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MERIDIAN PASSAGE OF THE MOON

JUNE - JULY 2016

Crossing the channels between Caribbean islands with a favorable tide will make your passage faster and more comfortable. The table below, courtesy Don Street, author of Street's Guides and compiler of Imray-Iolatre charts, which shows the time of the meridian passage (or zenith) of the moon for this AND next month, will help you calculate the tides.

Water, Don explains, generally tries to run toward the moon. The tide starts running to the east soon after moonrise, continues to run east until about an hour after the moon reaches its zenith (see TIME below) and then runs westward. From just after the moon's setting to just after its nadir, the tide runs eastward; and from just after its nadir to soon after its rising, the tide runs westward; i.e. the tide floods from west to east. Times given are local.

Note: the maximum tide is 3 or 4 days after the new and full moons.

For more information, see "Tides and Currents" on the back of all Imray Iolatre charts. Fair tides!

June 2016		21	0000 (full moon)	11	1745
DATE	TIME	22	0121	12	1828
1	0832	23	0212	13	1911
2	0927	24	0304	14	1956
3	1024	25	0335	15	2043
4	1123	26	0445	16	2113
5	1223	27	0556	17	2222
6	1323	28	0627	18	2313
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10	1655			22	0150
11	1740			23	0242
12	1824			24	0333
13	1907			25	0424
14	1949			26	0516
15	2032			27	0609
16	2116			28	0703
17	2202			29	0759
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July 2016		1	0910	22	0150
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Y2A BY ELLEN BIRRELL

Mayreau. It's A Family Affair

Youth2Adult - Y2A - is a series of articles celebrating sailing's role in youth development for Caribbean children.

In Mayreau, there's a new family affair, a Full Click Family (FCF) matter. "It's an island thing," says 20-something FCF spokesperson Lorrian Luke. "No matter how big or small the island is, every island is a family. We decided we could help the community — bring excitement to the community, by organizing. We plan to sell T-shirts to fund the kids' activities."

"We remember what it is like being bored as kids," says Lorrian. "We decided to do something about it." Wanting to keep kids off the streets, the six-person FCF executive team, all of whom are in their late teens and early 20s, are formalizing an organization they call Full Click Family to obtain a non-profit status. Many of the newly elected officers are cousins.

The motives for starting FCF seem to be inspired by the annual Mayreau Regatta, held this year April 28th through May 1st [see *Regatta News*, page 18]. With the region's attention on Mayreau, FCF with support from Mayreau Regatta & Sporting Commission will be producing more activities for children. Among games and contests such as punchboard, cricket, round dodge and buns eating, for the first time. Optimist races for the children occurred while the traditional double-enders were out racing. There's a video of Mayreau children racing the



Some of the island's newest sailors

Optimists on the Mayreau Regatta site in Facebook.

"We'll keep them near the shoreline and use buoys," FCF President Amani Cupid indicated when interviewed before the regatta. "After Mayreau Regatta, we hope to travel to Canouan, Bequia, Carriacou and PM (Petite Martinique) for races."

"When we learned that boats were sitting in Union, we took action," says FCF Vice President Kishroy Ford. With some help from relatives, they contacted Union Island's Nicholas Dulac, owner of the Captain Gourmet shop and Happy

Kite kite-boarding. "We got some instructors and asked them what age group the boats are suitable for. After that we got the boats over to Mayreau," Kishroy explains. Some of the Optimists needed repair. FCF worked with their fathers and uncles on Mayreau to do the repair work themselves, which included building three new centerboards. Now on loan, at least through the Mayreau Regatta, are five Optimists!

While hard at work building the centerboards, the Full Click Family members themselves had to learn to sail. "Four Mayreau sailing captains taught us the basics of wind, sheets, tiller, parts of the boat," says Amani.

They had fun learning to sail. In the Grenadines' strong tradewinds, no one capsize while learning. Shandi Forde, one of two FCF Secretaries, laughed while making the motions of bailing. "I nearly did!"

FCF has quite an infrastructure including two secretaries, Ronessia Hanson and Shandi Forde. "I'm good at electronics, working with money, typing," says Ronessia. Tevin Cupid, FCF Treasurer, has to be happy about that.

"We want to keep the tradition of sailing going. Over the years it has died out here in Mayreau," says Amani. "We'll be teaching how to rig boats, about safety, the safety boat and guidance on the water. There are 19 youths in the Full Click Family and we have 15 youth sailors. We conduct the sessions on Saturdays and Sundays. (With only five boats) we take them out for ten minutes each. The first time out, the child rides as a passenger in the front of the Opti. We let the ten- to 17-year-olds take the tiller after that."

"We'll be doing Fun Days throughout the year," says Lorrian. "At the end of each month we'll put on a day with cricket, round dodge, sailing, basketball, punch board, buns eating and other games."

Kishroy traveled to Bequia for April's St. Vincent & the Grenadines Sailing Association meeting. He met SVGSA executives Andrew Mitchell and Simon Carey, and Bequia Traditional Sailing Academy's Alick Daniel. They pledged to send instructors to Mayreau and to support FCF's efforts. Simon's vision is to get two-man boats down to Mayreau, according to Kishroy.

Says Andrew Mitchell, SVG Sailing Association President, "They are obtaining support for getting new Optimists. I am hoping to send some used Optimists down from Bequia to get them started, since the ones they have now are on loan from Union Island."

What we learn from the Full Click Family in Mayreau:

- Young adults who share a vision can go far toward developing community junior sailing.
- When young adults call on parents and relatives, instruction and maintenance resources emerge.
- Reach out to nearby towns and islands. Resources may be closer than you think.

Y2A Update

St. Croix: A follow-up on September 2015's Y2A featured youth sailor, Morgan Thomas, who received his sailing education from Stanford Joines on his J/36 *Paladin*: There was an incident in February during the St. Thomas International Regatta. With five teens from Central High School, two from Good Hope Country Day School, and Stan's little boy aboard, *Paladin* was dismasted during the racing. Stan had this to say: "*Paladin* is safely anchored in Charlotte Amalie.... No one was hurt. I guess when a mast falls, it goes to leeward, and the crew is on the high side. Also, the top hit the water, and floated for a while, so it didn't just hit the boat.... You should have seen the boys grow up instantly; they got to work following instructions, as we pulled the pins and let the rig go."

Ellen Birrell attributes her opportunity to cruise the Caribbean aboard S/V Boldly Go to life skills built in childhood. Believing swimming and sailing are essentials for island youth, she supports junior sailing and serves on Caribbean Sailing Association's development committee (Caribbean-sailing.com/youth/youth-programs).