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# VAT Hike Brings Loss Of Confidence

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

**F**ormer Governor of Central Bank and former State Minister of Finance, James Smith says that the greatest impact of an increase on Value Added Tax in the country is a loss of confidence.

Appearing as a guest on Love 97's radio talk show Jones and Company yesterday, when asked by show's host Wendall Jones about the impact of the increase in VAT from 7.5 percent to 12 percent, Mr. Smith said that the loss of confidence in any and every economy is more important than anything else.

"When a guy gets up in the morning and decides or he has to make a decision should I take my savings and increase the size of my operation; build an extension to my plant or factory; hire some more people, he wants to do that in a predictable environment.

"He does it on the basis of asking is the economy going to grow? Are we going to see better things, more tourists coming in.

"And once you increase your major tax like VAT by 60 percent, you create a new level of uncertainty," Mr. Smith said.

Sharing an anecdote with the hosts and listeners, Mr. Smith inferred that major developers in Real Estate, particularly in upscale areas in the country are nervous to the change in the VAT system.

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Former Governor of Central Bank and former State Minister of Finance, James Smith (Journal file photo)

## Former CB Governor Calls Gaming Taxes "Unsettling"

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
Journal Staff Writer

The Chairman of Colina Financial, James Smith finds the increase of taxes for Wed Shops unsettling.

Last week's announcement by Minister of Finance, K. Peter Turnquest, in the 2018/2019 Budget Communication, that the government will increase taxes on gaming, has caused a stir throughout the business community and among Bahamians in general.

Reacting to the sliding scale of taxes on the indus-

try, Mr Smith, a former Minister of State for Finance and former Governor of the Central Bank said, "I don't know very much about taxing gaming, and what I find a bit unsettling about this is, a very short period before the budget was announced some other comment, some other quarter made a public statement that was carried in the press, maybe we should get more from the web shops and then immediately after that, it shows up in the budget," Smith said.

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## Three Weekend Homicides

BY LEAH COOPER  
Journal Staff Writer

Three men lost their lives this weekend as a result of two separate shooting incidents in the capital.

The first two victims met their fate while receiving a haircut at a local barbershop on Jerome Avenue.

The incident occurred shortly before 10 Saturday morning when the victims were approached by two men, one wore a gray hoodie and the other a blue one, opened fired.

Chief Superintendent Solomon Cash said that members of the public need to know that a gang culture exists in New Providence and from time to time these criminal gangs will retaliate against each other.

He added that from the information that he received, he is led to believe that this may have been an example of that sort of retaliation. However investigations are still in their early stages.

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## Hon. Lanisha T. Rolle at "Candlelight Vigil"



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## TAXPAYERS TO FOOT BTC'S PENSION DEFICIT

BY LEAH COOPER  
Journal Staff Writer

Former Cabinet Minister Bradley Roberts yesterday warned that the public has to pay the Bahamas Telecommunications Company's pension deficit which grew from six million dollars to \$110 million.

Mr. Roberts also revealed some troubling truths about the country's oldest phone company as he questioned why the government has not tabled last's years performance report from Cable and Wireless.

He said, "for the first time in 112 years, Information Services (916) is answered outside the Country in Jamaica."

He added, "there is no commitment to inject capital into BTC, as it is relegated to competing with these Hurricane ravaged countries for funding. Fiber To The Home (FTTH) has been deployed in only Eastern New Providence due to funding challenges. In addition to low staff morale, little to no investment in training, government dividends have all but evaporated."

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"I was at a meeting two days ago with some developers who are developing in one

of our upscale areas; condos, and they are saying could you help us understand what's happening here, because we have already pre-sold a lot of

units and we've got some in the pipeline.

"And this has to do more with the change of the VAT, where VAT used to apply seven and a half percent for Real Estate transaction and two and a half percent stamp duty; it used to be five, five. According to the paper, the new ruling is we will simplify this, put it back to what it was, 10 percent; where the buyer pays five and the seller five, but it's not zero rated.

"So, what happens is they told me even on their project they had several hundred thousand dollars owed to them by the government from the VAT; the input, that's gone now and they're priced on that going forward.

