



Interceptor News

Sanctuary patrols start



A Momentous Day! The first patrols by White River Fish Sanctuary wardens started on Wednesday 1st November 2017. It comes two years since the weekly “under the bridge” meetings with the fishing community started. Doing the honours on the day were the two teams pictured right. Each was accompanied by an experienced warden from the Oracabessa Bay Fish Sanctuary who have been holding our hands and sharing their expertise through this set-up phase.

24/7 from day one. All the wardens are members of the White River Fishermen Association. Their goal initially is to educate not prosecute for the first few months to get more fishers and shooters on board. The WRFA is in an equal partnership with the White River Marine Association operating the Sanctuary.

MEET THE TEAMS



Noel Francis (left) and Raymond Taylor, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the **White River Fishermen Association (WRFA)**, took the first day shift, with Delroy Earle and Elvis Bailey (left) the first night.



Four full-time and eight part-time wardens are contracted from the WRFA to do this vital job. Do say hello if you see them out there.



All the fives. The first phase of a 5-phase, 5-year coral restoration plan is well in hand, with 1,000 pieces of coral growing nicely in 5 nurseries just off Jamaica Inn. We currently have 3 coral gardeners, Everton Simpson, Mark Lobban and Raymond Taylor, all members of the WRFA, who “clean” the nurseries twice a month to combat algae growth. This phase is being funded by a grant from the Special Climate Change Adaptation Fund-AP@FM Project PPCR.

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