

THE EXUMA FOUNDATION - MAY 2017



CRUISERS' DONATION



We are grateful to the Cruising Regatta organizers for their generous donation to The Exuma Foundation.

We also appreciate the cruising community's interest in and support for the Exuma Sailing Club.

Left Jean Jeffries who is the retiring chairperson of the Cruising Regatta and Susan Shultz who is now in charge.

Thank you



SHARK SYMPOSIUM

The Shark Symposium was held at The Foundation to educate the community about the Shark Sanctuary in The Bahamas which was established in 2011 and is the first of its kind in the Caribbean. Centre: Basil Minns and Eric Carey (President of the Bahamas National Trust.)

Information on the program at [http://](http://www.epicdiving.com/bahamas-shark-sanctuary-2/)

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Meetings by a wide variety of interests and groups use the Foundation facilities regularly.

EXUMA BEEKEEPERS



Catherine Booker, Bradley Charlton, Carlton Taylor and Ceyon Taylor were invited to attend the Young Harris/University of Georgia Beekeeping Institute by Jennifer Berry of the University of Georgia's Honey Bee Research Laboratory during her visit to Exuma last February.

Above. Students and teachers of the Young Harris/University of Georgia Master Beekeeping Institute. May 2017

Below. Carlton, Catherine and Bradley (with qualifications),

The group returned as certified beekeepers through the Georgia Master Beekeeping



Program after taking practical and written exams, and gained a wealth of knowledge and exposure to the craft of apiculture through workshops and demonstrations from honey bee experts from around the world. Besides beekeeping the group enjoyed hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia, touring the University of Georgia Horticulture Farm and State Botanic Gardens, and making friends with other beekeepers. The costs of the trip were covered by a generous gift of lodging and institute entry fees by the University of Georgia Honey Bee Lab and by donations for the honey produced by our bees at the Exuma Foundation.

Bottom left and below. Jennifer Berry with Exuma beekeepers. The group learned techniques in

queen rearing. Since our bees are free of parasites and are gentle and hardworking there is a potential for a cottage industry in selling queens to other parts of The Bahamas or abroad



CHILDREN'S SHELTER



The ground breaking ceremony for the Marjorie M. Carlson Children's Shelter took place on Saturday 18th March.

We hope to have the working drawings by the end of May and work on the foundation will begin immediately. The aim is to have the facility working by March of 2018.

Details of projected costs and proposed management of the facility will follow.

Our thanks to Harry and his family and all those who have embraced the idea of the home.



FYRE FALLOUT



Readers will have heard of the Fyre Festival disaster at Rokers Point. We were able to salvage many complete beds and linen that have been distributed to those in need. The Foundation continues to work closely with the Department of Social Services

(We still have the Suburban donated by Don and Jo Haycock that is in daily use.)



NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Top left. Part of the successful Exuma Sailing Club team. The team came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th in The National Junior Championships held in Nassau in March.

Top right. Dallas Knowles and Reg Smith with Cameron Williams and Juvantae Rolle who sailed Jumping Jack in the "E: class and were over all winners.

The Foundation continues to support the club. Look at Dallas' account of the Farmers Cay Regatta at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFoExObmljs&t=4303s>

The Foundation is the home of The National Family Island Regatta Committee who organize the event. Danny is the Commodore and Chris the Coordinator responsible for statistics.

This was the second year that Catherine worked with us on the finish line and helped compile results

Above left. Buzzy's Lady Sonia again did very well and pleased the local punters.

More pictures at: <http://www.janpehrson.com/2017-april-george-town-bahamas-family-regatta/>

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REGATTA TEE SHIRT DAY



On 31st March everyone who works or goes to school at the Exuma Foundation Campus gathered together for this photograph.

Sadly, we recently lost Brittany Bowe (left) who was one of the small group of students who were with the school from the beginning. Brittany, who had Downs Syndrome, was twenty years old and succumbed to complications from flue. She was five when she joined the school. Brittany at Christmas lunch at Hideaways when she was twelve.



SHOE BANK

The Shoe Bank is a joint effort of The Exuma Foundation and Starve Poverty International. We have asked Tamara Knowles of Life Church Exuma to catalog the shoes so that we can more easily respond to people who need help. The school uniform rules in The Bahamas are strict and require a uniform and black shoes.

The shoes are now sorted by gender and size.

We are grateful to Life Church for their help.