

Edith Clashing and Wadadli Aquatic Racers Lead Ocean Initiative, Offering Affordable Classes



In a joint endeavor aimed at fostering environmental awareness and cultivating a deeper connection with the ocean, the Elkhorn Marine Conservancy partnered with the Wadadli Aquatic Racers Swim Club to provide affordable ocean-based swimming lessons to the Antiguan community.

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The aim of this initiative was to teach essential swimming skills and help foster a greater appreciation for the marine ecosystems that surround our island.

Tailored for adults, the 8-hour course was undertaken over three weekends where participants learned essential water safety competence and swimming techniques.



The program was run by Edith Clashing, a swim coach from Wadadli Aquatic Racers Swim Club with 20+ years experience, her daughter Christal Clashing, a former olympic athlete and rower, and one EMC team member on hand to assist.



The attendees, some of whom had prior water-related trauma or a genuine fear of open waters, courageously confronted their fears during the course.

Upon completing the program, they not only gained valuable aquatic skills but also emerged with newfound confidence in the water.



participants with the chance to put their newly acquired skills into action.

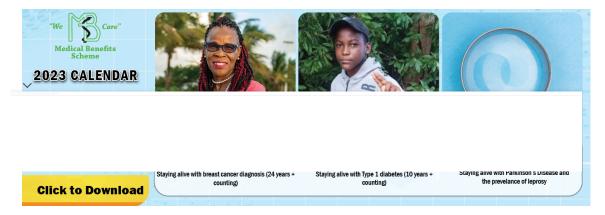
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During this excursion, they gained insight into coral reef ecology, the challenges they face, and ways in which everyone can help conserve them.



They also learned about the EMC's coral reef restoration program and witnessed EMC's nursery and restoration sites first hand.



The unanimous sentiment following the tour was one of sheer astonishment at the hidden underwater beauty, revealing a world previously unknown to many of the participants.

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