



Bahamas Olympic Committee



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Olympic Day Fun Run/Walk

The BOC and title sponsor the Mail Boat Company are set to host the annual Olympic Day Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, June 18 starting at 6 am.

This year's event takes on special significance in the lead up to London 2012, as it represents the 25th year of its existence. The event provides an opportunity for Bahamians to celebrate Olympic ideals, and to show support for the athletes who will represent their country at London 2012. The event is one of the BOC's major event for the year.

The event is open to runners or walkers of all ages and abilities. It is split into two categories: competitive and fun, and also divided into age categories. Olympic Day participants will receive a t-shirt and also will be eligible to win prizes including MailBoat gift certificates, Bahamasair tickets, Club One memberships, Spa certificates and more!



OLYMPIC DAY



For more information or to register, please contact:

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IOC Scholarship Athletes: London 2012

Trevor Barry Rudon Bastian Vereance Burrows



Bianca Stuart Alana Dillette Valentino Knowles



Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace



The London 2012 scholarship program for athlete preparation for is valued at approximately \$120,000.

Welcome Back Al Dillette

The BOC is pleased to have Office Manager Al Dillette back in the office! His contribution to sports is immeasurable.



Bahamas Olympic Committee Awarded Capacity Support Officer



The BOC wishes to extend thanks to Commonwealth Games Canada, the Commonwealth Games Federation, and Olympic Solidarity for providing the services of a 'Capacity Support Officer' for the coming year. Over the next

twelve months, Canadian Colin Whitmee will be working out of the BOC office on a number of initiatives identified by the BOC in conjunction with the organizations listed above.

The Capacity Support Program is jointly funded by the Commonwealth Games Federation, Olympic Solidarity and Commonwealth Games Canada. The program's goal is to augment the sport management capabilities of National Olympic and Commonwealth Games organizations throughout the Commonwealth. This is part of Commonwealth Games Canada's mandate of encouraging

international development through sport. The program sends young Canadians with sport administration backgrounds to Commonwealth countries around the world.

Whitmee completed his graduate studies in Sport Business Management in Ottawa, where he worked with a variety of Canadian amateur and professional sport organizations. In the Bahamas, Whitmee will be assisting with the BOC's athlete database, relations with National Sport Federations, as well as some day-to-day office administration.



Upcoming Games

Isle of Man 2011

The Bahamas will be sending a contingent of young athletes to Isle of Man to compete in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games from September 7th to the 13th. The Bahamas contingent will be lead by Chef de Mission and BOC Vice President, David Morley.



David Morley, IOM 2011 Chef de Mission

The Commonwealth Youth Games were first held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000 as part of millennium celebrations, and have been held every four years since (this year's event was pushed forward to avoid clash with London 2012). The event provides an opportunity for young athletes (18 and under) to compete in international competition, gaining experience and exposure that will greatly benefit their careers.

The BOC wishes all of its athletes and officials the best of luck in their preparations for Isle of Man 2011!

Guadalajara 2011

The 2011 edition of the Pan American Games is set to take place from October 14 – 30th in Guadalajara, Mexico. The Bahamian team will be among approximately 6000 athletes, from 42 nations competing in 36 sports. Guadalajara is set to be the largest multi-sport event in the world this year.



Don Cornish, Guadalajara 2011 Chef de Mission

The Pan Am Games takes place every four years, in the summer before the Olympic Games. The last Pan Am Games was at Rio de Janeiro in 2007, where Bahamian athletes brought home a total of seven medals.

In 2011, team Bahamas will be lead by Chef de Mission Don Cornish. It is expected that the top Bahamian athletes will compete this October in preparations for next summer's London Olympic Games.

The BOC looks forward to great success among its athletes at this elite level of competition.

New Sports Director Tim Munnings



The BOC wishes to extend congratulations to Tim Munnings on his appointment as the new Director of Sports in the Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture.

Munnings, who has been in the position since November, is a former 4X400m Olympic Athlete for the Bahamas. Munnings also serves as Secretary General of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations.

The BOC is pleased to see its elite athletes continue to contribute to the development of sport beyond their competition careers. The experience of high performance athletes is highly invaluable to the administration side of Bahamian sport. Congratulations to Mr. Munnings!

Adidas Official Provider

The BOC is pleased to announce their continued partnership with Adidas. Adidas will serve as the official uniform provider to the Bahamas for the upcoming Commonwealth Youth Games, Pan Am Games, and 2012 Olympic Games in London.



