



## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Yawl Boat Race – July 27-August 4, 2008

Carnival is to the Caribbean as fish are to the sea – one simply cannot exist without the other. In Martinique, the analogy is taken a step further as carnival and the sea are brought together for a celebration unlike any other, the famed Yawl Boat Race. A weeklong event held each summer; the Yawl Boat Race literally encircles Martinique with a boundless spirit and joy born of pulsating rhythms, prodigious libations and nonstop parties. The race features yawls, classic canoe-like wooden vessels with rounded keels that are the traditional sailing vessels of the island's fishermen. Departing initially



from the city of La Trinité, the race continues around the island in seven stages. Huge throngs of locals and visitors crowd the shores to cheer on the racers, with carnival-style celebrations punctuating each day's victory. The carnival atmosphere surrounding the Yawl Race extends to the sea where a flotilla of yachts, catamarans, speedboats, and other private vessels trail the racers, celebrating along the way. Whether experienced on land or by sea, the Yawl Boat Race is a uniquely Martiniquan experience that is not to be missed.

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Prologue:	Sunday July 27: Trinité
1st stage:	Monday July 28: Trinité – Saint Pierre
2nd stage:	Tuesday July 29: Saint Pierre – Fort de France
3rd stage:	Wednesday August 30: Fort de France – Anses d'Arlet
4th stage:	Thursday August 1: Anses d'Arlet – Diamant
5th stage:	Friday August 2: Diamant – Sainte Anne (included in package)
6th stage:	Saturday August 3: Sainte Anne – François (included in the package)
7th stage:	Sunday August 4: François – Trinité

For more information on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Yawl Boat Race, visit [www.yole-ronde.com](http://www.yole-ronde.com) or call 011 (596) 596 61-48-50.