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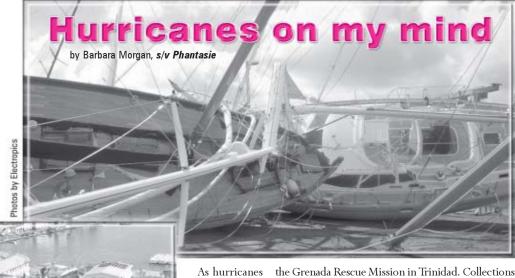
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continues to
reek havoc with
the lives of
people of the
Gulf Coast USA,
my mind goes
back to September two thousand and four
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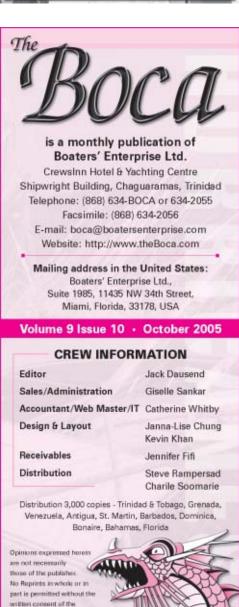
Ivan wrought mayhem in Grenada. The local and cruising communities suffered at the hands of Ivan, losing houses, boats and lives in its wake. Much the same as in Katrina, law broke down, looting followed and Marshall Law had to be declared. Drinking water, food, flashlights, medical supplies, diesel, gasoline and tarpaulins to cover lost roofs were desperately needed on this island not eighty-three miles away from Trinidad. Whilst the Gulf Coast has had to rely on the armed services, southern Grenada actually received a great deal of help and assistance from Trinidad.

Joyce and David from s/v Mood Indigo had experience in helping in hurricane disaster when Luis hit St Martin back in the early nineties. Joyce formed

were made throughout the whole of Chaguaramas, cruisers, locals and business communities, responded generously, both in time and money. Hilma on s/vBlue Gull had 17 years of experience with the Red Cross, so she listed the most wanted items that we would need from the supermarkets and medical supplies. Other boaters listed "must-have" items like fibreglass products, tools and materials so that boats could use for repair and to leave Grenada for Trinidad. Boats volunteered to go to Grenada with these life saving goods. M/v Cherry Bold left with not only goods but men with varying skills to help the cruisers, the catamaran Blue Star left with Jerry cans (Jugs in American) full of diesel and gasoline. Catamaran Zingano left with not only food but also a big water maker that could make twenty five gallons water an hour for locals as well as cruisers. Zingano also stayed on station to provide updates on the situation with daily e-mails of needs or wants and what boats were ready to leave and their status. Mr. Donald Stollmeyer of Power Boats and Mr. Peter Peake of Peake Yacht Services sent a barge with a crane to Grenada within twenty four hours to assist the Marinas there. S/v Wooden Nickel went to assist Greta on s/v Fortuna, as Greta was busy helping continued on page 3







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continued from page 2 distribute the aid to cruisers and locals. Greta was in contact by cell phone to alert us to any needs. A single donation from the UK of twenty five thousand pounds (roughly TT\$250,000!) was sent to s/v Indigo

**Drum**. This donation allowed the Mission to purchase from warehouse hospital supplies that included diapers and sanitary items.

The shock started to wear off and boats that were sea worthy wanted to leave for Trinidad, many had not been here before, they had no charts for the Boca or Trinidad. We needed a plan to help and welcome them into Chaguaramas. Mike on s/vPhantasie formed the dinghy squad. We would be on station from early morning with the squad of thirteen dinghies ready to go outside the Boca if necessary to help the incoming boaters. Catamaran Chesire Cat would liaise with North Coast Radio by phone, any boats close enough to have VHF contact would call North Coast Radio giving their status and approximate time of arrival. The dinghy squad had slips in marinas ready, those that needed immediate haul outs were arranged with all marinas. The star of the dinghy squad was Tony on s/v Cayenne III, out there day and night; never tiring.

