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This newly-formed local company is headed by **Edna Chisholm**, though you'll likely speak to **Denise Anderson** when you enquire. Both are from North Side.

The company was set up in March, 1979, to lease charter boats for fishing, diving, sailing, snorkelling and spinnaker flying. At the moment, Universal has three boats in operation. These are the *Ports of Call*, the *Pious Puffin* and the *Miss Leslie*.

The *Ports of Call* is a 113-foot motor-sailer equipped with ten staterooms. Used mainly for the serious tank diver, she is virtually a floating hotel. On board are a 25-foot salon, full galley with cook, closed-circuit TV, and two air compressors for filling 60 tanks.

Her crew of six experienced Caymanian seamen can take you through a diving tour of all three Islands, or you can go for a one-day outing with a minimum of 20 persons. Your charge includes lunch, diving gear and boat facilities. There is an on-board cash bar, although tea and coffee goes with the dive price. A day trip lasts from 8 am to 5 pm.

If you are not into diving however, the *Ports of Call* has water skiing, deep sea fishing and snorkelling available at your request — no extra charge. Your captain is **James C. Miller** (32), from George Town, and he has five crew members under his command. He has been a seaman since 1964, sailing as fireman-oiler. His last ship was the bulk carrier, *Imperial St. Lawrence*, which carried oil from Venezuela to Europe and the U.S. east coast.

Rates on the *Ports of Call* start at \$100 per day per person, triple occupancy, plus air fare. Departure tax not included. For additional information contact Universal Charters.

Capt. Larribbee Ebanks, seen on the deck of the *Pious Puffin*, operated by Universal Charters.



Byron Barnett, master of the 34 ft. *Miss Leslie*, also operated by Universal Charters.



If you are interested in seeing the Island from a boat by cruising around, you might be interested in the *Pious Puffin*, a 91-foot Dutch Boyer-designed motor-sailer. She makes two cruises a day — one from 1:30 pm to 5 pm and another from 8 to 12 pm.

The price per person is C\$12, but if meals are required, the price is \$20. This includes buffet lunch, stops for snorkelling or spinnaker flying and swimming.

Spinnaker flying is done with a large triangular sail which is tied to the aftermast of the *Puffin*, with one or two "fliers" on a seat attached to the sail. All one has to do is sit there in the water; when a good breeze comes up, the sail

billows out, and you're up in the air. On days when the breeze is strong and steady, one can stay up in the air for minutes on end.

The *Puffin* also has charters to the Lesser Islands for C\$250, meals extra. Captain of the *Pious Puffin* is **Larribbee Ebanks**, of West Bay. He has over 30 years' experience as a seaman, having first gone to sea at the age of 18. Only last November he sold his own boat, the *Cayman Star*, which he had used for commercial fishing. Capt. Ebanks joined the *Pious Puffin* in October last year and is both skipper and engineer, as he has marine engineer certification. "This is my line," said Capt. Ebanks. "I