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I'm dashing out the door.....on my way to Antigua Sailing Week, to once again race on the mighty catamaran, "Katzenellenbogen". Hope to see you there! But before I head out, I must congratulate Antigua's Shannon



Falcone who is joining the PUMA's Mar Mostro crew on leg 6, Itajai in Brazil to Miami on the Volvo Ocean Race.  
Falcone: - "I'm with ORACLE Racing for the 34th America's Cup so now we're getting up to crunch time for launching the 72 in San Francisco this summer. Literally it's pure luck and timing the Volvo ends before we launch the big boat. I can't really complain going from 30 knots on a catamaran in San Francisco Bay to go 30 knots in the Atlantic Ocean in a Volvo Open 70. The only difference here is that I can't go back to a warm shower at the end of the day."



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**FREDERICK F. RANDALL**



**FREDERICK F. RANDALL ( 1935 – 2012)** Fred died peacefully on April 5, 2012 at Norwalk Hospital. He will be remembered by many for his love of life, his community spirit, and his colorful stories of life and work in India and the tropics. For the past 28 years Fred has lived in Harbor View in South Norwalk, where he met Sally and at various times served on the Harbor Beach Company Board and as Commodore of the Harbour View Yacht Club. For 15 years, he and Sally have spent several months each winter on the island of Anguilla in the British West Indies, where he founded the Photography Club, actively supported the Youth Sailing School, quietly

supported the Community Foundation, and officiated at, photographed and wrote about numerous regattas. Fred graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill, and the MBA program at NYU, and he served in the U.S. Army. Fred was very much a part of the Anguilla Regatta and a long time volunteer of the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta. Fred was a very kind man and will be missed by many. We will all be thinking of him at the Anguilla Regatta next month.



**2—7 April 2012**—For the third consecutive year, the island of St. Barth, in the French West Indies, provided an exceptional week of racing. It seems the consensus of the 700+ sailors racing there that in just three editions, Les Voiles de St. Barth has become a must-do event on the Caribbean race calendar. Organizers have announced the dates for the fourth edition: **April 8 – 13, 2013.**

By looking at the number of entrants in the first three editions of Les Voiles de St. Barth – 28 in 2010, 48 in 2011, and 58 this year – one can see the trend of positive growth.

Race organizers François Tolède, Luc Poupon, and Annelisa Gee, have worked carefully to ensure that the event expands carefully, seeking input from competitors. Gee said, "At the end of the day we talk to everyone. We appreciate constructive criticism that helps us grow the event. People have been very forthcoming; they really appreciate that we are not fixed in our ways. That's the beauty of a new event — we are completely open-minded to change."



Competitors enjoyed four days of racing in an extremely wide range of conditions, from five to 25 knots, on different courses, each of them highly tactical and spectacular. The Maxi class, which numbered nine boats, attempted in vain to chase George David's *Rambler 90*, the winner of a second trophy after her success in 2010 (*Rambler 100* won in 2011).





# Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta

## April 19th—24th, 2012



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Historical Nelsons Dockyard was a sight to behold last evening with so many beautiful classic yachts gracing the docks as the stage was set at the Copper and Lumber Store Hotel for the final prize-giving of the 2012 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta - part of the Panerai Classic Yacht Challenge and hosted by the Antigua Yacht Club.

With the added attraction of Panerai flagship Eileans return to participate in this years regatta press and media attendance numbers doubled this year.

Earlier in the afternoon out on the water in front of the Admirals Inn, regatta crew joined by local families and friends took part in the Gig Racing event. With classes for all ages and skills, and a motley assortment of small craft entry, competitors rowed, skulled or sailed around a very short course whilst spectators enjoyed a traditional cream tea. The setting for the event, in the beautiful gardens of the Admirals Inn was picture perfect made all the more so by the elegantly dressed volunteer tea ladies who are very much a part of this special occasion generously hosted by the Admirals Inn Hotel and sponsored by Watermaker Services and Lord Jims Locker of Antigua.