"This happens straight throughout the economy and I don't know if that was intended. The Real Estate sector is really nervous. So anybody

who might have been talking with their banks and this sort of thing, will have to sit back and wait to see whether they are going to adjust this; whether it stays and if it stays as it is, they are going to have to find a way to adjust pricing.

"These guys are selling not just in The Bahamas, Hong Kong, North America, Europe and Latin America," Mr. Smith said.

"You have a condo in The Bahamas, the guy tells you a million dollars and then he calls you three months later and tells you something or the other. I don't think that was intended," he said.

Mr. Smith added that he thought the most critical of the VAT increase is the timing of it.

"As we all know, increase

in the price level the price will go up for everybody and everything and of course if you raise prices and don't raise incomes you are going to have a reduction in demand. You're going to have redistribution of the income that you have on other goods and supplies. So this could have some impact on your imports and I suspect it will compress the returns from customs as well as the VAT itself.

"And so, if the projection is to get X amount, I suspect the government won't make it and if they do make it, you got to have larger deficit and I'm sure that's not what they wanted," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Smith noted that with the final stage of Baha Mar completed last month, employing some 4,000 peo-

ple, the government should wait to see if the bounce back is sustainable.

"Last month you had the final stage of the Baha Mar that's been so controversial for 10 years coming late, but it's doing what it said it would do.

"You have a \$4 billion infrastructure for your major industry tourism. According to their data, you had 18 percent increase, I think in air arrivals; the most important component. All of this tells me that the economy had bottomed out and is on its way up.

"Even if you want to come with the tax, six months down the road you might say I don't really need 12, but you'll have at least a data set, a very current one to depend on.

"But by doing it now you're robbing yourself of the opportunity of seeing what the turnaround of the economy would have brought to you and that's where I find the tragedy of this," Mr. Smith said.

During the 2018/2019 Budget, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Peter Turnquest announced that VAT would increase from 7.5 percent to 12 percent a hike of 60 percent.

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"Now I don't know whether it was planned before that statement, but the two events worked more like cause and effect to me and therefore it obviously did not subject itself to the type of analysis you need when you're taxing an entirely new industry, at least one that you brought out of the shadows," he added.

"Depending on your point of view, I'm sure the people who operate in that industry find it somewhat malicious that they might have been taken out, because as I understand it, the web shop license I think they had defined as financial service providers which allows the regulators to basically apply to them which you do with other banks, trust companies, loan facilities, credit unions, etc.

"So, if that's the category within which they fall, then it would seem to me that taxation of all of those ought to be looked at," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith said, "common sense dictates if you are a bank you don't want to know that you apply a tax to Commonwealth Bank that is different from Scotia, that is different from Royal [Bank]," inferring that any taxing should be consistent," he said.

Mr. Smith's comments come as a guest on the show Jones and Company, with host Wendall Jones.

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### THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### CATERING OF MEALS FOR THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE DETAINEES - GRAND BAHAMA- FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/19

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through the Ministry of Finance invites Tenders for the **CATERING OF MEALS** for the Fiscal year 2018/19 for the **Royal Bahamas Police Force Detainees - Grand Bahama**.

All interested persons/companies are invited to collect the Tender Document which includes product specifications between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; beginning June 4 2018:

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Bids must be deposited in the Tender's box bearing no identity of the bidder at the Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas, no later than 9:30 a.m. on or before Tuesday, June 19 2018.

Bidders or their designated representatives are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday June 19 2018 when the Tenders Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Financial Secretary