It became obvious that we needed a hospitality team, that had not only waiting hot showers but food vouchers, places to stay, toiletries and all sorts of sundry items that some of the refugees had lost. One boat arrived with nine extra refugees; all were

found accommodation and help with plane tickets. Each day a fresh list of boats were given to us, and then came a list of boats with problems and little fuel. The wind was light, the day was wearing on, and then we had radio contact. Weary from everything that had happened, these boats needed help now before sundown. Mike called Joyce; we need to commandeer a pirogue to

take out fuel to them and some fresh Captains. There was no shortage of volunteers, five men along with a Jerry Can of diesel for each boat. Joyce went to the fishing camp and called out to Mr. Weeks, we would pay him for his time, he needed to go about five miles out. Mr. Weeks loaded up at the fuel dock and they set out to find s/v Winquest, s/v Annanas, s/v Gods Way, s/v Corilla and s/v Wyvern. Five miles turned into fifteen, as the boats were met there were shouts and cheers, not a dry eye in the place. Some of these boats were motoring on fumes. Only two boats accepted fresh Captains. It took until early evening to get them all in and settled down. In all, the dinghy squad helped seventy boats into Trinidad in one way or another. In time Catamaran Blue Marine replaced Zingano in Grenada until they were needed no longer. s/v River Dance collected old sails and tarpaulins for two months and continued to send them on any boat going to Grenada.

We are lucky here in the islands that people are

used to working together in a crisis. These events bring out the best in people. This account is a very small part of the rescue effort for Grenada. If I have missed any names I apologize, there were so many people working hard for the good of others. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, like hurricane Ivan bought out the good, the bad and the ugly, but it is instructive to note that at the end of the day, people are people and circumstances bring out the best as well as the worst.



#### CANTAMAR IS CAUGHT WITH THE BAD GOODS

Canadian sailing vessel *Cantamar IV*, was located about 1300 miles east of Miami when it was intercepted in international waters by a French Frigate who found 1500 kilograms of cocaine purported destined for Spain. The vessel and cocaine were seized and taken to Martinique where French officials charged the captain and crew with smuggling. *Cantamar IV*, a 65 ft vessel, sailed from Venezuela with Captain John Carter Hanson and crewmember Blake Bacher both residents of North Vancouver, Canada and crewman Frank Dexter, a resident of Trinidad.





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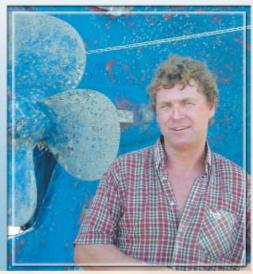
SSCA Member wins a free Peake Yacht Services Out Haul; Congratula-tions to John and Sandy Delappa, s/v Caliente (right) on winning a free Peake Yacht Services outhaul, a drawing for those that attended the SSCA annual November 2004 meeting in Melbourne. Again this year, T&T will offer a prize drawing at the T&T booth at the

annual SSCA meeting in Florida. Susan Reese of Peake Yacht Services (left) looking on.



Classic Schooner *s/v Passaat* returning to T&T for the third time for routine maintenance and service at Caribbean Yacht Works in Chaguaramas. Originally named *Geertruida M.*, this

Dutch schooner was built for the Kaiser's coastguards in 1910, later used in coastal trade and now as a luxury charter vessel operating out of Martinique. Peter Captain Baker translates Passaat into English as "Tradewind".



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#### by Roger Webb, s/v Cover Shot

Anyone who has eaten at Joe's Pizza on a weekend night has had the opportunity to be exposed to the vibrant personality of Lisa Ali. Since I have a tendency to eat out a bit, I had become more and more acquainted with Lisa. She would always take the time to chat with me, no matter how busy she was.

I enjoy sharing *Cover Shot* with others so over lunch one day I offered a sail to Lisa and any friends that she would like to bring. Well, it took almost a year for her to put it together, but put it together she did and on a beautiful Sunday morning in July, we departed Coral Cove with 15 souls on board including Gail and Ken from *Sangreal*.

When Trinis "lime" they do it with vigour. Lisa and her friends brought copious amounts of food and beverage for everyone to share. You will

definitely not lack when you go lime with Trinidad friends. Definition: To lime...-to socialize with friends. The term came from the British ships that visited the area; the sailors would sit on deck, sucking limes and talking.

A short sail, made long by little wind took us into Grand Fond Bay on Monos, where we anchored on the south side. Anchor down and instantly the water explodes with all the young people going over the sides of *Cover Shot*.

It was a special day for me experiencing the closeness, the companionship, and the overall relaxed atmosphere. It is apparent why people who live here have long relaxed lives. With an attitude of "we like to party", we can throw away the stress and focus on what seems to me to be the essence of humanity; family and friends.

So invite a Trini for a lime, and watch your troubles and frustration drift away, like so much rubbish floating away on the tides.





