm registration, quiz starts at 8pm.
- **July 19: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **July 22-26: Little LYTS theater camp** for ages 5-10. Call 374-2879 for registration and info.
- **July 26: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **July 27: Downtown Junkanoo Festival** Stores stay open late, open late, Bahamian food, Junkanoo rush out. All day event.
- **August 2: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **August 9: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **August 12-16:Potcake Pals Summer Camp** Humane Society of Grand Bahama - $85 per child, includes t-shirt, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. call 352-2477 for more info.
- **August 16: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **August 17: BASRA Marathon Swim Race** and beach party at Coral Beach. A Grand Bahama tradition for 43 years! Click HERE to visit the BASRA website.
- **August 23: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **August 30: Live music by the talented Patrick Boston** at "UPSTAIRS Restaurant & Bar" in the Bell Channel Inn from 7 pm - 10 pm. Call 373-3622 for info.
- **August 31: Downtown Junkanoo Festival** Stores stay open late, open late, Bahamian food, Junkanoo rush out. All day event.
- **September 25-26: Seminar: Increasing productivity - Getting things done** Hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **October 18: Grand Bahama Children Home Annual Fundraiser** The Roaring 20s! Mark your calendars and plan to attend.
- **November 2: Conchman Triathlon** and Iron Kids races at Taino Beach. Click HERE to visit the website and HERE for the poster.
- **November 20-21: Seminar: Business analysis 101** With national and international presenters, hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **February 14, 2014: Rotary Clubs of Grand Bahama Ball** at the Grand Lucayan. A Valentine's affair - mark your calendar!

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ABACO EVENTS

How's the weather going to be during your event? Visit BarometerBob.com for Abaco weather.

> **Thru June 7th: Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament**
> TCBT modified release tournament offers four days of fishing, a lay day, social parties, dinners and fun competitions. Click here to read more.

- **June 6: 4th annual Goombay Festival** returns to SeaSpray Resort & Marina. Live music, entertainment and great food. Call 366-0065. Ferry from Marsh Harbour offered.
- **June 7-9: Sandy Point Homecoming** Head south for some fun!
- **June 9: Pig Roast at Nippers** Great food, cocktails, and fun on the beach of Guana Cay.
- **June 9-14, 2013: Bahamas Billfish Championship Marsh Harbour** Bahamas Billfish Championship will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2013. Visit http://www.bahamasbillfish.com/ for schedule and registration.
- **June 20: 4th annual Goombay Festival** returns to SeaSpray Resort & Marina. Live music, entertainment and great food. Call 366-0065. Ferry from Marsh Harbour offered.
- **June 22-23: 5th annual Lionfish Derby** at the Green Turtle Cay Club. Over $7,000 was given away in prize money in 2012. Lionfish are tasty to eat too! Call 365-4271.
- **July 3, 2013: Stranded Naked Cheeseburger Party** The crazy kick-off party to Regatta Time in Abaco takes places on Fiddle Cay. Visit http://strandednaked.com/ for information and souvenirs.
- **July 3-11: Regatta Time in Abaco** 38th annual event! Click HERE to visit the website.
- **July 4: 4th annual Goombay Festival** returns to SeaSpray Resort & Marina. Live music, entertainment and great food. Call 366-0065. Ferry from Marsh Harbour offered.
- **July 18: 4th annual Goombay Festival** at SeaSpray Resort & Marina. Live music with KB, entertainment and great food. Call 366-0065. Ferry from Marsh Harbour offered.
- **July 19-21: North Abaco Summer Festival & Power Boat Races** Click HERE for details on this and other related events.
- **August 1: 4th annual Goombay Festival** at SeaSpray Resort & Marina. Live music by Geno D, entertainment and great food. Call 366-0065. Ferry from Marsh Harbour offered.
- **September 27-28: Seminar: Increasing productivity - Getting things done** Hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **November 22-23: Seminar: Business analysis 101** With national and international presenters, hosted by Laing Consulting and Research Group. Call 351-2695, 457-4055 or email zhivargo@zlaingconsulting.com.
- **March 21-23, 2014: Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend III** Swim race, triathlons, fun runs, kids events, and a weekend at Treasure Cay everyone will enjoy! Click HERE to visit the website.
- **April 30, 2014: Rallye Transatlantique Bahamas** Yachting rally from France wraps up in Marsh Harbour after 3 continents, 40 stops, and 7 months! www.transatlantiquebahamas.com.

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FAMILY ISLANDS EVENTS

- **June 14-15: All ANDROS Crab Festival** Queen's Park in Fresh Creek, Central Andros. Andros Tourist Office at (242) 368-2286 or (242) 368-2891 for more info.
- **June 21-22: Percy Darville Bottom Fishing Tournament** at Great Harbour Cay BERRY ISLANDS. Call 359-9113 or 367-8005 for information.
- **June 28-July 26: Junkanoo Summer on Andros** Every Friday. Call 368-2286 or 368-2891 for details.
- **July 5-8: Long Island Homecoming** Glinton's Park in Northern Long Island brings together Long Islanders from all over The Bahamas. Call the Long Island Tourist Office - (242) 338-8668.
- **July 5-10: All Andros & Berry Islands Regatta** Andros Regatta Village in Morgan's Bluff, North Andros. Click here for info.
- **July 10: Coconut Festival on Andros** Go coconuts in Pleasant Bay, South Andros.
- **July 29-August 2: Inagua Heritage & Salty Festival** The signature family-oriented event for Inagua. Contact: Mr. Samuel Nixon / (242) 339-1471.
- **August 5: Rum Cay Homecoming Festival** Contact: Mr. Jefferson Strachan / (242) 428-4943 or (242) 331-1870.
- **October 8-12: Discovery Day Festival Homecoming & Regatta** SAN SALVADOR. Contact: Mr. Terrance Major / (242) 331-2901.
- **October 9-13: North Eleuthera Sailing Regatta** Class A, B, and C boats are invited for competition. Contact: Harbour Island Tourist Office / (242) 333-2621.
- **October 26: Ride For Hope** ELEUTHERA. Yes! The organisers of the Bahamas' favourite bike ride have moved from spring to fall as October is recognized nationally and internationally as Cancer Awareness Month. HQ'd in Governor's Harbour this is a weekend for the entire family. Click HERE to visit the website.
- **November 19-29: International Free Diving Competition** LONG ISLAND. Venue is Dean's Blue Hole. Contact: Vertical Blue / www.bahamas.com / info@verticalblue.net Long Island Tourist Office / (242) 338-8668.
- **November 30: People-To-People Experience Tea Party** LONG ISLAND. This complimentary afternoon tea party features entertainment by locals. Contact: Long Island Tourist Office (242) 338-8668.

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