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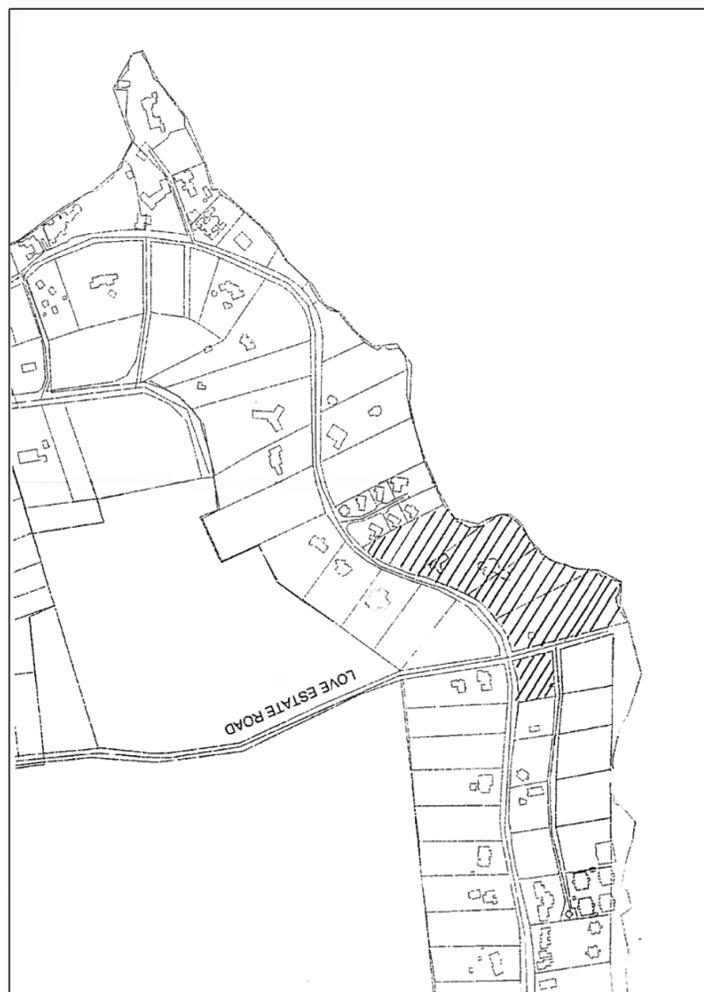
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The public is hereby notified of the public meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the public meeting room in the Department of Physical Planning on John F. Kennedy Drive.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to attend the public meeting to discuss the preliminary application.

Signed  
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Acting Director of Physical Planning



## HON. LANISHA T. ROLLE AT "CANDLELIGHT VIGIL"



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## Survey Reveals Public Displeased with Budget

BY LEAH COOPER  
Journal Staff Writer

Seventy-six per cent of Seven hundred and six Bahamians interviewed by a marketing and research firm have expressed their dissatisfaction with the 2018/2019 budget communication.

With the entire country's attention on the new budget, Bahamian firm Public Domain yesterday released a report which indicated that sixty-six per cent of these individuals were also "very much opposed" to the increase of value added tax (VAT).

The report also tackled issued with the government

and Bahamian gaming houses which specified that sixty-four per cent from this group found it unfair for gaming houses to be charged upward at 50 per cent, while other industries will be charged at less than ten per cent.

On the controversial breadbasket debate, the report revealed that ninety-six per cent of the people believe that fruits and vegetables should be added to the list of bread basket items if the government intends to truly create a healthier listing.

Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands told the Bahama Journal last week

that the breadbasket listing is still under revision.

The report also said that eighty-six per cent believe that the government should have engaged the public in consultation prior to proposing the new budget.

Sixty-two per cent of the individuals think that this budget was designed to accommodate special interests within the Free National Movement Administration rather than the overall well-being of the country.

Islands involved in this survey included residents of New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Eleuthera, Andros, Bimini, Cat Island, Exuma, and Long Island.

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# International developer Skyline Investments poised to build new smart city and hospitality hub in west Grand Bahama

## • NEW DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE GREATER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE ISLAND

**WEST END, GRAND BAHAMA** — Skyline Investments, through Grand Palm Beach Acquisitions Limited, is currently negotiating a heads of agreement with the Government of The Bahamas to purchase 2,012 acres of real property located in the western section of Grand Bahama Island near the settlement of West End, and previously known as the Ginn Sur Mer Project. The new development will be known as Bahama Bay by Grand Palm Beach Acquisitions Limited.

The announcement was made at a town hall meeting to a standing-room-only crowd

held in West End on Friday. Skyline Investments executives presented their plans to the residents of the historic local community, who responded favorably to the presentation.

