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In keeping with our slogan "The voice of Caribbean Sailing", we are giving you news on this past months regattas. If you haven't been lucky enough to sail a regatta yet, I hope you will be able to sail in one of the many still to come. Our website is presently undergoing a 'facelift' and we are looking forward to its launch.



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MERCI BUCKETS!
*Exerpts from an article by
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2012 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA MARCH 22 - 25, 2012

As The Bard said "parting is such sweet sorrow", and that is exactly the way everyone feels at the end of another fantastic edition of the Saint Barths Bucket. With every hug, every single-double-triple good-bye kiss, every sincere "I love you" a piece of your heart leaves with each friend and sailing companion who departs for their home ports by plane, ferry – or indeed by yacht. Yet we all know that in this world, we will all meet again, whether in another country, surely another regatta, boat show, wedding, or quay encounter in another port town. 'Tis the nature of our biz! The upshot is that we carry with us, one and all, amazing memories of another Bucket, bigger and better than ever.

Michael Bradfield, owner of the superb Dubois-designed, Royal Huisman built *Twizzle*, summed it up as well as I ever could. "What a superb and exciting Bucket Regatta. The sailing was varied and challenging and brilliantly planned. The four categories were spot on and the exciting and tight finishes were a testament to the superb rating by Jim Teeters. Peter Craig as PRO and the team did a superb job of promoting a rich and varied regatta with a strong emphasis on safety and good nature. It was a privilege being able to take part." With forty seven yachts of this value and calibre, all competing for prizes, glory and bragging rights, racing can sometimes get a little hairy. Yet with the intense professionalism of both permanent and racing crews, once again, Bucket racing in Saint Barths remained



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safe, and with other than a few protest-encuding close calls, and some gear failure, everything turned out well in the end.

28-31 March 2013.



Taken from their website
www.bvispringregatta.org

Tortola BVI (BVI), **26 March—01 April 2012** — A southeasterly breeze of about 12-15 knots emanating from Dead Chest Island, provided shifty conditions for a tense last day of racing at the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival. Today all classes raced in the Sir Francis Drake Channel outside Nanny Cay and there was a lot of traffic to contend with. Probably the most important factor was staying in clear air and spotting the shifts as they whipped over and around the chain of islands on the south side of the Channel.

Regatta Chairman, Bob Phillips was on the water every day during the regatta and he is rightly proud of the 2012 edition: "Above all, sailors love sailing and the BVI Spring Regatta has an excellent race area. In the present economic climate an entry of 100 boats has got to be seen as a success, especially as we have attracted larger yachts including seven Swans and the STP 65, Equation. However, the BVI Spring Regatta & Festival is not just about the big boats. This year the event celebrates its 41st year and it has always been about providing good racing for a wide variety of people on the race course and great entertainment back on the shore.



In the Multihull Class, Peter Aschenbrenner's ballistic trimaran *Paradox*, was the comfortable winner. This is Peter's first regatta although he is no stranger to the BVI: "This is my fourth trip to the BVI. It's such a spectacular place and I have to say that we have really enjoyed the regatta, largely because of the courses that we have been given, especially mixing it up with the keelboat fleet on the second day. It would be great to have some other multihulls of the same speed. The atmosphere at the regatta is excellent, we would just like a bit more competition."



2012 St Barths Bucket Regatta

In photo's



Review of the 39th Annual International Rolex Regatta USVI



ST. THOMAS - More than 65 teams and 650 sailors from around the world competed over the three-day event and for three sailing classes it came right down to the wire.

The CSA 1 and CSA 2 Classes were decided by less than a single point, while the winner of the Beach Cats Class was determined on the final race. The big boats also battled in the IRC Class, while the CSA Non-Spinnakers and IC-24 One Design Classes had exciting finishes as well.

After two days of dreary weather, Sunday featured the tactically demanding Pillsbury Sound races with courses that wound through the cays of St. Thomas and St. John while the IC-24s completed six short-course races in Jersey Bay. Winds got up to 15 knots. Peter Cunningham's 52-foot PowerPlay out of the Cayman Islands, took the overall victory in IRC, in which nine boats competed.