An impressive screen slideshow featuring race highlights of photography kindly donated by the many multi-national press who attended the regatta preceded the prize-giving ceremony which was opened by Chairman Kenny Coombs who introduced the Minister of Tourism for Antigua, the Hon John Maginly who made a welcome speech. Representing Panerai in the Caribbean Julio Sato, also said a few words of welcome before Kenny proceeded with a big and much deserved thank you to all those who had worked so hard behind the scenes to make such a successful event, with special thanks going to Brian and Jude and this years committee boat Dione Sky.

Following a run through of the winners of the Single-Handed race with many trophies and prizes to award the ceremony



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**RICHARD MILLE**



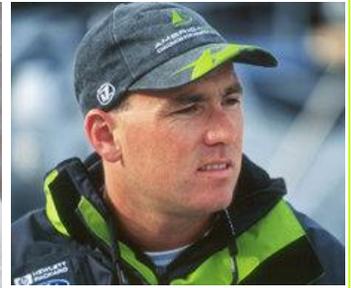
Each of the seven classes competing saw some bitter-fought, yet friendly struggles. The quality of the international crews many of them professionals from the America's Cup, Olympics, and other grand -prix events meant that this event in St Barth had an excellent line-up, which included Bouwe Bekking (*Nilaya*), Scott Vogel, Shannon Falcone, Jerry Kirby (*Rambler 90*), Steve Benjamin and Dee Smith (*Decision*), Gavin Brady (*Vesper*), Cam Lewis (*Paradox*), Charlie McKee and Ross MacDonald (*Mayhem*), Tony Rey, Jeff Madrigali and Nacho Postigo (*PowerPlay*), as well as the French sailors Jean-Paul Mouren (*Med Spirit*), Lionel Péan and Jacques Vincent (*Sojana*).



Bouwe Bekking



Shannon Falcone



Gavin Brady

While they are extremely pleased and delighted to see how everyone enjoyed themselves, the organisers and their teams are already looking forward to 2013.



Registrations are already open for the week of 8th to 13th April 2013, and we are certain that anyone missing out on this opportunity will come to regret it; "The harbour in Gustavia cannot grow in size," François Tolède warned us, "and we shall soon be reaching the limits of what is possible." More than the quantity, it is the quality of the men and boats that interests the Voiles de Saint-Barth. "People come here because they want to," added François Tolède, "because of their passion for their boats, for their crews and to find that excitement that our waters always offer with the omnipresence of the wind and the breathtaking scenery. The friendly atmosphere you find ashore is down to this passion felt by people, who are contended and wish to share their emotions with others. All we do is set up the framework for this get together, ensuring a festive, yet authentic and tasteful atmosphere ashore...." Live music, fireworks, the race village, with its cheerful atmosphere, in addition to the customary charms of an island, renowned for its hospitality and French style, all contribute to charming everyone attending this event. Skippers and owners, who were up there on the podium at this year's magnificent closing ceremony repeatedly uttered these words, "We'll be back."

For final results, go to: <http://bit.ly/lmPwC2>

Race website: <http://www.lesvoilesdesaintbarth.com/>

Excerpts taken from the above website was used for this Review.

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cracked on at a good pace amidst riotous and enthusiastic applause. Amongst the first of the trophies to be awarded was the stunning half model Carriacou sloop trophy donated by John Bertola of Superyachts Supermodels which again this year went to Eli Fuller and his Carriacou sloop, Zemi.

Keeping the trophies in Antigua, Famous Mauro, (of pizza fame!) again this year collected the Hinkley Yachts Trophy for Classic GRP Class and Carlo Falcone - with Denis Conner on board Mariella was awarded the A& F trophy for best performance of a local yacht, overall in Vintage Class and the best elapsed time in Vintage Class.

The Monaco Yacht Clubs beautiful Tuiga justifiably won the most Photogenic Yacht - Den Phillips Trophy, as well as the best performance of a Gaff Rigged Yacht whilst the Spirit of Regatta trophy deservedly went to Richard Wests Charm III who following a collision carried out a speedy overnight replacement of the bowsprit!

