



Bermuda Pilot Gig Club

Invitational Regatta
October 21-30, 2016

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The Bermuda Pilot Gig Club invites your club to participate in the first Bermuda invitational regatta on:

October 21 to October 30, 2016!

Our Club

We have an energetic club of more than 80 members as of the beginning of 2016. Bermuda purchased three pilot gigs from St Austell, Cornwall in June 2015. Another three boats arrive in March 2016 to complete a set of six across the island. We have held several local regatta and three teams are also competing for the first time in the 2016 World Championships in England.

The Races - What to expect

Our Plastic (fibre glass) boats are run out of three locations on the island, East End Mini Yacht Club in St. Georges, the Spanish Point Boat Club in the centre of the island and Sandys Boat Club in the West End.

It is our intention to hold three regattas, starting on Sunday 23rd October in the West End, a mid-week regatta at

Spanish Point and our final regatta in St Georges on Saturday 29th. Exact times will be provided at a later date, and we will organize transport to and from each location. Each regatta will, of course be followed by a social event.

Participation

We anticipate that 6 visiting teams will participate, along with local teams representing the three locations. With 6 boats, we will most likely run heats on each race day.

From initial discussions, we believe it is likely that visiting crews include a substantial number of vets (ages 40+) and supervets (ages 50+) and it is our intention to hold races that are simply men's, ladies and mixed, in the expectation that teams will not turn up with only their A-crews with rowers less than 30 years of age.

We will also organize what we are calling a Privateers crew race, which will be crews made up of an equal number of local and visiting rowers. Once established, these crews will row together for the week.



Boats will be made available for training and recreation for which local coxes/guides will be provided.

There will be trophies for the best scoring crew in each of the four categories, aggregating results for the week. We will separately recognize the top local and visiting crews.

The course formats are yet to be decided but we would hope to have a mix of sprints and longer distance rows.

Whilst we fully expect participants to take the races seriously, we will do everything we can to ensure that this is truly a fun week of rowing.



Bermuda



Bermuda is a British island territory in the North Atlantic, off the eastern U.S., known for its distinctive blend of British and American culture and pink-sand beaches such as Elbow Beach and Horseshoe Bay. Bermuda is a 21 square mile (56 kilometers) land area cluster of mostly-interconnected small islands. One of the nine smallest places in the world, it is located about 600 miles due east of the nearest mainland.

Many people mistakenly believe Bermuda is part of the Caribbean. Bermuda is actually hundreds of miles north of the Bahamas in an astonishingly beautiful stretch of the Atlantic. The unique location of Bermuda in the Atlantic Ocean guarantees a pleasant climate without being too hot or too cold. Bermuda is made up of 181 islands, islets and rocks. Most of these are uninhabited, but eight of the larger ones are linked by bridges and one causeway. Before the causeway and bridges, the only way to get from one island to another was by boat; the pilot gig.

St. George's

The Bermuda Pilot Gig Club operates out of the East End Mini Yacht Club, Convict Bay, St Georges. St Georges is quaint and charming and is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. The roadways are narrow transporting you back to the 17th century. Many of the streets are named after British monarchs such as Queen Street and Duke of York.

Getting here

There are direct flights to Bermuda from the UK as well as from New York and Boston.

Accommodation

Bookings must be made by June 30 in order to qualify for these rates.

Aunt Nea's Inn



www.justaddbermuda.com

Small hotel in the heart of St George's old town.

Bedrooms with private bathroom based on double occupancy with a nightly rate of \$148.75 (\$74.00 per person per night)

Block House



www.justaddbermuda.com

Block House, also located in St George's, is off the main historic square. There are a total of 9 bedrooms on a shared basis. All of the rooms share bathrooms.

Cost of room per night (shared) is \$119.00 per night.

For reservations to Aunt Nea's and the Block House properties please e-mail:

reservations@justaddbermuda.com

Please be sure to mention the Invitational Rowing Regatta as they have given us preferred rates.

St. Georges Club



www.stgeorgesclub.com

The St Georges Club, located on Rose Hill in St George's, is a Bermudian owned and operated cottage colony hotel with a total of seventy one (71) one and two bedrooomed units giving you all the benefits of a self-catering villa. The St. George's Club is set in nearly twelve acres of landscaped gardens with three (3) pools, one heated in the cooler months, two (2) newly resurfaced and floodlit tennis courts, a bocce and croquet area, a small gym and all the amenities of home. The St Georges Club staff will make sure you experience Bermudian hospitality at its best.

- One bedroom (King bed) cottage – ability to sleep four with two on a pull out queen sofa in living area.

Nightly rate \$110.00 plus 12.75% Tax = \$140.03 plus gratuities of \$10.70 per person = \$182.83 X 9 nights = Total cost \$1645.47 (The cost per person (4 people) is \$45.70 per night.)

- Two bedroom (Master King upstairs and Twin bed downstairs) Cottage ability to sleep 6 with two on the Queen Sofa pullout bed in living area. Nightly rate = \$160.00 plus 12.75% Tax = \$180.40 plus Housekeeping gratuities of \$10.70 per person = \$244.60 x 9 nights = \$2201.41

The cost per person (6 people) is \$40.76 per night. Please make your booking directly with the hotel.

Reservations@stgeorgesclub.com

Please reference REGATTA when you make your booking. St Georges Club has given us a very competitive rate and if you do not mention REGATTA you will be charged the normal rate.