



MIASL NEWS

Launch date	17 th April 2004
1st Annual General Meeting	11 th June 2005
Board of Directors	Keats Compton – President Eleanor (Hopie) Rae – Vice President Rhory McNamara – Secretary Bernard Johnson – Treasurer Lynne Glasscoe Ian Cowan Sean Devaux

SEARCH & RESCUE

The Marine Police Unit of the Royal St. Lucia Police Force has invited MIASL to form a Coast Guard Auxiliary, whose (voluntary) role will be to assist the Unit with Search & Rescue, thus freeing the Unit to pursue its main functions of interdiction and border control. This effort is being assisted by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary as part of the wider Caribbean Search & Rescue (CSAR) assistance programme.

SAFETY & SECURITY

MIASL has established a Safety & Security sub-committee to assist the Port Authority in the organization of the Authority's efforts at policing marinas and adjacent coastal

waterways. Customs, Ports, Marine & Regular Police are represented on the committee. Utilization of seized assets in this cause by the Authority is a primary goal.

LEGAL & REGULATORY

The Legal & Regulatory sub-committee has identified a number of ambiguous legislative instruments which require clarification by various Government Ministries and departments, particularly Customs. Importantly, the office of the Attorney General has welcomed this initiative, and has committed to working with the MIASL to prioritise an action plan. MIASL expects this collaboration to eventually produce a comprehensive Yachting Act and a St. Lucia Registry.

MARKETING

The St. Lucia Hotel & Tourism Association (SLHTA) has invited MIASL to represent the Yachting sector on its membership council, and discussions are ongoing to secure a desk at the SLHTA offices.

An EU funded Strategic Plan for the Yachting Sector was recently presented to the Ministry of Tourism. The Plan envisages a central role for the MIASL.

MIASL is working with the Ministry of Tourism to provide training and accreditation for 'boat boys' to improve the service offered by the 'boys'.

New marina based developments Discovery at Marigot Bay, The Landings, Port St. Lucie and Paradis have all joined MIASL.

MIASL was a co-founder of the CARIBBEAN MARINE ASSOCIATION ([CMA](#)) a regional marine trades association whose formation was funded by *PROINVEST*, an EU funding agency. The Antigua Marine Trades Association (AMTA), the Marine and Yachting Association of Grenada (MAYAG), and the Yacht Services Association of Trinidad & Tobago (YSATT) were the other partners in the successful application for the PROINVEST funding (47000 euros).

The Centre for Development Enterprise (CDE) another EU agency, funded the attendance of the MIASL at the Grand Pavois boat show at La Rochelle, France. MIASL was part of an OECS (Organization of Eastern Caribbean States) delegation to the show. The OECS was the guest of honour at the 2005 show.