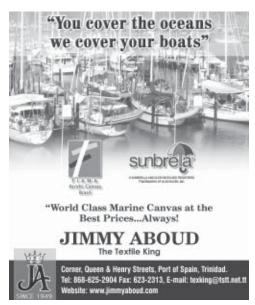


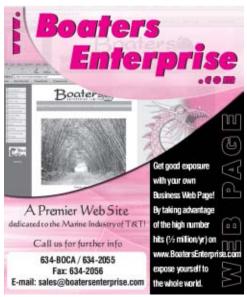




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# LETTERS TO THE

#### FROZEN SOLID AS A ROCK

Dear Editor,

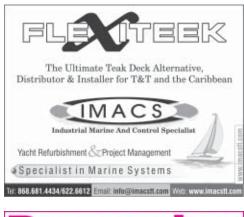
We are in the Exumas (Bahamas) and our Dear Boca, Stone Cold™ fridge system is working great and better than we ever expected! We have been using this "Made in Trinidad by Nau-T-Kol" system for four months and we are very pleased. It has been reliable and efficient as any home system. The stuff in the freezer is still frozen as solid as a rock. It has worked flawlessly and has required absolutely no maintenance or concern.

The Stone Cold design is similar to other marine fridge systems but with significant design and operational improvements. The big up-side is that the system requires no thru-hull or keel cooler and only uses air and fresh water cooling. When running two compressors, the current draw is ten amperes and there is no compressor noise; the units are completely silent.

I urge anyone with refrigeration issues to check it out.

Paul Robishore, s/v Yellow Rose







# IT HAPPENED AGAIN!

I read about it in The Boca (Beware of Credit Card Fraud, The Boca, Sept 2005) and couldn't believe it would happen to me but there it was in the MasterCard statement. I don't know how anyone made a duplicate of my card, but it was supposedly used expertly by a thief that took more than one stop at a Cocorite gas station as well as getting a high degree of pleasure at a popular nightclub on Cipriani Blvd on my money.

Yes, the credit card companies are ready to compensate the credit card owners to some limit, but there is no relief from the stress, phone calls, the cancellations, police reports, expenses and time related to straighten it all out. It becomes very obvious to me that the businesses that accept these credit cards are not doing their job checking the signatures and identification. Perhaps we credit card holders should boycott those businesses that encourages this type of fraud by not properly validating the customer's photo identification. We are the ones that get stuck; the business has no concerns since they have been paid and of course the thief enjoys all the free rum and coke!

I recommend:

- 1. Be extremely cautious.
- 2. Keep your Credit Card in sight at all times and watch the mechanics of the card swipe.
- 3. Make sure the clerk validates your signature and that he asks for photo identification. If the transaction is questionable, talk to the business manager and advise him that you will not being referring his business to anyone with his shoddy credit card procedures.

I feel we can make a difference. Signed: Not to be bilked again

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# Find a Monkey on a Bike Ride



#### by Dick Nelson, s/v Remedy

Biking in Trinidad is not just to get between Hi-Lo and the chandleries any more. You don't need a great bike. Bob AKA Good Time Charley did this ride with us many times on his clown bike. When we first arrived in Trinidad several years ago, friends told us that you could see monkeys at the Bamboo Cathedral. That was a good enough reason for a bike ride, our introduction to the Tucker valley.

Leaving Chaguaramas head to Port of Spain, just before you get to TTSA there is a "Y" in the road where you can detour going by the fire training station and miss a little traffic. For first timers, I recommend a stop at CDA, which is on the left just past the fire training station, where they will give you an overview of the trails available in Chaguaramas, you can even arrange to be part of a guided hike.

Back down to the main road and just past the Kentucky Fried Chicken, you will turn left when you see a sign pointing to the golf course; this is where the ride through Tucker Valley begins. You will want to take your time. We have done this ride many times and it is not unusual to see a bird you have not seen before sitting on a power line. This part of the ride is not unlike sailing with the wind on the nose. In a couple of miles you will see another sign pointing to the golf course turn off; the golf course is an important detour. Keep an eye out on the left there are some large mango trees and if the mangos are ripe and you do not have a camera you might see howler monkeys feeding on the mangos. Even if you do not see monkeys, the road is shaded and the wind is not on the nose. Notice the sign on your left for the hike to Edith Falls; this is one of many side trips the nice people at CDA will have told you about.

At the end of this road is the Chaguaramas Golf Course Club house, a great cooling down place where you will be welcome to have a local lunch, water and or a VERY cold Stag. The club house has a great view of Edith Falls.

