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# GREEN WAKES: ZERO WASTE ANTIGUA



**L**iving on an island in the West Indies that boasts 365 beaches (“One for every day of the year!”), Martin Dudley has it pretty good. His family came to Antigua in the late 1960s, and for the most part he’s called this place home. But aside from the tropical waters and the warm trade winds, Martin’s seen the island change substantially over the last 50 years. From English colony to fledgling country, lush mangrove forests to five-star hotels, Martin’s witnessed a country that’s undergone political and environmental disruption.

For Martin, his journey from sailor to environmental watchdog started at an early age, when he grew up in Fitches Creek, an area on the north-east side of the island where he sailed a 10-foot Mirror dinghy after school. With a big red sail and a consistent onshore breeze, his mother never worried that Martin would get into any trouble. Later, Martin would join the Thursday night races organized by the famous local cruiser Jol Byerley, who passed away just last year.

After local races came years of sailing in Antigua Race Week, before realizing that saving the marine environment was a much more serious cause than racing boats.

But it wasn’t until 2008 that Martin took his connection with sailing

*Fed up with the amount of plastic litter on Antigua, longtime sailor and resident Martin Dudley (above), founded Zero Waste Antigua to encourage recycling on the island.*

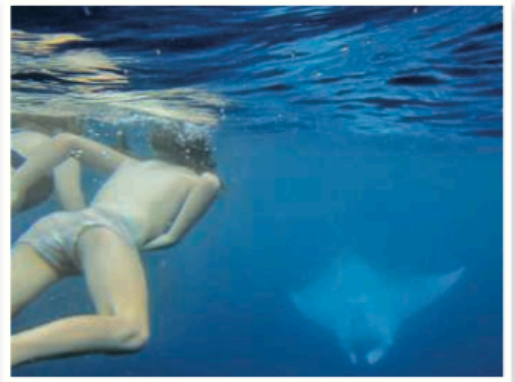
and merged it with an environmental philosophy. After purchasing a 36-foot Carriacou sloop, Martin created Zero Waste Antigua, an organization to engage restaurants, marinas and the government in taking notice of the plastic waste accumulating all over the island. The initial mission aimed to take the message around Antigua and spread it to surrounding islands.

Although Martin no longer has the boat, the message stayed, and the mission of Zero Waste Antigua has flourished. Armed now with a trusty ’94 Land Rover, Martin is a staple around the island, where he can be seen collecting anything and everything that can be recycled.

What’s exciting about Martin is not that he provides a much-needed service (there’s no curbside recycling in Antigua), but that he’s educating and setting an example for other sailors and locals to follow. Single-handedly, he’s creating a green economy.

Eventually, he tells me, the goal is to find another boat that can take his message to other islands. Until that time, his Land Rover is doing the job just fine.

*Tyson Bottenus, Sailors for the Sea*



## PASSAGE NOTES

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### THE CREW OF DEL VIENTO

is busy exploring the Marquesas in French Polynesia. One of the highlights so far? The marine life. Blogger Michael Robertson shares some details from an afternoon swim:

“Mom, Mom! Come here, quick!”

Windy sprinted on deck. Eleanor was stripping down to her bathing suit, trying to find her mask, and pointing at the giant manta ray swimming in circles and doing somersaults right next to *Del Viento*.

“Can I go in, can I go in, please?!”

When the second ray showed up, Windy joined Eleanor, and when a third joined the party, it was enough for Frances to ignore the jellyfish stings she’d gotten on her last two swims, and she jumped in too. For 20 minutes, the three chased after the three.”

Follow along on their Pacific adventure: [cruisingworld.com/delviento](http://cruisingworld.com/delviento).

■ “JUST SAY NO to brass

bus bars,” says ABYC director of educational programming Ed Sherman. “Brass is only about 25 percent as electrically conductive as copper. Check out the brass bus bar [below]. Nothing like consciously creating an inherent weak point right at the main power distribution panel.

The bottom line here? Use only copper bus bars. Preferably tinned copper bus bars. Why start out with excessive electrical resistance that gets sacrificed to corrosion over the course of the boating season?”

See more tips from Ed Sherman at [cruisingworld.com/edsboattips](http://cruisingworld.com/edsboattips).



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