The team's main competition was Willem Wester's Grand Soleil 46, Antilope, which was steered by Belgian Olympian Philippe Bergmans and took second. Ashley Wolfe's IRC 52, Mayhem, rallied back from a tough start Friday and finished third

Info taken from their website: www.rolexcupregatta.com



BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival

26 March—01 April 2012 (Continued)

In Class 1, clear air at the start is something that Stefan Lehnert's Tripp 56, Passion 4C has been wanting throughout the regatta, but Bill Alcott's STP65, Equation has just too much speed. Although Passion 4C have started well all week, the German team was not able to hold their lane. However, two short windward leeward races today favoured Passion 4C and the German team put in a perfect performance to finish the regatta in style winning both races. Jason Putley was spotted on board Equation today, a big treat for the 13-year-old BVI bowman.



In Class 2, Peake Yacht Service, RP37, Slippery took the first race of the day to put pressure on class leader, Willem Wester's Grande Soleil 46, Antilope. The two Farr 400s pinned Antilope out on the left of the course and Slippery got away well on the favoured right side and covered Antilope from the front, effectively slowing them down. However, Antilope came back strongly in the last two races to take the class title. Blade won the battle of the Farr 400s, beating Magnitude in all three races today. *Antilope and Peak Yacht Services Slippery Photos: Todd VanSickle*

In Class 3, Richard Wesslund's J/120, El Ocaso put in another solid performance, scoring a win in the first race and two 2nd places to clinch the class win. El Ocaso has not scored out of the top three in the nine race series. Jaime Torres' First 40, Smile and Wave has a conventional spinnaker pole and today's windward leeward racing is



probably what the Puerto Ricans wanted all week. However the team will take great satisfaction is scoring two wins today. Ondeck's First 40, Lancelot II skippered by Chris (Jacko) Jackson claimed third. In the Melges 24 division, Andrea Scarabelli's Budget Marine/Gill from St.Martin held off local BVI team, Fire Water

skipped by Henry Leonnig.

In Class 5, Ian Hope-Ross First 36.7, Kick 'em Jenny corrected out to win the first race of the day and two further podium finishes secured the class win for the team from St.Martin.



International Rolex Regatta USVI

23—25 March 2012 (Continued)

"We were head-to-head with Mayhem the whole regatta, which made it exciting," Cunningham said. "We lost the first race today by one second to Mayhem and Antilope to finish third. The sailing is so interesting here - you can't relax even one second or it's the difference between first and second."

Cunningham said Mayhem's disqualification in the second race of the series for a pre-start infraction and the dismasting of Irvine Laidlaw's IRC 52, Highland Fling XII, which had St. Thomas tactician Peter Holmberg on board, were critical turning points in the regatta.

"They would have had a second in that race, so you can count back and see that they would have done that much better," Antilope tactician Bouwe Bekking said, referring to Mayhem's disqualification. "But that's yacht racing."



Andrea Scarabelli's Melges 24, Budget Marine/GILL, managed to hold a lead it established on the first day in the CSA 1 Class. It was by a mere half point in final regatta standings as Budget Marine/GILL prevailed over Magnitude 400, a Farr 400 owned and skippered by California sailor Doug Baker. The battle of the 40-footers, of which there were four in the class, drew plenty of fanfare after the competitive "town races" between the St. Thomas Yacht Club and St. Thomas Harbor on Friday.

The half-point difference in the final scores was a result of Budget Marine/GILL's third-place finish in Sunday's first race with the exact same corrected time as a second Farr 400 from California, Blade, so each boat was given 3.5 points.

"In the first start we were over early, so we had to come back and lost at least 30 seconds," said Scarabelli, who drove Budget Marine/GILL to the close win.

The team posted a third in the second race to Magnitude 400's fifth, and that proved to be the difference for Budget Marine/GILL, out of St. Maarten.



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BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival

26 March—01 April 2012 (Continued)

Kevin Rowlette's Olson 30, Rushin' Rowlette sailed extremely well today and was rewarded with two race wins but the Tortolans had to settle for second place for the class, but Kevin Rowlette was delighted to be named best BVI Boat at the regatta winning the Premier's Cup: 'It's been a lot of fun, great sailing on an interesting variety of courses and we were really in with a good chance of winning the Class, but losing a guy over the side with the spinnaker up doing 10 knots put an end to that, but we got him back on board okay. It is really an honour to be named best BVI boat as there are so many good BVI teams at this regatta.'



In Class 7, there was a dramatic change to the overnight standings. Class leader, Henry van Melle's J/46 Jent went from 1st overall to 3rd. Andy Middleton's First 47.7, Global Yacht Racing scored three podium finishes to clinch second place in the class but it was a very happy Christian Reynolds on the dock after today's racing. His Swan 51, Northern Child scored two wins and a 2nd to win the class,

In Class 8, Warren Thring's Cold Beer raised a cheer scoring their first podium finish of the regatta but Antonio Sanpere's J/36, Cayennita Grande won the first race today by a huge margin to secure the class win.

