

# The St Helena Ambassador

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## Puppy Training at Plantation

**G**overnor Lisa Phillips, with the help of Paul Laban, held the first session of dog training for the owners of Dusty's puppies on Saturday, 11 February 2017, at Plantation House.

All twelve pups, which are three-quarter Labrador, were born on Wednesday 23 November 2016, and were reunited again on Saturday.

Governor Lisa Phillips explained the reason behind the training:

*"Dogs have to be trained to be good citizens. We have all met dogs who do what they want to do - wandering off, jumping up, unnecessary barking, pulling at the lead etc. It takes time and effort on behalf of owners to integrate them into the family and make sure they are well behaved. I believe this is a responsibility when you have a dog."*

*"When I was looking for homes for the puppies, I didn't want to bring badly behaved dogs to St Helena. Owners had to come to puppy training. Another criteria was that their garden had to be fenced, so they didn't have to be tethered, and that there had to be someone at home for part of the day so the puppy wasn't left alone."*

After the puppies had a chance to greet each other, they were put on leads where their owners got them to walk around. Paul taught the owners how to get their puppy to sit and go down on the ground.

These training sessions will be held at three-weekly intervals and owners are expected to practice what they have learnt.

Governor Lisa Phillips would like to thank Paul Laban for his support. She would also like to thank her mother and the staff at Plantation House for the care that was given to the puppies before they moved to their permanent homes.

Governor Lisa Phillips shared her feelings after seeing the pups reunited with their mother:

*"I loved it but I did wonder how we managed with all twelve puppies. It also reinforced to me the spirit of community on St Helena. I asked that owners make a donation to the SPCA rather than pay me for the puppies. They have been very generous and we have raised a lot for a great cause."*

*"I still have two puppies at home. These are waiting for their owners to be ready. I have only named one of the puppies myself. Her name is Janey. She is named after the only St Helenian Governor - Janish."*



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## World Arc Rally

World ARC is a mix of cruising in company and free time to explore. Starting from Saint Lucia and Australia, World ARC is the voyage of a lifetime.

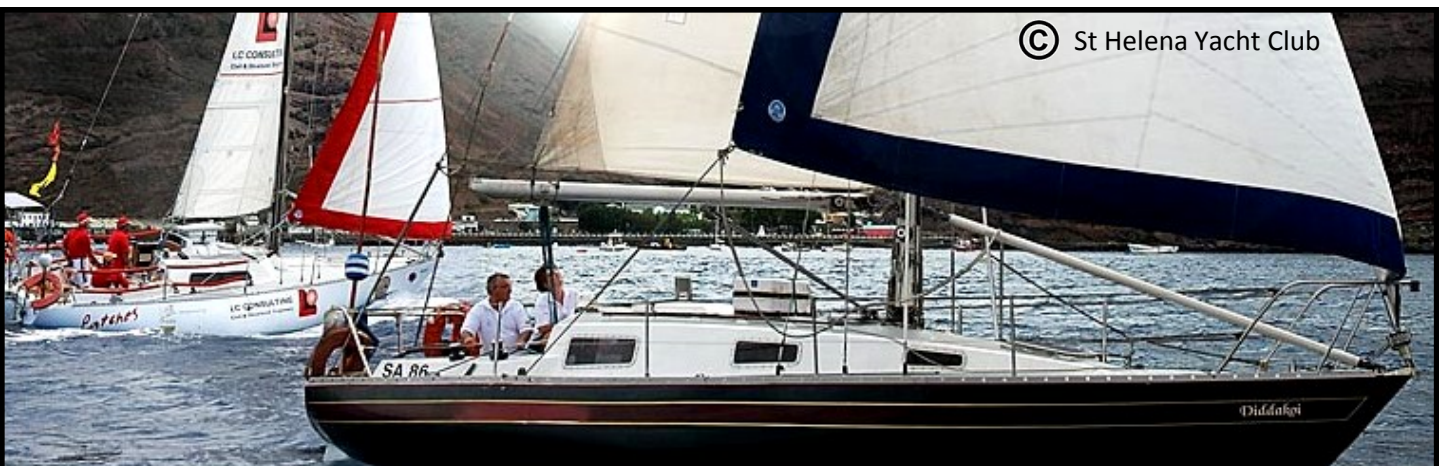
As part of their journey this year, World Arc participants again called at St Helena, with the first arriving yachts, out of 16 vessels - Resolute 2 and Mearra Nieida - arriving on Tuesday, 17 January 2017.

As is tradition, the Yacht Club accommodated all visitors by hosting various events over the week to welcome the competitors.

After leaving St Helena, the yachts continued their journey across the South Atlantic to Salvador de Bahia in Brazil, arriving in early February.

World Arc 2017/18 is the seventh edition of this rally, and the tenth 'round the world' rally, organised by the World Cruising Club.

World Arc is the world's leading sailing rally with nine distinct rallies taking place every year - ARC, World ARC, Caribbean 1500, ARC Europe, ARC Portugal, ARC USA, ARC Baltic, ARC Delmarva and the Malts Cruise.





**T**he Queen's Baton is once again coming to St Helena, and is expected to arrive on Saturday, 20 May 2017, just in time for the St Helena's Day celebrations.

On an ambitious journey to connect with a modern and diverse Commonwealth, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) will achieve two records - it will be the longest and the most accessible relay in Commonwealth history.

The Queen's Baton will provide thousands of people throughout the Commonwealth, including St Helena, with the opportunity to experience the spirit of friendship for which the Commonwealth Games are renowned.

The Relay will begin at Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth Day, 13 March 2017, when Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II will place her message to the Commonwealth into the GC2018 Baton.

From London, the Queen's Baton will travel sequentially through Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Oceania, spending between two and four days in each Commonwealth nation and territory.

Previous visits from the Commonwealth Queen's Baton on St Helena have seen a busy schedule of events organised by the National Amateur Sports Association (NASAS).

These events have included, visiting Island Schools, relaying the baton up the 699 steps of Jacobs Ladder and visiting various assembly points on the Island to encourage the community to take part in the international event by touching and viewing the Baton. Previous batons have also visited Longwood House, the Airport, Island care facilities, SHAPE, the Hospital and Jonathan the tortoise at Plantation House.

Events for this year's visit have not yet been finalised, but details will be released nearer the time of the Baton's arrival.





The first Jamestown Scout Group is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Application made by Canon Chase Walcott was approved by UK Headquarters on Friday, 6 January 1917, and the First Jamestown Scout Troop was fully recognised.

The First Jamestown Scout Group will commemorate this anniversary throughout the year with various activities. Activities started with their annual camp held from Sunday 1 January to Saturday, 7 January 2017. This event was concluded by bringing back the traditional march from China Lane to the Scout Hall.

Other events planned for the celebrations are, Founder's Day, to be held on Wednesday, 22 February 2017, where the Scouts will hold a thanksgiving ceremony at Canon Walcott's Grave at St Paul's cemetery, before moving on to a day of scouting activities in Rupert's.

All Scout veterans will be invited to a parade at St James' Church on St George's Day to be held on Sunday, 23 April 2017, followed by a Social at the Mule Yard. The Scouts will also be marking the 100th anniversary at their annual Scout's Sports Day, to be held on Sunday, 27 August 2017.

Additional events are also planned for June, October and December, but these still need to be finalised.

