



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

FAMILY ISLANDS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IN COMMEMORATION

OF

**THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE**

1973 - 2013



ABACO DISTRICT

- 1st – 9th July - Best Decorated Business Competition
- 1st – 9th July - Best Art Display (All Abaco Schools)
- 2nd July - Prayer Breakfast
- 7th July - Independence Ball / Banquet
- 7th July - Youth Parade
- 8th July - Ecumenical Service
- 10th July - Flag Raising Ceremony / Fireworks

ACKLINS DISTRICT

- Artifacts Exhibition
- Old fashion Gospel Concert
- Fashion & Talent Show
- Ecumenical Service
- Flag raising Ceremony & Fireworks
- Volleyball & Basketball Tournament
- Banquet & Presentation of Awards

NORTH ANDROS DISTRICT

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| 22 nd February | - | Non Denominational Crusade |
| 23 rd February | - | One Bahamas Unity Walk |
| 9 th March | - | Nicoll's Town Music & Arts Festival |
| 29 th March | - | Mastic Point Home Coming celebrations |
| 27 th April | - | 1 st Annual North Andros United Choir Gala Banquet
(under distinguished Patronage of Prime Minister &
Lady Christie) |
| 11 th May | - | Theatre in the park (Featuring Miss Daisy) |
| 3 rd – 4 th May | - | Snapper Fest red Bays, Andros |
| 1 st June | - | Exhibition |
| 14 th June | - | Documentary "The road to Independence |
| 3 rd July | - | Miss North Andros regatta Pageant |
| 4 th – 6 th July | - | All Andros Independence Regatta |
| 7 th July | - | Independence Cultural Show, Police March Pass &
Fireworks |
| 9 th July | - | Independence Family Fun Day Morgan's Bluff |
| 9 th – 12 th | - | Coppice Fest – Nicoll's Town |
| October | - | Youth Month debate & Essay Competition |
| October | - | Youth Month March & Rally |
| 31 st December | - | Rushin Church of God of Prophecy Conch Sound |

SOUTH ANDROS DISTRICT

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| 21 st March | - | Parenting Seminar – South Andros High School |
| 20 th May | - | Independence Fishing Tournament |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | South Andros Homecoming & Regatta |
| June | - | Beginning of Community Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Tournaments, Dominoes, Checkers, backgammon Tournaments |
| June | - | Re-naming of Long Bay Cays Pre School and the Deep Creek Pre & Primary Schools |
| 21 st – 22 nd June | - | Dedication of Fire Shed & Police Band Presentation |
| June | - | Culturama – The Journey 1973-2013 (Dramatization) |
| 25 th June | - | Official Opening of Exhibition 1973 – 2013 Marion Forbes Center |
| 29 th June | - | Service of Thanksgiving (organized by Adventist) |
| 4 th July | - | Junkanoo Parade (3 groups from South Andros along with Colours Junkanoo group from Nassau) |
| 7 th July | - | Service of Thanksgiving (organized by Christian Council) |
| 9 th – 10 th July | - | Ecumenical Service & Flag Raising Ceremony |
| 10 th July | - | Float Parade |
| 13 th July | - | Tea Party & Fashion Show |

CENTRAL ANDROS

- Unity Walk
- Church Service
- Day of Prayer
- Community Awareness (Radio Trivia Program)
- Youth Rally (Sports, Junkanoo Fashion Show Concert)
- Essay & Art competitions

- Banquet

- Church Service

MANGROVE CAY - ANDROS

- ❖ Unity Walk
- ❖ Ecumenical Service
- ❖ Motorcade & Fun Day
- ❖ Junior Regatta
- ❖ Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Tournament
- ❖ T-Shirt Day
- ❖ Cultural Event
- ❖ Recognition Award Ceremony
- ❖ Crab Catching Contest
- ❖ Flag Raising & Junkanoo Rush Out
- ❖ Fireworks

BIMINI

- Float Parade / Motorcade
- Clean up Campaign
- Gospel Concert
- Fun / Run / Walk
- Ecumenical Service
- Flag Raising and Fireworks
- Family Fun Day / Sports
- Cultural Extravaganza

CAT ISLAND DISTRICT

- ❖ Ecumenical Church Service (Interdenominational Participation)

- ❖ Flag Raising / March Pass & Cultural Show

- ❖ Exhibition (Photo / Art – Journey to Independence Display)
Celebration of Iconic Figures

- ❖ Demonstration
 - Music Rake n' Scrape
 - Indigenous Craft , plaiting
 - Fishing
 - Food – conch, fish & farm produce

