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At nine the next morning, he walked his craft out into the breakers, timed it right, and boarded his kayak for the final and more relaxing portion of the challenge. Once around the corner to sheltered waters it was easy going to Dragon's Bay where he stopped briefly for some refreshments and photo ops.



He pulled ashore in St. George's Lagoon at about 3:00PM, completing another legendary circumnavigation.

Cruisers' (and Racers'!) Site-ings

- Study up! The new 2013-2016 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing are now available at www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ISAFRRS20132016Final-%5B13376%5D.pdf.
- Looking for a last-minute holiday gift that keeps on giving with a Caribbean twist? See www.handsacrosstheocean.net/HolidayGiving.htm.

The Seven Seas Cruising Association

If you're new to cruising you might not yet be familiar with the Seven Seas Cruising Association — but you should be. With nearly 10,000 members worldwide, the SSCA is the world's largest non-profit organization of voyaging cruisers. Every member is a "commodore" and receives the monthly *Commodores' Bulletin*. This 48-page handy publication is packed with information, advice and inspiration from members who are actually out there cruising the world. This means that members get the most up-to-date information on anchorages, Customs and Immigration, costs and "what to do and where to go." In addition to being in print, the *Bulletins* are online at www.scca.org.

The SSCA sponsors "gams" (gatherings of sailors) throughout the world. Members and their guests join old friends and meet new ones, attend educational seminars, roundtable discussions and hands-on demos, share experiences and enjoy each other's company. Jimmy Cornell will speak at the 37th Annual Seven Seas Cruising Association Gam at Melbourne, Florida, from December 7th through 9th.



Trinidad annually hosts the first SSCA gam of the year — on New Year's Day! For more information, go to www.scca.org.

Sailors' & Landlubbers' Auction, Bequia

The Bequia Sunshine School is a non-profit organization for children with special needs. The annual Sailors' & Landlubbers' Auction has become a significant source of income for the school and a huge source of fun for all who attend. The 2013 auction will be held at the Gingerbread Restaurant on the waterfront in Belmont, Bequia on February 17th. Viewing starts at noon and the auction at 1:00PM sharp. Donated food and drink will be on sale, with all proceeds going directly to the school.

Lend your support by donating items for the auction such as boat gear, art and handicrafts, unwanted gifts, household goods, jewelry and other new or gently used items. Donations can be dropped off at the school during regular school hours, or at Wallace & Co, Chandlery and Fishing Supplies. Attend the auction and bid for that rare gem that you just can't resist!

For more information visit www.bequiasunshineschool.org.

Welcome Aboard!

In this issue of *Compass* we welcome new advertisers Basic Blue of St. Lucia, on page 7; Sailing Services, Caribbean wide, on page 11; L'Île Marine of St. Martin, on page 17; JJ's Paradise of St. Lucia, on page 35; Voodoo Child Charters of Bequia, on page 30; and Bonne Baguette, Marine House, Radiator & Hose Works, Stephanie's Hotel and Tapas by the Bay, all of St. Lucia and all in the Market Place section, pages 42 through 45.

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