Bahamas government representatives were also in attendance to listen to local residents and gather feedback on the 10-year development plan. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and MP for East Grand Bahama the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest responded to questions, along with Minister of State for Grand Bahama and MP for Pineridge Senator the Hon. J. Kwasi

Thomson, and Parliamentary Secretary of Communications and Information in the Office of the Prime Minister and MP for West End and Bimini Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe.

Also present were Director of the Bahamas Environment Science and Technology Commission (BEST) Philip Weech and Director of Investments at the Bahamas Investment Authority Candia Ferguson, as well as West End local government representatives.

Skyline's vision is to create a self-maintained, secluded, high-end, low impact innovation community that will pro-

vide residents and guests with an unparalleled Bahamian work and life experience. With pristine beaches and top of the line amenities, Skyline aims to create a vibrant community with healthy living and the pristine environment; Skyline will use modern innovations and green technology to make sure it remains that way.

Excitingly, the site is a stepping-stone into The Bahamas. A resident can have an appetizing breakfast at one of the site's luxury dining options, shop at the central commercial district, visit a doctor in the nearby modern health facilities, all just a 30-minute flight from the on-premises airport to the executive airport in Ft. Lauderdale.

To further capitalize on these benefits, a Smart City will act as a headquarters to high tech start-ups, personal businesses, and consultancies. This well-appointed technology park will attract innovators from all over the world.

This development will be the first fully integrated green community in the Caribbean. Through its use of use of sustainable energy sources, recycling, highly efficient and low environment impact construction methods, this new development will be an enviable showcase of how new communities should be planned and built.

With over \$2 billion to be invested, this project will enhance the West End community and help make western Grand Bahama a vibrant hospitality hub that all local Bahamians and tourists can enjoy alike.

Director of Operations for the West End project Derek Gape stated that the project will be in development over a 10-year period. Mr Gape explained that, following the signing the heads of agreement with the Government of The Bahamas, initial goals for the first 24 months of the project include: creating a new 120-room hotel with commercial retail spaces and amenities; redeveloping and reopening the West End airport; adding an additional 75 slips to the existing

marina at the current Old Bahama Bay site; and, bringing the world-class golf course into full operation.

Mr. Gil Blutrigh the chairman of Skyline said, "We are proud to have the opportunity to develop Bahama Bay and be part of the West End community. We believe that that this development will have a significant impact on Grand Bahama. We know that both

the West End community and Skyline will grow together and become a major player in the hospitality industry in The Bahamas". Gil Blutrigh Chairman of Skyline founded Mishorim in 1990 and Skyline in 1998. Chairman, President and Main Business Development Officer. In 2004, he was awarded Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in Ontario.



► Representatives from international developer Skyline Investments met with residents of West End, Grand Bahama on Friday to present their plans for creating a new smart city, residential community and hospitality hub in the area. Local and national government representatives also attended the meeting to hear feedback from the residents of the historic community. Shown L-R: Don Cornish, Administrator for West Grand Bahama; Harcourt Brown, Permanent Secretary, Office of The Prime Minister, Grand Bahama; Senator the Hon. J. Kwasi Thomson, Minister of State for Grand Bahama and MP for Pineridge; Parliamentary Secretary of Communications and Information in the Office of the Prime Minister and MP for West Grand Bahama & Bimini Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe; Chief Operating Officer Danny Rothman, Skyline Investments; Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and MP for East Grand Bahama the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest; and, Derek Gape, Bahama Bay Director of Operations for Skyline Investments. [Photo: Keen i Media Ltd]

## Major Drug Bust In Exuma Cays

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

A major drug bust on the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park has resulted in two men being arrested early yesterday morning.

Conducting a joint operation and while searching Waderick Wells Cay, also known as the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marines, along with Park Wardens found a large quantity of suspected marijuana on the Cay.

Defence Force Marines in conducting the search apprehended two males who were in the immediate vicinity with their disabled vessel.

The men were taken into custody and handed over to police with the suspected drugs for further investigation.

The estimated weight of drugs is 168 pounds with an estimated value: \$168,000.00.

### IN OTHER CRIME NEWS:

Police also reported the discovery and recovery of dangerous drugs and illegal ammunition in New Providence in an area off Baillou Hills.

According to the police report, shortly after 6pm Saturday, Drug Enforcement Officers acting on information, conducted a search of a bushy area at Seaview Close off Baillou Hill Road and recovered 50 rounds of 9m ammunition and a small quantity of marijuana. No arrest was made.