Mary Rose won the Nicholsons Caribbean Yacht Sales Trophy and the Marine Power Services Trophy for the oldest boat was awarded to Coral of Cowes.

There was much applause for local Antigua based Rebecca as Captain Sparky collected First Overall Spirit of Tradition prize and equally for the mighty Elena who was awarded The Beken of Cowes Trophy for the Best Elapsed Time in the Schooner Class

Leading up to the grand finale Saphaedra was announced first overall in the Classic & Vintage Class whilst Mariella won the Mount Gay Rum Trophy the most competitive class which this year was the Vintage Class.

Kenny himself received two awards - the Old Bob award for 25 years at the helm of ACYR and additional special prize from Signor Angelo Bonati, CEO of Officine Panerai.

The famous video of the Duran Duran album Rio featuring Eilean was shown ahead of Simon Le Bon taking to the stage with fellow band members to make a short speech to say how much he had enjoyed sailing aboard Eilean again during the regatta remembering that back in the days of Rio she was the first big boat he had ever sailed upon.

He then awarded the prized Panerai trophy for the boat with the Best Total Corrected Time to the beautiful 1957 Marconi ketch Lone Fox, for the second year running helmed this year by well known local resident and keen sailor Don Ward.

*This article—and more info, see the website*

[www.antiguaclassics.com/](http://www.antiguaclassics.com/)

# BEQUIA HEINEKEN EASTER REGATTA



## "Unbeatable!"

**6—9 April 2012**—The Bequia Sailing Club's 31<sup>st</sup> Bequia Easter Regatta came in for universal praise last weekend as a total of 42 yachts and 30 local double-enders registered to take part in Bequia's world famous sporting and tourism event. Conditions were near perfect with light steady breezes and glorious sunshine. The large turnout this year and the amount of visitors and following boats in Bequia guaranteed a bumper weekend for the island's businesses, re-affirming the economic significance of the event to the island and its contribution towards the tourism product in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



The yacht side of the regatta was officiated for the thirteenth year running by Principal Race Officer James Benoit from Grenada, working along side the 7-person Bequia Sailing Club Race Committee. Two one-design Classes - one for the 25-foot French "Surprise" boats from Martinique, and the other for the popular J24 racing yachts - a Racing (spinnaker) Class and two Cruising Classes divided up the 42-boat yacht fleet.



No less than ten yachts made the long overnight journey down from Martinique to compete in what all emphatically declared to be their favourite regatta of all. They were joined by boats from the UK, USA, Netherlands, Austria, Trinidad, Grenada, Carriacou, St. Vincent, Bequia, St. Lucia, Barbados and Antigua all eager to take part in the Bequia Heineken Easter Regatta 2012.



New Regatta Premier Sponsors First Citizens awarded unique teak trophies to the winners of Friday's First Citizens Yacht Races and Big Boat Challenge, whilst winners of Sunday's 16-entry Heineken Single-handed Yacht Race and Monday's Heineken Yacht Races all received additional prizes courtesy of Heineken.

## Another title for Odile van Aanholt

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, Odile van Aanholt (14) added another title to her already impressive sailing career. The Curacao born became South American Optimist Girls Champion at the San Isidrio Yacht Club and finished 4<sup>th</sup> Overall in the joint Boys/Girls league with 160 sailors competing from 17 countries. Audrey Giblin from America took silver in the Girls league and Irina Pineyrua from Argentina took bronze.

Odile van Aanholt, the youngest of four sailing brothers and sisters, has already accumulated a nice collection of titles at a young age. The past year in Lost Angeles she also took the title of "North American Girls Champion" and in 2010 in Malaysia she took "Boys and Girls Optimist World Champion 12-years-and-younger". She is therefore currently also reigning Southern American girls champion in the Optimist class for those under the age of 15.



