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The two official public holidays were introduced in 1947 and are observed on the Thursday and Friday closest to August 1st: Emancipation Day, celebrated on the Thursday, honors the end of slavery (August 1st, 1834). The second day of Cup Match, Somers Day, commemorates Admiral Sir George Somers who colonized Bermuda in 1609. Locals traditionally spend the holiday weekend either watching the game, swimming, camping, boating and picnicking.