Police in Grand Bahama also reported the discovery of dangerous drugs on that island. Reports indicated that on Saturday, shortly after 10:00am, officers of the Central Detective Unit also acting on information, went to an area on Frobisher Drive where they searched a derelict vehicle and discovered two plastic bags containing a quantity of suspected marijuana.

The drugs were collected and the area checked for suspects. However there was also no arrests made in this matter.

Investigations into all the matters are ongoing.

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# TO RISK OR NOT TO RISK

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygård's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

## THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

"If you don't risk anything, you risk everything."

That's a statement made by fashion mogul Peter Nygard, who throughout his 50-year business history has taken a number of risks that took the business he invested in from 800,000 fifty years ago to almost a billion today.

We know that taking risks is an important part of many business decisions and even life decisions. In fact, most successful business people have likely taken big risks that resulted in them achieving what they did.

However, it's not just about banishing your fear of the unknown and taking risks with whatever opportunity presents itself. Experts will tell you that the only risks that are advisable to take are what they call 'calculated risks'.

So how does one know what's considered a calculated risk?

Generally speaking, it involves weighing the advantages and disadvantages of a risky decision with respect to the possible losses and gains from it.

We make these types of decisions in our everyday lives all the time. We take calculated risks when we decide whether to speed or not to speed if you are late for work, for example.

You weigh the possibility of getting caught by the police and getting a speeding ticket with the consequences of getting to work late. In many cases, people tend to think that it is unlikely they will get caught by the police, and it is worth the risk to avoid a black mark on your work file, or whatever consequences may follow from arriving to work late, especially if it's a habit that they have.

But in business, the stakes are larger and there is so much more to lose than the cost of a speeding ticket or a black mark at work. In lots of cases, the stakes involve financial investments, livelihoods, and one's future, and even that of one's family.

Yet, in business risks are necessary; so it's important to consider how to take calculated risks.

The first step in calculating risk for a business decision is to consider your level of fear because that can impact your assess-

ment of the risk. In an Inc online magazine article, Author Amy Morin explained that fear causes you to overestimate risk and the absence of fear causes you to underestimate risk.

In her article "What Successful People Know About Taking Calculated Risks", she states,

"Your level of fear usually has nothing to do with the actual level of risk you face."

She gives the example of the no. 1 fear most people have, which is being afraid of public speaking: It isn't risky; however, it is something most people avoid.

Conversely, when there is no fear due to your excitement over a new opportunity, you can underestimate the risk and overestimate your chances of success.

Morin asserts, "That's why some people fall for get-rich-quick schemes. The promise of a giant return on their investment deludes them into thinking they're going to succeed. Because it doesn't feel scary, they assume it isn't risky."

She advised that you have to balance emotion with logic: "you can't calculate risk based on your level of fear. Instead, it's important to assess the actual level of risk by examining the facts. Create a list of the pros and cons and the potential risks versus benefits."

So, calculated risks involve considering the advantages and disadvantages, just as you do when you considering speeding; except, you have to consider it on a much deeper level than we normally would. For example, we tend not to think of getting in an accident as a risk of speeding, when we really should. When calculating a risk, it should be considered from every angle.

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## EDITORIAL

# VAT NIGHTMARE

That **the people** are angry are angry; that they are also disappointed and – sad to say, also – that the same people are also fast approaching that point where anger is mixed in with and thus left contaminated with a species of cynicism gone to bed!

This we believe as we too now reach that point where we report that – at long last – we too are deeply disappointed by what is now being revealed just one short year from that heady time when Dr. Hubert Minnis stood in witness as the Bahamian people by way of adulatory majority made him their undisputed leader!

This he did against a backdrop where – as he would have the people believe—"...The vast majority of Bahamians – the business community, foreign investors, rank and file FNM and PLP supporters, throughout our country – are confused and terrified by the PLP government's sudden lurch towards the imposition of the new VAT taxation system."

And thus, they **THE PEOPLE** did believe in him when he told them that the VAT levy was a regressive taxation and that – as such: -- The move had the "almost certain potential" to significantly and negatively increase the cost of living for everyone, particularly the poorest Bahamians and the long suffering and shrinking middle class..."