In Class 9 Jon Charlton & Claude Bonanni's Team Red Stripe won today's only race. However, Keith Smith LiGreci's Girasoli came 2nd, which was enough to secure the class win: "This is the first major regatta with the boat and we are absolutely delighted to win our class," said Keith. "Although Girasoli is new this year, the team have been sailing together for years with Bill Berardelli who passed away recently and I would like to dedicate this win to his memory, he was a great guy."

In the IC24 Class, Frits Bus finished the 14-race series in style to clinch the overall victory with Andrew Waters', Conch-Querer second. There was an intense battle for the last podium position between Peter Houtzagers' Satisfaction and David Irwins' Grey Ghost; Satisfaction won the encounter by a single point.



In Bareboat 1, Dick Backstom's Soul Mates finished the regatta on a high winning the last race. However the class title goes to Christine Joseph's Sexy and We Know It. Tijmen van Elst's BK Grondlogistiek takes second with Soul Mates third.

In Bareboat 2, Neil Harvey's Acadia won today's race and an outstanding protest was dropped giving Acadia the overall class title. Bill Petersen & Peter Stazicker's Team Trolley Car were second overall and Rob Swain Sailing School racing Perelandra scored a third in today's race to win a close battle with Team Cape Fear and AvalonRacing, to take 3rd place for the regatta.



In the Bareboat Class the winner of the International Yacht Club Challenge is BK Grondlogistiek representing the IJmuidenYacht Club in Holland, winning the substantial prize of a week's free charter in the BVI from Sunsail. The second prize of two round trip tickets from Cape Air goes to Avalon Racing representing the Caernarfonshire Yacht Club in Wales.

International Rolex Regatta USVI

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Jamie Torres was only 14 years old when he was on board with his father, Jamie Sr., when they won the Rolex Regatta more than two decades ago. He was hoping to pull off a win in the CSA 2 Class on his Beneteau First 40, Smile and Wave, but battled fellow Puerto Rico boats all weekend and fell a half point shy.

"There was a just one point separating the Top 3 boats," Torres said. "The boat we tied with on corrected time yesterday was a J 80, a smaller boat. Today, they beat us in one race by only one second. So if you think about it, the tie yesterday and that one-second loss today literally was the difference between first and second overall for our boat."

The first race Sunday was on a reaching course, which didn't help Smile and Wave, a boat that thrives on upwind-downwind courses. Jonathan Lipuscek's J 105, Dark Star, took top honors in CSA 2 and Sergio Sagramoso's J 122, Lazy Dog, finished a very close third behind Smile and Wave.



For more info and results: www.rolexcupregatta.com

"We simply tried to minimize errors and do everything with patience," said Lipuscek, who won three of the first four races in the regatta and took a 2-3 on Sunday to pull out the win. "It's incredible that we've won the watch - I didn't believe it until now."

Puerto Rican teams also finished 1-2 in the IC-24s, which sported the largest fleet with 15 boats, including eight vessels from the territory. Fraitto Lugo skippered Orion to six wins in 15 races to earn his ninth victory at Rolex.

"It feels so good to win," he said. "We lost this regatta last year, so we came back this year very aggressive."

Marco Teixidor's Cachondo was second followed by Team Coors Light, which was the top local finisher and made a huge run Saturday to get in contention. St. Thomian Chuck Pessler teamed up with Frits Bus, of St. Maarten, two win two races Saturday and they moved up from ninth after Friday's races to the podium on Sunday.

Other local notables in the IC-24 Class included Phil Shannon's Magic Bus, which was fifth, followed by Red Dog (seventh), Stinger (ninth) and Latitude 19 (11th).

The only local boat to win its respective class was Cayennita Grande, out of St. Croix, which took top honors in the CSA Non-Spinnaker Class. Tony Sanpere, who has won before at Rolex, skippered the J 36 to a win with four Central High School students as crew members.

"The kids are laid back about it, but they'll be talking about this with their friends for a while, I'm sure," said Central High marching band director Stan Joines, who recently bought the boat and raced on it last weekend. "For us, we just want to do our best and have fun. I'm not really about winning. I'm more concerned with watching the kids do something new and fresh."