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BOC Adopting Games Management System 'Zeus'

In an effort to enhance organizational efficiency and to take advantage of the latest technology in games management, the BOC has begun to implement the use of 'Zeus.'

Zeus is an online Games management system currently being used by National Olympic/Commonwealth Games organizations around the world. The system was designed by the Commonwealth Games Federation with input from National Olympic and Commonwealth Games Associations. The result is a streamlined, web-based platform that will allow the BOC and its member Federations to

store all of their important data in one place.

Prior to the creation of Zeus, games planning and administration had been highly complex, with much of the process still paper-based. Zeus centralizes a large range of information, including accreditation data, athlete outfitting, transportation and results. Zeus eliminates the need for duplicate work on the part of Bahamian Sport Federations as well as the BOC. Once an athlete's information has been entered into the system, it is stored online indefinitely. The data can then be accessed by multiple individuals, wherever internet

access exists.

The BOC was represented at a recent Zeus training session at the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee, featuring many of its fellow Caribbean Olympic/Commonwealth Games organizations. In preparations for the upcoming Commonwealth Youth, Pan Am and Olympic Games, the BOC will be working with its member Federations to fully implement the system.



Zeus Trainees at Trinidad & Tobago Olympic House



Athlete Profiles and Olympic Hopefuls

Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace

Age: 21

Sport: Swimming

Recent Accomplishments: Nassau native and Olympian, 21 year old Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace has emerged as one of the world's elite female swimmers. This past December, Vanderpool-Wallace became the first Bahamian to medal at the FINA World Short Course Championships, capturing bronze in the 50 free. She followed up this performance by winning both the 50m freestyle and the 100 free for the Auburn Tigers at the NCAA Division I Championships in March.



Valentino Knowles

Age: 22

Sport: Boxing

Recent Accomplishments: Valentino Knowles represented the Bahamas tremendously well in the 2010 season. At the 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games in Mayaguez, Knowles captured gold in the light welterweight division. He followed this up by winning bronze at the Commonwealth Games in Dehli.



Bianca Stuart

Age: 23

Sport: Athletics

Accomplishments: Won the long jump at the Central American and Caribbean Games. Three-time long jump champion at Queens College...Participated in the Carifta Games four years, where she competed in the long jump and 4x100m...Posted top-five finishes in the long jump as a junior and senior...Boasted a personal best of 6.05 in the long jump and a 12.15 mark in the 100m. Personal: Majors in Dental Hygiene...born May 17, 1988...Daughter of Shervin and Althea Stuart



Pan Am Development Assistance grants provided by the IOC/ PASO

The BOC through Olympic Solidarity and the Pan American Sports Organization led by Mr. Mario Vasquez Rana will be providing assistance grants to assist member Federations with training and games preparation in the lead up to Guadalajara 2011. The funding has been allocated to the following areas: Coaching, Gym Usage, Supplements, Massage/Therapy and Travel. The sports receiving grants include: Athletics, Swimming, Boxing, Cycling and Tennis.

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ICEP to be Offered

Information will soon be forthcoming to member Federations on the opportunity for coaches to participate in the international coaching enrichment certificate program.

The program provides coaches with intensive education that consists of lectures, projects, guest speakers, participant presentations, group work, field trips and project planning. It is funded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Participants in ICECP are all national-level coaches in their home countries. The 2010 class represents 11 sports from 21 nations and 5 continents. Bahamas native Quentin Hall of the Bahamas Basketball Federation is a 2010 Graduate of the program.

Stay tuned for more information.

For more, see: <http://www.udel.edu/ICECP/index.html>



Quentin Hall, 2010 ICEP Graduate

Sports Authority Bill

The BOC would like to encourage its member federations to familiarize themselves with the pending Sports Authority Bill.

It is anticipated that the Bill will have a tremendous impact on sport in the Bahamas as a whole. Any Federations who have feedback on the Bill should forward it to the BOC as soon as possible.



Support Team Bahamas to Collect the Hardware!

Condolences



The Olympic family expresses its condolences to the family of Dr. Willard Thompson. Dr. Thompson will be fondly remembered for the vast contributions he made to drug prevention in sport in the Bahamas.

Bahamas Olympic Committee

Founding members of the Bahamas Olympic Association were;

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