**Today's sad sadder-still VAT song is totally in the reverse!**

The very same people are now coming to that sad conclusion of a place where – as a brand new budget day comes into focus—they now wake to find that today's Free National Movement – Dr. Hubert Alexander Minnis led regime is now coming into focus not as the friend of the people, but as they who would burden them with taxes gone to bed!

Thus today we humbly suggest that: -- If ever there was a moment in time when there should be all-party agreement on how we should – as a people who would be united in love and in service to our beloved Bahamas – surely that time is now as we face up to today's reality where [simply put] we cannot go on as we have been doing for at least the past sixty+ years.

And for sure, now that the electioneering and all that other exaggerated stuff is over for

both the Progressive Liberal Party and its nemeses in the serried ranks of the Free National Movement, we dare say that the time is past urgent for the both of them to come together so as to chart a progressive way forward, onward, upward and together.

"The Free National Movement...intends to shove the VAT tax down the throats of the Bahamian people, **whether the people agree or not.** Such callous disregard for the Bahamian tradition and political necessity for consultation and for the informed consent of the governed is simply unacceptable..."

The above captioned and also too heavily redacted quote trenchantly reflects reality back in the day when that party went about their business of trying to curry favor with the masses of the Bahamian people; and thus it was in that time when that party decided to warn them of what they described as "...the danger of perpetuating the current government's "reckless and un-disciplined tax, spend and waste" approach to the issue at hand..."

And as if that said warning was not enough, the Free National Movement indicated as follows: -- "...We are disturbed that while threatening to force a new and disruptive across-the-board tax on struggling Bahamians... And thus today, we wonder how today's FNM-ADMINISTRATION-IN-OFFICE can suggest the introduction of tax-increase measures which – if implemented—shall constitute nothing more and nothing less than the most monstrous set of monkey-see/monkey do imitations of erstwhile **PLP VAT-INFUSED** initiatives!

Such a set of mischievous maneuvers would spell disaster not only for the movers and shakers in the FNM; but also [sad to say] for the long-suffering masses of the Bahamian people in a time when they were led to believe that this was their time--the so-called **PEOPLE'S TIME!**

This is especially important in light of that other collateral reality where the might and heft of our still-nascent private sector and of labor-united should be present in any and all sincere efforts aimed at pulling the Bahamian economy out of its current mire and money-deficient morass.

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# MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION PORT DEPARTMENT

## NOTICE OF SITTING FOR NEW PROVIDENCE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT CHAPTER (277) & COMMERCIAL RECREATION WATERCRAFT ACT, CHAPTER 278 A

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the New Providence Port Authority Board for New Providence and the Family Islands will be held at the Port Administration Building, Prince George Wharf on **TUESDAY JUNE 26TH 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**, for the purpose of granting of licences under The Boat Registration Act Chapter 277 & Commercial Recreational Watercraft Act of Chapter 278 A.

Any person entitled to and wishing to object to any application, should do so at least six (6) days before the date of the hearing, by submitting his/her objections in writing to the Board and to the applicant.

Persons attending the meeting on behalf of an applicant must produce written authorization at the meeting.

Applicants for renewals are not required to attend, unless they have received written notification from the New Providence Port Authority Board.

The undermentioned persons have applied for the grant of licences and renewal as specified below.