When you leave the club house, return by the same road taking your first left which will take you back to the main road. But as you go down this road, - continued on page 8



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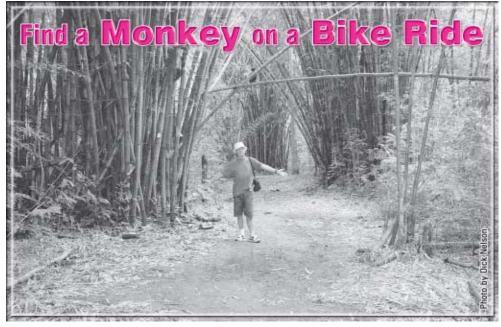
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go very quietly and slowly; this is a very productive road for Monkey and Bird watching. Look ahead as you may see a Hawk bathing in a puddle in the road, but do not forget to look up as you may see a woodpecker, parrot or a monkey.

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At the end of the cut-off, turn left and watch out for the cow in the road. While watching out for traffic, check-out the bamboo and trees as we have seen monkeys there. You are not far from the Bamboo Cathedral now, a few turns in the road and another sign follow it to the Bamboo Cathedral. You will need to go around a car block. On this road you will probably hear the howler monkeys, and if you are lucky see a few Capuchin monkeys shaking the branches. Not far down this road is the Bamboo Cathedral. The Bamboo Cathedral you will need to go see and hear for your self as my description would not do it justice. After the Bamboo Cathedral there is a steep climb and great views, it may be best to wait for the next trip for that climb.

On the way back you will pass by a park where



one afternoon we stopped with our friends from *Duet*. Cecil of *Duet* wants to teach us, his American friends to play Cricket; no sooner than we had the stakes in the ground, a few Trinis joined us. After I had a grand time embarrassing myself, and the light began to fade our new Trini friends poured us rum and we looked up in the trees to find we had an audience of monkeys. For our new Trini friends born and raised in Trinidad this was there first time to see monkeys in the wild.

If you do not have a bike or your bike needs a little TLC do not let that stop you. Maxwell in Tardieu does bike repair and sometimes has bikes for rent. Maxwell reminds us that although the Tucker Valley looks like a park and there are speed humps, it is also the road going to the beach so ride with traffic, safety first. It is also best to ride in groups as it can be a bit isolated out there.

Next time someone says lets go get a beer, grab a bike and ride to Tucker Valley. If you are like Jo and me and if you do the Tucker valley ride once you will keep doing it, each time exploring new side roads.



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Welcome to Trinidad! The Yacht Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago (YSATT) is the non-profit, umbrella organization for the yacht services industry in Trinidad & Tobago. The membership comprises businesses or persons who have an active interest in the yachting industry, e.g. boatyards, suppliers, contractors, etc. Our website lists our members and their services (www.ysatt.org). We provide membership listings, referrals, tourist information, and island maps, help with complaints or any other assistance we can offer. Some information for you:

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- YSATT will be holding its semi-annual blood drive on November 17th from 8am to 4pm at the CrewsInn Village Square. All willing and able to donate blood are asked to pre-register at the YSATT office.
- YSATT's annual Christmas Cookout will take place on the first Saturday in December from 5pm. Exact date and place to be confirmed.

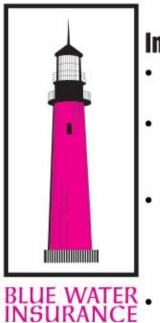




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# Hiking Trails around Chaguaramas



#### Part 1: POINT GOURDE & MOURNE CATHERINE

by Steve Siguaw, s/v Aspen

Sailing our way down the island chain we had heard many stories of Chaguaramas. It was a great place to rest, repair and re-fit a boat, hide from the monster hurricanes further north and most of all to enjoy the company of fellow cruisers. Yachties are a restless bunch; we come and go with the changing winds and seasons therefore exploration becomes second nature to us. Arriving in Chaguaramas we surprisingly found ourselves in the midst of a fantastic array of historical and natural areas to explore on foot or bicycle.

Chaguaramas lies in the middle of a National Park. In the early days of New World exploration this natural harbour was a hiding place for Spanish and British ships in days gone by. Eventually the United States leased the entire area for a Caribbean military base during World War II. The existing population was relocated to Carenage and many roads and buildings were constructed. The ruins from this construction can still be found in and around Chaguaramas, along with nature trails that traverse this area now protected by the Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA).

