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**GRENADA ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE THIS WEEKEND!**

*Something for everyone - don't miss the sailing event and two days of beach activities*

Grenada, West Indies (9 March 2009) – The Grenada Round-the-Island Race is finally here!

Sailors are invited to compete in the one day sailing event which launches at St. George's Harbor at 8 a.m. on March 14. Registration, a skipper's briefing and a cocktail party will be held on Friday evening, March 13 at Port Louis. Free dockage at Port Louis on Friday and Saturday evening is provided for any boat entering the race as well as a plentiful breakfast served at 6:30 a.m. the morning of the race sponsored by Real Value Supermarket.

While sailboats are making their way around the island on Saturday, the beach party kicks off with the Budget Marine Youth Sailing Exhibition at 11 a.m. on Grand Anse Beach in front of Garfield's Beach Bar. Local children will participate in sailing activities and earn prizes.

Then, at 1 p.m. free kid's games will start on the beach. Children will have a blast playing tug-of-war, throwing water balloons and competing in relay races. Face painting will also be provided. All children are welcome to participate.

Saturday's family fun will be followed by a full line up of events on Sunday that showcase Grenada's unique culture. The day will include live music from some favorite local bands, delicious food from Gouyave, Victoria and the best island restaurants as well as a Bathtub Derby showcasing local craftsmanship.

The thrilling and hilarious antics of the Bathtub Derby will begin at 1 p.m. at Grand Anse Beach. Crafty participants can float their own version of a boat and compete for cash prizes!

Delicious food will be sold at A Taste of Grenada from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For the first time ever, vendors from the popular Fish Friday in Gouyave and the Victoria Food Festival will be on Grand Anse Beach serving their local favorites right in the sand. They will be joined by premier restaurants including Verandah, Aquarium, Carib Sushi, La Boulangerie, Bananas Nightclub & Restaurant and Glover's.

Free live music from the Tivoli Drummers, Steel Band and Baracuda Band will play during the day. The weekend will wrap up with a prize-giving ceremony for all the sailors.



Locals, tourists, young and old are invited to participate in the weekend beach activities. To register for the Grenada Round-the-Island Race and the Bathtub Derby or to learn more about the weekend, call 444-4662 or visit [www.aroundgrenada.com](http://www.aroundgrenada.com)

**2009 Schedule of Events**

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March (Port Louis):**

4:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Skipper's briefing
7:00 pm	Cocktail party
10 pm-2 am	Get Nauti IV – race fundraiser at Bananas

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March (Grand Anse Beach):**

6:30 am	Breakfast for racing crews at Port Louis
8:00 am	Round-the-Island Race
11:00 am	Budget Marine Youth Sailing Exhibition
1:00 pm	Kid's beach games and activities
4:00 pm	Prize giving for youth sailors

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Grand Anse Beach):**

11:30 am-7:30 pm	A Taste of Grenada
12:00 pm	Bathtub Derby registration
1:00 pm	Bathtub Derby
4:00 pm	Prize giving ceremony for the Round-the-Island Race and Bathtub Derby
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Entertainment

The Grenada Round-the-Island Race is grateful to all of our sponsors: Carib, Spronk's Limited, Bananas Restaurant, Spronk's Mega Yacht Services, Real Value Supermarket, Grenada Board of Tourism, Bryden & Minors, Budget Marine, Garfield's Beach Bar, Camper and Nicholson's Port Louis Marina, Horizon Yacht Charters, Flow, Shabbazz Jewellery, De La Grenade, Waggy-T, Wave Crest Holiday Apartments, ScubaTech, Grenada Info and Activities, Island Water World, Grenada Marine, Glenelg, The Canvas Shop Grenada, Grenada Yacht Club and True Blue Bay Resort.

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