### BOAT REGISTRATION ACT NEW MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018

REG. NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/129/18	Bullard Antonio Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/130/18	Carroll Ricardo A. P.O. Box CB-13056 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/131/18	Clarke Raymond C. Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/132/18	Evans Steffon P.O. Box SB-51014 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/133/18	Ferguson Alexio T. P.O. Box EE-16885 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/134/18	Ferguson Trevon P.O. Box CR-54666 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/135/18	Forbes Demitri P.O. Box N-1351 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/136/18	Gibson Leonard P.O. Box N-10508 Nassau Bahamas	B
NB/137/18	Hepburn D'Andrea M. P.O. Box N-1518 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/138/18	Johnson Andrew B. P.O. Box N-9473 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/139/18	Knowles A. Elijah P.O. Box EE-15484 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/140/18	Knowles Lindy P.O. Box FH-14354 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/141/18	Knowles Nelson P.O. Box N-17616 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/142/18	Longley Kameron A. P.O. Box SS-19812 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/143/18	Mailis David Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/144/18	McCartney Garvin P.O. Box N-1144 Eastern Road Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/145/18	Parotti Marcus E. Port New Providence Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/146/18	Porter Deallo P. P.O. Box N-3547 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/147/18	Rigby Alexis Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/148/18	Rolle Anwar Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/149/18	Rolle Keitaro M. P.O. Box CB-12164 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/150/18	Rolle Niohi P.O. Box EE-16288 Nassau Bahamas	B
NB/151/18	Turnquest Cheaves P.O. Box General Delivery Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/152/18	Turnquest Yan Mark P.O. Box General Delivery Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/153/18	Tucker Kyle Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/154/18	Maycock Austin Wesley Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/155/18	McKenzie Cordero P.O. Box EE-15046 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/156/18	Webb Brian P.O. Box GT-2303 Nassau, Bahamas	B

### BOAT REGISTRATION ACT NEW MASTER'S LICENCE-FAMILY ISLAND - 2018

REG. NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/20/18	Cartwright Fredrico P.O. Box General Delivery Deadman's Cay Long Islands Bahamas	B
NB/21/18	Darville Edward F. P.O. Box DC-39658 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/22/18	Lightbourne Charles D. P.O. Box GB-41605 Freeport Grand Bahama	B
NB/23/18	Pratt Caleb G. P.O. Box General Delivery Scrub Hill Acklins	B
NB/24/18	Rolle Lehron Nicholl's Town Andros Bahamas	B
NB/25/18	Smith Ricardo Antone Freeport Grand Bahama	A
NB/26/18	Mellar Paul C. P.O. Box F-42545 Freeport Grand Bahama	A
NB/27/18	Mellar David P.O. Box F-42545 Freeport Grand Bahama	A
NB/28/18	Mendez Ortiz Juno Alberto P.O. Box F-4910 Freeport Grand Bahama	A
NB/29/18	Wells Brent A. P.O. Box General Delivery Deadman's Cay Long Island Bahamas	B

### THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT NEW BOAT LICENCE - NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018

REG. NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/30/18	Curling Edgar P.O. Box SB-50808 Nassau, Bahamas	"Key West" 110ft Tug	A	0	Tug
NB/31/18	Curling Edgar P.O. Box SB-50808 Nassau, Bahamas	"Cason" 300ft Barge	A	0	Barge
NB/32/18	Curling Edgar P.O. Box SB-50808 Nassau, Bahamas	"Jake Express" 75ft Tug	A	0	Tug
NB/33/18	Curling Edgar P.O. Box SB-50808 Nassau, Bahamas	"Victoria" 189ft Barge	A	0	Barge
NB/34/18	Davis Sanchez Golden Gates #2 & Carey Sancha Seabreeze Lane Nassau, Bahamas	"242 Party Boat" 26ft 2012 Xcursion Pantoon	B	10	Charter
NB/35/18	Edgecombe Frank Minnis Durvano K. Nassau, Bahamas	"SeaMinus" 44ft Sports Fish Cruiser	A	12	Charter
NB/36/18	Symonette Albrion & Ashton Cable Beach Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 50ft Thunder Powerboat	B	15	Charter Services
NB/37/18	Turnquest Sean & Emareta P.O. Box SS-19570 Nassau, Bahamas	"Typsy" 46 2000 Whitewater	B	12	Charter
NB/38/18	Turnquest Sean & Emareta P.O. Box SS-19570 Nassau, Bahamas	"Elmareta" 46 1997 Marlin Center Console	B	12	Charter
NB/39/19	Wilson William Nassau, Bahamas	"Lazy Dayz" 21ft Open Hull Center Console	B	10	Charters

### NEW COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018

REG. NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/32/18	Catino Jamielee Shirley Street Nassau, Bahamas	"Paddle Board" 10ft 6ins Paddle Board	D	1	Rental

