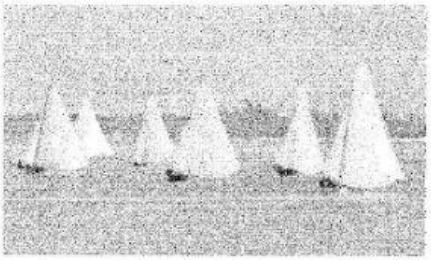
Exuma: the Emerald Isle

Exuma is a chain of islands that runs for 161 km from the south-east of New Providence. The largest and most populated islands in the Exuma chain are Great Exuma and Little Exuma. The capital, **George Town**, is located on the island of Great Exuma. George Town is the site of the Family Island Regatta.



Workboat sailing

A regatta in The Bahamas is a race between Bahamian workboats.



The Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park

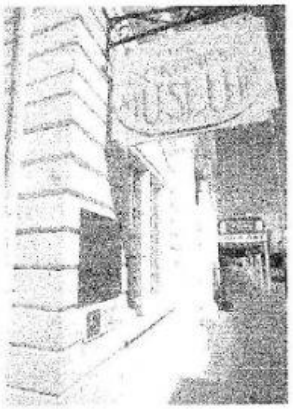
Within the Exuma Cays, you will find the only sea park in The Bahamas. This is the **Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park**. It is one of Exuma's main attractions. The Bahamas National Trust protect the sea park.

In the park, you will see a large variety of marine animals. No one is allowed to catch fish in the park, but visitors to the park may snorkel and scuba dive.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

The rebellion of slaves

Before emancipation, Exuma was home to a large population of slaves. **Lord John Rolle** was a plantation owner, and many slaves worked on his plantation. His plantation was given to him by the British Government.



On the island, you can still see plantation **ruins**. The towns of **Rolle Town** and **Rolleville** are named after him. He also owned land in the settlement of **Mount Thompson**. After emancipation, former slaves took Lord Rolle's surname as their own. Most Rolles in The Bahamas is descended from those who live on Exuma.

The most famous slave on the island of Exuma was **Pompey.** In 1830, he led a **rebellion** against Lord John Rolle's plantation manager, A. J. Lees. The Pompey Museum, which is in Nassau, is named after him.



Exuma today

The population of Exuma has increased greatly in the last decade. This is because people from other islands went there to live and work in a newly built hotel resort, owned first by **Four Seasons** and then by **Sandals.**

Exuma in mainly known for growing **onions.** Other crops such as pigeon peas, papayas, and mangoes are also grown in Exuma. You can find coco plums and cotton growing wild on the islands.

LIVEWORKSHEETS