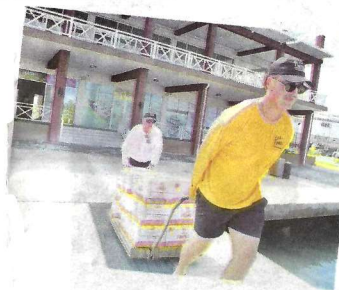




Brett Linton offloading the shelves which were stocked with some of the canned goods. (Pictures by Reco Moore.)

ST VINCENT, HERE WE COME!



Joseph Ince (right) and CEO at Foster & Ince Martin Ince taking some of the supplies onto the dock.



Some of the volunteers lifting supplies onto the Cat & The Fiddle boat at the Shallow Draught yesterday.

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Multimedia journalist Jonteau Coppin and photographer Reco Moore in the Grenadines covering the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl.

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Supplies will be on the way today as corporate Barbados, members of the boating fraternity and individuals came together and combined their resources to assist the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines, which was affected by Hurricane Beryl.

Chief executive officer at Foster & Ince group, the operators of Tiarni Catamaran Cruises, Martin Ince, made that point as they loaded a boat with water, canned foods, hygiene products, batteries, torches and other supplies yesterday as part of their hurricane disaster relief.

"The last few days have been very upsetting and unsettling. Barbados was spared but our brothers and sisters, especially in the Grenadines, have not been as fortunate.

"That's why yesterday morning we decided that we needed to do something. We needed to find a way to get some help to the islands," Ince said.

Willing to assist

Speaking to the media at the Shallow Draught in Bridgetown, he said they reached out to Massey and Goddard Enterprises, who were willing to assist from the start.

"There were some other boats in the catamaran fraternity that were also having their own initiatives, so we joined forces at about 9:30 yesterday and it started to expand from that."

The other boats involved in the relief effort are Calabaza, Silver Moon, Tiarni, Cool Runnings, Cat & The Fiddle and Seaduced.

They posted a notice on social media which was well received by the public, with many individuals visiting the Shallow Draught to deliver goods.

Ince said they contacted the



Representatives of corporate Barbados and individuals joined with the catamaran fraternity to assist with the Hurricane Disaster Relief for St Vincent and the Grenadines. Many of the supplies will be heading to Union Island and Mayreau today.

National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) of St Vincent and the Grenadines, who helped them get clearance for the items.

"You can't leave here and turn up with items, so you had to ensure you got all the permissions and St Vincent was so

receptive, so we are in touch with NEMO.

"The first vessel will leave tomorrow morning [today] very early and the plan is to go specifically to Union Island and Mayreau. Another two will leave on Saturday," he said.

He said the boats would sail there and

return to Barbados and if necessary they would return with more supplies.

"The boat is going down, dropping off and coming straight back. If we as a company have to do that a couple of times, we are prepared to do that," Ince added. (TG)

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