- ❖ Presentations
 - Schools – teaching students about the road to Independence
 - Community - teaching Community members

- ❖ Youth & Family Activities
 - Contest Essay, Art, fly fishing
 - Family Day
 - Field Trips
 - Debates

- ❖ Sporting Activities
 - Basketball, Soccer & Volleyball

- ❖ Entertainment
 - Live Music Entertainment & Performances

CROOKED ISLAND

- 28th February - Police Jamboree
- 28th February - Band performances
- 24th march - Cultural Show
- 14th April - Ecumenical Service (11:00am open air)
- 19th May - Ecumenical Service (7:00pm)
- 20th May - Walk-A-Thon / Beach Social (6:00am)
- 7th June - Historical Tour & Beach Social (10:00am)
- 10th June - Open House school Exhibition (10:00am)
- 27th June - School debate
- 9th July - Independence Service Parade (10:00pm)
- 10th July - Band Performances (9:30am)
- 10th July - Independence Celebrations

HARBOUR ISLAND

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| Wednesday 3 rd July | - | Cultural Night / Art Exhibition |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | Award Ceremony |
| Friday 5 th July | - | Educational Presentation of the 'way we were' |
| 5 th – 7 th July | - | Sports (Basketball Tournament) |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Ecumenical Service |
| Monday 8 th July | - | Drama / Story telling, Skits |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - | Parade performance (Harbour Island Marching Band)
Flag Raising |
| Wednesday 10 th July | - | All Day Fun Day |

NORTH ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Thursday 13TH June - Poster & Banner Competition (3rd – 6th graders)
- Thursday 6th June - Speech Competition (10th – 12th Graders)
- Monday 8th July - Church Service (Charles Wesley Methodist Church
Lower Bogue, 7:00pm)
- Tuesday 9th July - Independence Day Celebrations and Fireworks
(Home coming site, Lower Bogue
9:00pm – 12 midnight)

SPANISH WELLS ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Slippery pole event (prizes and snacks for kids)
- Fashion show
- Junkanoo rush out
- Plaques / Awards
- Fireworks
- Bands
- School kids depicting transmission from 1973 to now

CENTRAL ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Fashion Shows
- Exhibits in Post office & court Room
- Independence day events (stalls, games)
- Rock oven
- Students crafts depicting the event
- Students drama events
- Junkanoo (peoples rush)
- Road traffic display license plates for then and now
- Post office display of stamps for then and now
- BTC display phones and telephone directories
- Banks to display pence shilling to dollars
- Crafters straw bags then and now
- Boat building from dingy to speed boat
- Bush medicine (local teas)
- Business office competition for best patriot
- May pole plating, ring play, marble, jump rope, hola hoop

EXUMA DISTRICT
MAIN LAND

- Church Service
- Band performance
- Sporting Events
- Fireworks
- Cultural program
- Tattoo & Flag raising, marching band
- Motorcade / Parade
- Walk-A-Thon
- Junkanoo
- National Family Island Regatta

EXUMA DISTRICT
RAGGIED ISLAND

- Church Service
- Fun Run Walk
- Community beach party and volleyball event
- Flag Raising ceremony
- Evening Fireworks and party

BLACK POINT

- 9TH July - Church service
- 10th July - Walk-a-thon
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

FARMERS CAY

- 9th July - Church service
- 10th July - Walk-a-thon
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

STANIEL CAY

- 9th July - Church service
- 9th July - Plaque Awards
- 10th July - Parade (with Golf Carts)
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

INAGUA DISTRICT

- Ecumenical Service
- Fireworks
- Entertainment & Catering Services
- Cultural Show
- Gospel Concert (bring in gospel artist)
- Fun, Run, Walk

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

9th July - Ecumenical Church service

- (i) Flag raising
- (ii) Fire Works
- (iii) Live Band

10th July - Independence Family Fun Day

- (i) Native Fair (featuring stalls, selling local crafts, Bahamian foods) 12 noon - until
- (ii) Live Musical Entertainment - 8:00pm - until

MAYAGUANA DISTRICT

- Ecumenical service
- Cultural show, Police drill, Flag raising
- Fireworks
- Fun sports day

SAN SALVADOR DISTRICT

- Ecumenical Service
- Naming of Parks officially honoring local heroes
- Historical Exhibition of Columbus Landfall
- Talent Shows
- History Drama plays
- Speech Competition
- Sporting Events (Tournaments)
- Fashion Show
- Bush Tea Tasting Party
- Island Picnic
- Youth March, Float Parade