The trails described below are open to hikers, runners and cyclists (mountain bikes). Weekends bring more adventure seekers to the trails while during the week you will have almost complete solitude. These hikes are best done in the cool of the morning. It is well advised to bring water, insect repellent and sunscreen. Take only pictures, treasure the memories and leave only footprints.

Directions to the trails will begin where the Western Main Road intersects the turnoff to CrewsInn in Chaguaramas. These first three trails all begin within 1 mile of the CrewsInn road.

**Trail 1 – Point Gourde:** Easy Trail; from trailhead, the hike is 1.5 miles one way.

Proceed east on the Western Main Road 0.25 miles from the CrewsInn road and turn right at the first intersection. Across from the Anchorage/Tsunami nightclub at Hart's Cut is the deteriorating road and trail that is behind the barrier. Take this road/trail upward and away from the nightclub. The jungle

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **DIVALI**

Divali is the Hindu Festival of Lights. It is observed on the new moon day of the month of Kaartik in the Hindu calendar. Divali was proclaimed an annual public holiday in 1966 and is celebrated in Trinidad by Hindus all over the country with pageants and the lighting of deyas. Deyas are a small clay pot that contains oil and a cotton wick, and this symbolizes the lifting of spiritual darkness. The origins of Divali are based on both the harvesting festivals and legends of India. The illumination and accompanying festivities are a celebration of Wealth and Prosperity – in India the harvesting of crops was a time to rejoice since it meant prosperity for all, as a result the goddess Lakshmi, the symbol of wealth and prosperity is worshipped at Divali. Also The New Year - the end of one harvest and the beginning of another heralds the beginning of the Hindu New year. And lastly the triumph of Good over Evil - This is based on legendary Indian epics; the triumphant return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after his self-imposed exile of 14 years. The people of Ayodya welcomed Rama by illuminating the capital, he is said to have reigned for a long time after and the people were happy and contented. The thrusting of the demon King Bali into hell after he had extended his kingdom over earth; and also the destruction of the demon King Narakassura by Lord Krishna. Narakassura's mother, Mother Earth requested the occasion be celebrated as one of jubilation. Lord Krishna acceded to her wishes and since that time, the celebration has been with the Lights of Divali. And so the tradition of celebrating Divali has continued here in Trinidad, with Hindus fasting and attending prayers at the temples and on Divali day the lighting of deyas in courtyards, homes and parks, as well as the sharing of traditional Indian food and sweets. Jesse James of 'Members Only' Maxi Taxi Service offers an insightful trip into this unique celebration. Every year he takes visiting cruisers to the village of Felicity in Chaguanas to a Hindu Temple where the pundit will have a short programme on what Divali is about. Cruisers are then treated to a traditional, vegetarian Divali meal, and then they can walk through the village at their leisure and view the lights and even assist in the lighting up of the deyas. Divali will be celebrated around the 1st November 2005.

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#### **OCTOBER**

01 Sat Dinghy & SR Max Race, 2pm, TTSA
01-02 Orchid Show; 9am to 6pm; \$25. Ambassador Hotel
21 Fri 9th Annual TTSA General Meeting, 8pm, TTSA
22 Sat Dinghy & SR Max Race, 2pm, TTSA

## future events

02 Nov Divali, (Tentative)

09-12 Nov Carriacou Sailing Series, Carriacou

Sat Nov-Dec Silver Stars Parang & Steel, 12 Nov to 17 Dec, Saturdays

Woodbrook

17 Nov YSATT Blood Drive, 8am to 4pm, CrewsInn, Village Square

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Sun Dinner and Pan; Sails Restr & Pub, Power Boats

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Sun Church Service, Faith, Hope & Love; 8am, 10am, 5 pm, Movie Towne

Holy Mass; "Star of the Sea" Chapel; 5:30pm, Gasparee Island

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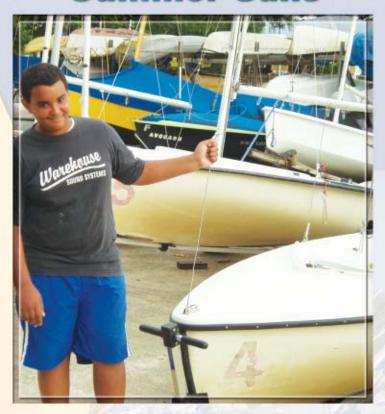
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Date	Schedule of August Events	Venue
Sat	Central Market Shopping; 6:30am	POS
Tue	Malabar Meats 9:00am (Free)	St. James
Tue	MovieTowne (Evenings)	POS
Wed	Price Smart 9:30am	POS
Fri	Hi-lo West Mall 9am	West Mall

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# **Summer Sails**



#### by Jeremy Carvalho

During my July/August holiday from school, I attended Sailing Camp at the Trinidad & Tobago Sailing School - a camp I very much wanted to go to. It was a stepping-stone to my career. It has always been my ambition to become a marine pilot.