**NEW COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT  
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/33/18	Catline Jamielee Shirley Street Nassau, Bahamas	"Paddle Board" 10ft 6ins Paddle Board	D	1	Rental
NB/34/18	Catline Jamielee Shirley Street Nassau, Bahamas	"Paddle Board" 10ft 6ins Paddle Board	D	1	Rental
NB/35/18	Catline Jamielee Shirley Street Nassau, Bahamas	"Paddle Board" 10ft 6ins Paddle Board	D	1	Rental
NB/36/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Ltd Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 1" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tour
NB/37/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 2" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/38/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 3" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/39/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 4" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/40/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 5" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/41/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 6" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/42/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 7" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/43/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 8" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/44/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 9" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/45/18	Crusin Tikis Nassau & Paradise Island Nassau, Bahamas	"Crusin Tiki 10" 15ft Tiki Boat	D	10	Tours
NB/46/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 1" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/47/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 2" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/48/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 3" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/49/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 4" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/50/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 5" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/51/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 6" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/52/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 7" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/53/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 8" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/54/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 9" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours
NB/55/18	Port of Nassau Catamaran Rental and Sales Nassau, Bahamas	"Mini Cat 10" 12ft Mini Catamaran	D	2	Tours

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**RENEWAL OPERATOR'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
0072	Felton Robert Luther Nassau, Bahamas	D
0040	Musgrove Kenneth Nassau, Bahamas	D

**RENEWAL OF JET SKI UNDER THE RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT  
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
PIW349	Dames Okinawa T/A Timeless Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 10ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
PIE 235	Dames Okinawa T/A Timeless Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 10ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
PIW 346	Minnis Cyril T/A Zeke Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 10ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
PIW 347	Minnis Cyril T/A Zeke Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 10ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT  
RENEWAL OF BOAT LICENCE NEW PROVIDENCE -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NP:6950	Fox Paul T/A Foxy's Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 25ft White Water Contender	B	18	Snorkeling/ Sightseeing

**RENEWAL OF JET SKI  
UNDER THE COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT  
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NP: BB 24 PI	Conyers Jacques & Light Carmichael Road Nassau, Bahamas	"Banana Boat" 18ft Seacraft	B	3	Banana Ride
NP: B 24 PI	Conyers Jacques & Light Carmichael Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Losses" 12ft Banana Tubie	D	3	Banana Boat

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT  
TRANSFER OF BOAT LICENCE NEW PROVIDENCE -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NP:6282	Jonathan Dean Nassau, Bahamas	"M/V Captain Gurth Dean" 110ft Steel Hull	A	40	Mail Boat

**TRANSFER OF PARASAIL  
UNDER THE COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT  
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
PS 2 PI	Premier Watersports P.O. Box N-4049 Nassau, Bahamas	"PS 2" 28ft Para-sail	B	12	Para-sail

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT  
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-FAMILY ISLANDS- 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
8900	Hart Sidney Treasure Cay, Abaco Bahamas	B
9611	Moxey Calton Mangrove Cay Andros, Bahamas	A
9489	Munnings Christopher Bailey Town Bimini Bahamas	A
20179	Newbold Gline Jr. Eleuthera Bahamas	B
20180	Newbold Gline Sr. Eleuthera Bahamas	B
8212	Rolle Hiram Alice Town Bimini Bahamas	A

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT  
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
9476	Ferguson Glenford P.O. Box N-4100 Nassau, Bahamas	A
8921	Fox Paul Evan Jr. P.O. Box N-9260 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9364	Gibson Leonard P.O. Box N-10508 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9443	Minus Durvano K. P.O. Box N-1134 Nassau, Bahamas	A
8899	Mitchell Jason P.O. Box SS-19523 Nassau, Bahamas	B
7556	Pinder Ronald T. P.O. Box CB-11168 Nassau, Bahamas	B
8699	Rolle Patrick Edward Jr. Nassau, Bahamas	B
9641	Rosson Breydon P.O. Box N-4570 Nassau, Bahamas	B
6367	Stevenson Donahue B. P.O. Box CB-11874 Nassau, Bahamas	A
7873	Williamson Leslie P.O. Box SB-51733 Nassau, Bahamas	A
6228	Wallace James P.O. Box FH-14032 Nassau, Bahamas	A



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