On the brown shallow waters of the Rio de la Plata it was as though one was "sailing through caramel pudding", says Van Aanholt. She started the championship off well by winning the first race under light wind conditions. Thereafter she sailed a 16 (her worst finish) followed by another 1<sup>st</sup> place. During the second day she sailed constantly and scored a 7, 6 and 8. This put her in 5<sup>th</sup> position in the overall league and in the lead for the girls. On the third day the conditions were a little more difficult for Van Aanholt; there was even less wind and it was difficult for her to get her bearings in the current. She finished in an 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> position, which moved her back into 12<sup>th</sup> position and 3<sup>rd</sup> amongst the girls.

Due to the lack of a permanent coach Van Aanholt sailed with the 11-person Mexican team under the guidance of Hector Guzman. In 2011 Guzman offered a clinic in Curaçao and also trained Van Aanholt at that time. Guzman pointed out that Van Aanholt's starts ought to be better and tried to get her to start in a more aggressive way. "A top 10 ranking will be possible in every single race if she has a perfect start, given her excellent boat speed, steadfastness and extensive experience in the tactical game."

On the fourth day of sailing the wind increased and reached 13 to 15 knots, and Odile van Aanholt scored a 2 and a 5, resulting in her climbing back up to 8<sup>th</sup> position in the overall league. On the last day the wind varied from 17 to 20 knots and sometimes pushed towards 22 knots, resulting in the sailors having to deal with wave conditions in which Van Aanholt flourished. She scored a 1<sup>st</sup> place. With only one more race to go she even stood a chance to win the Overall Boys and Girls Championship, but due to another start that was just a little too careful, she finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place. As a result, she was 2 and 3 points short, respectively, for the bronze and silver.

The North Americans dominated the Overall league of the South American championship; Gold went to Roman Screve, Silver to Nic Muller, Bronze to Will Logue, all three from America. The 4<sup>th</sup> place therefore went to Odile van Aanholt and 5<sup>th</sup> place went to another American: Sean Brennan. Renzo Sanguineti from Peru finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place as the first South American.

Van Aanholt is currently preparing for the July World Championships in Boca Chica, the Dominican Republic, and will defend her North American title in October in Valle de Bravo, Mexico. As part of her preparations she is training with the Dutch team under guidance from Pim Stumpel.

More information is available at: [www.optiworld.org](http://www.optiworld.org)  
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## BEQUIA HEINEKEN EASTER REGATTA Continued

Regatta sponsors United Insurance lent their name to the J24 three-race series on Saturday, with the United Insurance Challenge Trophy going to *Fadeaway* from Barbados, skippered by Charlie Gloumeau. The 8-entry J24 Class included boats from St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada and St. Lucia, each competing fiercely throughout the regatta's six specially designed races. When the final results were tallied, it was *Fadeaway* that was the Overall Winner, thereby also taking the J24 Southern Caribbean's Championship Trophy for 2012. St. Vincent's own *Saltfish*, skippered by Philip Barnard took a well earned second overall.

Overall winners in the other four classes were Racing Class: *Regis Guillemot Charters* (Melges 24, Regis Guillemot, Martinique); Cruising I: *Rasmus* (Swan 43, Dieter Huppenkothen, Austria); Cruising II: *Bandos*, (FF 110, Dirk Gents, Netherlands) and Surprise: *GFA Caraibes* (Nicolas Gillet, Martinique), who took three first places, (and first in the Single Handed race!) to give him a clean sweep, and Overall Surprise Class Winner honours for the second year running.

Excitement ran at fever pitch on Friday for the inaugural First Citizens Big Boat Challenge, as the sleek new 28 footer *Black Berry* took part in its maiden race. Owned by the community of La Pompe, built by a group of Bequia craftsmen led by boat-builder Jarson Hazell and skippered by Orson Ollivierre, *Black Berry* drew huge crowds of onlookers wherever she raced. With ten entrants overall, Friday's First Citizens Big Boat Challenge was won by *Skyler* from Carriacou, skippered by Verrol Compton.