I met a lot of kids my age, from different walks of life, who became my friends. On the first day, we were split up into groups and fortunately for me, I was paired off with my cousin. We were taught a variety of sailing skills, from tying knots to steering and rigging the boats.

Sailing Camp shocked me at first. Having never sailed before, I thought sailing was a very simple thing to do. I was proven wrong. I learned daily everything that goes into sailing a boat. Before we even entered the water, we were taught "theory". This is where we learned about the boats themselves from the different parts of a sail and to what to do if you experience trouble on the sea. Safety on the sea was emphasized daily.

Eventually we started sailing. My first day of sailing was one of the most exciting things I've ever done. Even though we sailed everyday, my first day of sailing was my best. By day three, my partner and I were able to rig and launch the boat by ourselves.

Camp was two weeks long and I really didn't want it to end. I made new friends and had a wonderful time but most importantly it cemented my career goal. On the last day of camp, the prize giving ceremony was held and I was named Best Sailor in my group.

I've now completed Grade One in the 420 Sailboats and I am looking forward to starting classes at the Trinidad & Tobago Sailing School in September, to hopefully complete all the grades.

Jeremy Carvalho is twelve years old and the son of Gina Carvalho, secretary in the YSATT office at CrewsInn Hotel and Yachting Centre. Editor





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# **Hiking Trails** around Chaguaramas

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becomes complete with the sounds of birds and howler monkeys in the background. After 0.5 miles of easy climbing you will come to a fork in the road/trail.

The right fork leads further upward for approximately 1.0 miles to the communications tower at the end of the trail. Along the way you will see glimpses of military buildings overgrown and neglected in the jungle. Climbing higher there are views of the Gulf Paria and the Five Islands.

The left fork of the trail will descend to the water's edge after about 1.0 miles. Here you will find the ruins of a military dock and buildings along with several derelict ships that have been grounded at the water's edge. You can look across the bay to TTSA and Port of Spain beyond.

#### Trail 2 - Morne Catherine Trails

To access the Morne Catherine Trails, proceed east 0.5 miles on the Western Main Road from the CrewsInn road and bear left onto Airways Road when the main road curves right. Pass the Fire Service Training Centre (on the left side of the road) and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left turn at the CDA Workshop building (a sign on the corner is labelled CRESTT Environmental Station). This will lead you to a gate (trailhead) after 0.1 miles.

Trail 2A - Morne Catherine Crestt: Easy Trail; the hike is 1.5 miles one

Follow the paved Caño Ventura Road for 1 mile. Abandoned military bunkers can be seen within the first mile off this road. They are all that remain from the military past of Chaguaramas. After 1 mile you will see a sign for a trail that meanders to the left. This is the Crestt Trail (0.5 miles long) that leads into the rainforest along a small stream. Look for the bamboo trees and abundant wildlife overhead. Howler monkeys further up the mountain can be heard in the distance.

Trail 2B - Morne Catherine Summit: Easy-Moderate Trail; the hike is 5 miles one way.

Follow the paved Caño Ventura Road for 5 miles to the top of Morne Catherine. The road climbs steadily through the jungle and past the old military bunkers further below. Rock outcrops from the oldest rocks on Trinidad can be seen further up along the road. The rocks are Jurassic, Cretaceous and Miocene in age and include graphite specimens, phyllite and limestone reef remnants. Howler monkeys prowl the trees above the road and the butterfly population is magnificent. Toucans, hummingbirds and many other varieties of birds can also be seen. Views of Port of Spain and southward along the coast appear as you climb higher. Further above the valley floor are vistas of the Tucker Valley to the east and the north coast of Trinidad. At the top of the mountain take the right fork to the communications dome. The elevation at the summit is 1,768 feet. This is the highest point in Chaguaramas National Park.

Look forward to more Hiking Trails in the next editions of The Boca for you to explore to see unusual birds, a variety of monkeys, beautiful scenery, maybe even an ocelot and the same time get real good workout at the same time. Chaguaramas has offers so much to highten the enjoyment your visit to Trinidad and Tobago.. Editor

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