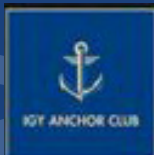


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A Tale of a Great Haul-Out at IGY Marina in Rodney Bay

Chatting with fellow cruisers recently, the discussion turned to Hauling Out... I said, "I'm glad that's behind us this year. We hauled out in Rodney Bay and had a great experience there."

Back in Maine, boaters haul out only at the end of the season, when they store their boats. As live-aboards, we generally hauled out every 18 months, and had a diver check the zincs at least twice. Hauling out is expensive, and if you live aboard, you'll either have to find a place to stay or adapt to living "on the hard". Generally I hate living "on the hard". You can't use the head or any sink drains. you have to carry any gear/ provisions up and down the ladder. The boat may not be faced into the wind so you get no breeze below, the list goes on. I resolved to be cheerful about this haul-out and in fact found it to be not only tolerable, but a good experience.



We had been referred to IGY at Rodney Bay by two gentlemen we met on a dock in Falmouth Harbor, Antigua. They were adamant that Rodney Bay was the best place south of Antigua to haul out and get work done. EW sent an email to Edwin Chavez, Assistant Manager at Rodney Bay, and Edwin answered his questions promptly – always a good sign. They had room for us, we could do as much of our own work as we wished, and they had an experienced crew who could fix the keel and rudder and perform any other repairs or improvements we needed. All we had to do was.

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Pictured right is Adam Foster general manager at IGY Rodney Bay Marina. He is celebrating his two years in post during which time he has overseen the introduction of three new restaurants in the marina. I wonder what next year will bring. I can't wait!



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Work Experience for Local Youth Pictured left are just two of the beneficiaries of the IGY work experience programme for 2011. Sheldon Joseph (left) and Todd De Freitas have both spent time working alongside skilled marina employees finding out what the world of work is really like.

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contact Edwin when we arrived in Rodney Bay.

On Wednesday, June 15th, we approached the lift and met Ricky, Dwayne, Jermaine, and Kendall. Ricky is the Yard Supervisor/haul out crew chief/guru; his team also includes Gerard who assisted with splashing La Luna, an excellent team. We had trouble backing against a contrary wind and current and I had trouble tossing a line correctly. They remained unruffled and friendly. Over the next 9 days, we were moved once, and lifted once so that the fiberglass experts could repair the keel. They always gave us a time for the move, and were always on time. Ricky, is an excellent yard supervisor and he knows a lot about boats. EW was impressed and I was relaxed with the professional expertise and friendly manner of the whole lift crew.

As for the hard, well they supplied a sturdy ladder that they tied to our stern ladder, so there were plenty of handholds for getting up and down. Edwin was available whenever we had a question, and the rest of the team – from security to billing – were excellent. The marina has heads and showers and the cleaning lady is frankly unbelievable, you couldn't ask for a cleaner facility. I was happy, but hauling out isn't about having clean showers to use, it's about getting work done and that went well, too.

IGY purchased Rodney Bay Boat Yard and Marina some 3 years ago. The yard workers have trailer offices around the perimeter of the property and are independent contractors. We

didn't understand this but the system works thusly:

- You can come ashore and see experts and contract them.
- You can meet with Edwin, the Manager, and go over your needs with him and he will assign the contractors.
- You can meet with someone at the Marina who will project manage your work, for no extra fee. Evidently he is paid by the boatyard or contractors.

We didn't really understand this system, and opted for option number 2 as the system we know.

We told Edwin that we wanted him to assign the crew. We had the boatyard do the following:

- Repair the keel and rudder from the bad grounding in the Bahamas
- Replace the cutlass bearing
- Clean, wax and polish the hull
- Polish the stainless steel
- Provide customs brokerage for parts we'd had shipped to St. Lucia

Steve started grinding the aft end of the keel as soon as they had moved La Luna to her spot on Thursday. Steve worked on the keel and on the cutlass bearing through the end of the week. Elvis finished the keel repair, essentially rebuilding the aft corner of the keel, and grinding and repairing the bottom of the keel and the rudder. Both are very skilled and fun to work with. Knowing that your boat is being repaired properly is wonderful; enjoying working with the crew is priceless.

Elvis worked part of the weekend, as did EW and I. EW and I also played a bit, attending Fish Friday with Carl and Carrie from S/V Sanctuary. This was the most social haul-out experience I've

had. We visited, were hosted by, or ate out with cruisers at least eight times over eleven days. We enjoyed getting to know Elvis and the crew and they were open to sharing advice about the boat as well as where to get the best Caribbean Chicken. Captain Mike's a small restaurant/bar right off the fuel dock was excellent and the prices were very good.

This was a no trauma haul-out – including when it came time to pay. I mentally added up the work we had done and was cringing. But we had all that work done, including the cost for the new cutlass bearing, for \$2100.00 US. Nice. We did have just a small trauma as we were going back into the water. My fault. I had rigged the dock lines and fenders, and handed them up to the lift crew as Ricky lowered La Luna back into the bay. The wind was pushing the bow toward the concrete pier, but I wasn't worried as I had given Dwayne the bow line. Well, I wasn't worried until Dwayne exclaimed, "It's not cleated!". I ran to the bow and cleated the line and Dwayne hauled with great effort!



In short. It was a great haul-out experience and we would definitely recommend IGY Marina and Boatyard at Rodney Bay, St. Lucia. And I'm really glad we don't have to worry again about this for another 12 to 18 months.