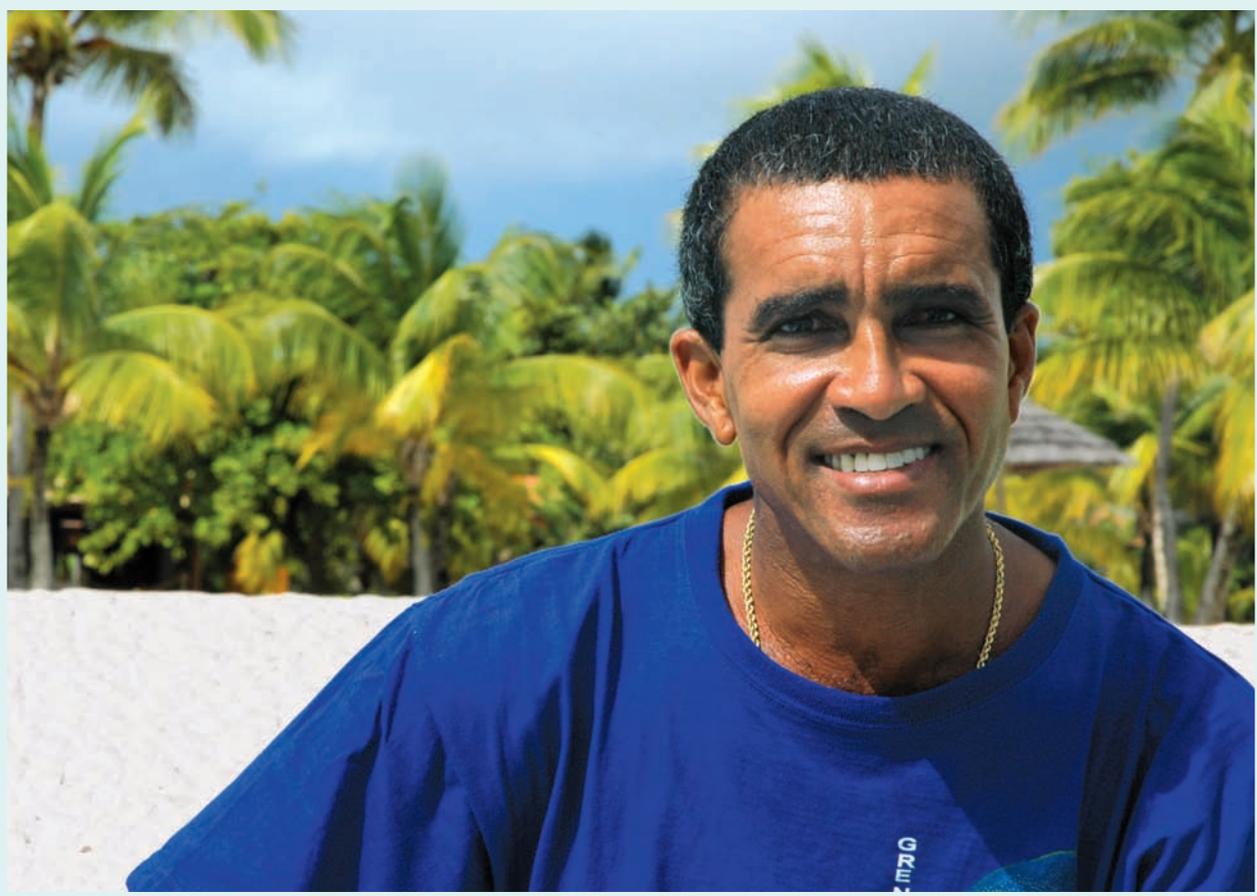


# Meet a Union Islander

by Heather Grant

Glenroy Adams – Environmentalist and Dive Master



Although Glenroy Adams has lived in Union Island for 21 years, he still considers himself a Bequian. Born and brought up in Bequia, he has been attached to the sea in some way for all of his life. It was his family that built the famous wooden schooner, Friendship Rose, in the 1960's.

At an early age Glenroy decided that he wanted to pursue a life beneath the sea as a SCUBA diver and instructor. He trained in Florida and was the first Vincentian to become a licenced diving instructor. Today, he is celebrating over 5000 dives! His diving business, Grenadines Dive, located in Clifton, Union Island, is a popular stop for divers from around the world.

Over the years, Glenroy has developed an excellent reputation, his great skills as a dive master and his incredible knowledge of the dive sites and of the "critters" who dwell there have lured many a repeat customer back to the southern Grenadines.

"I know every dive site in the Grenadines, from Bequia to Carriacou!" he says with a broad smile.

Glenroy is passionate about the environment. During his early years in the southern Grenadines, he planted hundreds of palm trees on Palm Island with John Caldwell, the original developer of this private island adjacent to Union Island. Glenroy attributes his love of nature and respect for the environment to

the many years he spent with Caldwell.

The Tobago Cays, now a national park, have always had a special place in Glenroy's heart. Years before the area became a national park, he was putting down cement block moorings, cleaning the beaches and taking care of the area – at his own expense.

Glenroy has another side too. He loves to teach and is a mentor to many of the island's children – he organises coconut boat races in the pond outside his dive shop, which was featured on French television. Through Glenroy's love of the ocean and his outstanding seamanship, these traditions are being passed on to the next generation.

Union Island is lucky to have him here.