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Keeping Tradition Alive - Grenada Sailing Festival Workboat Racing Marks Start to Independence Celebrations

Saturday & Sunday 2 & 3 February will be a weekend of tradition and National Pride when the Grenada Sailing Festival stages its Workboat Regatta on Grand Anse Beach, marking a strong start to Independence celebrations for the Tri-Island State. Once again, the organisers are pleased to announce a partnership with Westerhall Rums, who with the Westerhall White Jack brand, take title sponsorship for a fifth year, further underlining the event's commitment to 'Keeping Tradition Alive'.

This, high action, high fun Regatta Festival has been a 'Must Go-To' event on Grand Anse Beach for over twenty-five consecutive years and welcomes big crowds of spectators – local community supporters, visiting yachtsmen & cruisers, as well as Hotel guests who have the chance to experience a unique traditional sailing experience. Pure Sail, Pure Spice, Grenadian-style.

There will be two days of the most spectacular and competitive racing: a full day of Community Class Racing on Saturday 2 February and again on Sunday morning, 3 February, when all crews will be going full throttle to win first place in their community races to qualify for Sunday afternoon's GSF16 Match Race Final – for the highly prized overall title of 'Champion of Champions' & a cheque for US\$1,000.00. Again this year there will be even more to race for – as the owner of the winning boat will walk away with a YAMAHA outboard engine presented by McIntyre Brothers – The heat of the competition is going to be off the charts.

There will be new action for 2019, with talented young sailors showcasing their racing skills in a Junior Dinghy Mini Regatta sponsored by Budget Marine, plus a Carriacou Sloop Challenge Race sponsored by Savvy Grenada Sailing Charters.

Crowds will also be able to enjoy all the best traditional dishes from Oil Down to Lobster at Community Kitchen food stalls and sample the range of Westerhall Rums, plus ice-cold Carib beers at the Festival Beach Bars throughout both days - a true high spot to start the week of Independence celebrations.

Grenada Sailing Festival's Westerhall White Jack Workboat Regatta will be staged on Saturday & Sunday 2 – 3 February on Grand Anse Beach. Grenada Sailing Festival wishes to thank Sponsors, Supporters & Festival Friends who make the event possible: Westerhall Rums; Grenada Tourism Authority; Budget Marine; CARIB; SIFH Group; True Blue Bay Resort's Dodgy Dock; McIntyre Brothers & Yamaha; BLAST Grenada; Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina; Mount Cinnamon Resort & Beach Club; CARIBTRANS; Horizon Yacht Charters; COURTS Grenada; Glenelg Spring Water; Antillean Group; Waggy T; Bryden & Minors; Republic Bank; IAL; Harris Paints; DeSign Factory; Savvy Grenada Sailing Charters; Andy's Soup House; Coca-Cola Grenada; Grenada Marine; Island Dreams Yacht Services; Esther's Bar; CashWiz Grenada; act-artanddesign; Bulk Buy; Amalgamated Security Services Grenada & Spice Island Fireworks .

Thank you also to Budget Marine; Tropical Sails & Canvas, Turbulence Ltd.; LL Ramdhanny's True Value and ACE Home Hardware for offering discounts to workboat participants to help prepare for Westerhall White Jack Workboat Regatta 2019.

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