The 30-boat local double-ender fleet that took part in the three race series over the Easter weekend (two Heineken Challenges and a Mount Gay Challenge) came mostly from Bequia, with two boats coming from Carriacou. Overall winner of Bank of SVG Trophy in the hotly contested 28-foot Class 7 was Bequia's *Confusion* skippered by Wayne Gooding. The other overall winners were *Wisdom* (Class I, Mountain Top Water Trophy) *My Love* (Class II, Bequia Sailing Club Trophy), *Tornado* (Class VA, Admiralty Transport Trophy), *More Worries*, (Class VB, Bequia Express Trophy), and *Ace Plus* from Carriacou taking overall in Class VI with The Bequia Sailing Club Trophy.

But it wasn't only competing boats that thronged the harbour in Admiralty Bay. An estimated one hundred additional power and sailing yachts came to Bequia to see the legendary local boat races, to follow the yacht races or simply enjoy being in Bequia at Easter.

Full yacht race results are to be found on the Bequia Heineken Easter Regatta website [www.begos.com/easterregatta](http://www.begos.com/easterregatta)



## EXAMINING A NEW RATING PARADIGM

By Dobbs Davis, Seahorse

High performance sailing is at a crossroads: Some of the most popular one-designs raced in the last decade are getting a little long in the tooth and have a chance for being upstaged by some exciting new designs just entering the scene. These range from MC38's, to Farr 400's, to GP42's and up to TP52's, all of which are racing at Quantum Key West 2012 this week.

These high-speed, offshore-capable designs have always been problematic for the US rating rules, as their greater performance including planing offwind cannot be easily predicted alongside the bulk of the fleet sailing in more traditional displacement boats. Ideally the planing boats can be grouped together to enjoy good racing, but this is not always possible, and there are still critical rating differences that can arise based on the vagaries of whatever system is used.

For example, the PHRF approach of using empirical data and declared dimensions to support the rating is one approach, but it can take years of data to finally hone in on a reasonable number after applying plenty of other un-measured filters (weather conditions, crew quality, etc).

The ORR and IRC approach of using detailed measurements plugged into a secret rating rule might work for some, but no one likes secrecy too much, where ORR protects its fleet with 'go-slow' features, and IRC favors heavier displacement production boats in the 40-foot range. ORC racing systems are public and show promise for these boat types, but is not currently used in the US.

In 2010, a group formed to examine how a new rating paradigm could be devised to work for modern planing boats, with the following features:  
fully-measured, completely public, simple to apply, expressed on a spreadsheet, and intentionally typeforming towards high-speed offshore designs. The group called this concept HPR, for High Performance Rule.

But who are the owners and crews interested in this? And does the world really need yet another rating rule?

Listening to people this week at Quantum Key West 2012 who are racing these newest generation boats (Farr 400's, MC38's, GP42's, even some TP52's), the answer seems to be 'Yes'. Anticipating this, Premiere Racing has offered an HPR class to try out the nascent version of the rule, which for the moment has been assembled from ORR and beta version HPR VPP's from Jim Teeters, combined with some PHRF factors from Bruce Bingham.

After the racing on Thursday in Key West, I will be moderating a Seahorse-sponsored panel discussion from 5:00-6:00 PM EST to explain how the HP Rule works, what if any conclusions can be made from the racing to date, and what's next in the future of HPR.

The panelists include: Steve Benjamin, North Sails; Marty Kullman, Quantum Sails; Dee Smith, Farr 400 Class; Wolfgang Schaefer, Farr 40 Class and ORC; and Rob Weiland, TP52 Class.

The discussion will be streamed live online at [http://www.yachtscoring.com/hpr\\_discussions.cfm](http://www.yachtscoring.com/hpr_discussions.cfm)

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| 11—13 May    | ANGUILLA REGATTA<br><a href="http://www.anguillaregatta.com">www.anguillaregatta.com</a>   |
| 17—19 May    | COMBAT DE COQUES (Martinique)<br><a href="http://www.clubnautiquedumarin.com">www.clubnautiquedumarin.com</a>  |
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