The Beach Cats had one important race on Sunday, and Jorge Ramos' Hobie 16, Universal, won it to secure his second title in a row. He swapped wins with John Holmberg, of St. Thomas, on Friday and Saturday and finished just two points ahead of Holmberg in the overall standings.

Paul Stoken, who raced in the IC-24s the last two years, took on the Beach Cats this year. He edged out his fellow St. Thomas sailor each of the last three races to finish third in the class.

"I raced the IC-24s the last two years and we got our butts kicked so I changed it up a little bit this year," Stoken said. "We beat the man - John Holmberg - today and the last two races yesterday so we're very excited about that."

Locals Dominate J/22 Caymans Invitational

15—18 March 2012

(Cayman Islands)- The Cayman Islands Sailing Club hosted yet another fun-loving, highly competitive event on the Great North Sound in the Cayman Islands for their 2012 International Invitational. Teams from all over the world attended including ten representatives from Germany (Peter Karrie), South Africa (Len John Van der Wel), Bahamas (Craig Symonette and Dave Valentina), USA (Marc Fisher and Bill Wiggins), United Kingdom (Olie Dix), Jamaica (Peter Harper) and Norway (Are Huser).



The sailing conditions were simply epic- postcard perfect weather as advertised with 10-20 knot trade winds blowing all day long all the time with sunny robin's-egg blue skies, puffy white clouds scudding across the horizon and aquamarine blue waters dotted by white breaking waves when the wind was up. Perfect sailing conditions that challenged the sailors to get off the starting line in clear air, maintain position, get around the marks cleanly with good boat-handling and stay in the battle. With racing taking place over three days, each day starting at 12 noon, the regatta was exceptionally well managed under the guidance of race officers Peta Adams and Andrew Moon along with visiting international judges Gilmour Manuel and Harry Keith.



In the end, top local sailor Mike Farrington sailing JUST LEAVING from Cayman Islands Sailing Club triumphed and was crowned the 2012 Invite Champion with finishes of five 1sts, two 2nds and two 3rds, tossing a 3rd to win with just 12 points! Not too far off the pace was top local woman sailor, Jane Moon, sailing CIAO! to two 1sts, six 2nds and a 4th (tossing the 4th) to finish with a remarkable 14 pts, not enough to overcome Mike's fast, smart crew. Lying third was Marc Fischer from the USA sailing the great yacht WRECKLESS to a strong 4-1-6-3-3-7-4-3 for 31 points. Rounding out the top five were another local boat, Simon Farrington on SUNSHINE finishing 4th with 41 pts and Craig Symonette sailing CALIMA 5 from Nassau, Bahamas just getting nipped out for 4th with his record of 8-4-3-27-8-6-4 for 42 pts.



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Review of the
2012 Race Cayman Optimist Open



15—18 March 2012
 (CISA) Cayman's youth sailors have done the Cayman Islands proud with a fabulous overall result at the inaugural 2012 Race Cayman Optimist Open & Western Caribbean Optimist Championship, hosted by the Cayman Sailing Club.

The youth competitors representing the Cayman Islands finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th overall and first female after the three day championship held in the North Sound in Grand Cayman.

USA Sailor Jordan Wiggins—who just a just a few weeks earlier narrowly missed out on a place on the American Optimist team—was the overall winner with a dominant performance, winning 11 out of 15 places.

It was not as easy as the score line might suggest. There were some close finishes in every race with Florence Allen (Cayman) and Evan Langford (Jamaica), Tyler Cartwright (Bahamas) and Allena Rankine (Cayman) all pushing Jordan, but his experience paid dividends in the end. Cayman sailors Florence Allen (first female), Pablo Bertran, Allena Rankine and Finley McDougall came in second, third, fourth and eighth respectively—results which the Sailing Center coaches are extremely proud considering its only their second regatta against international competition.



Andrew Moon, the Commodore of the Sailing Club said, "All the hard training paid off. The kids showed huge dedication in the pre-championship training programs and the results speak for themselves. We really have some very talented youth sailors in the Cayman Islands." For more info: <http://www.sailing.ky>

Congratulations Odile van Aanholt - AH05



(7th April 2012) Well done Odile van Aanholt (Curacao) for placing 7th out of 160 competitors in the South American Opti Championships in the Riva Plate, Buenos Aires—Argentina.



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<http://www.antiguanice.com>

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Antigua Sailing Week

29 April—4 May



The entry list for the 45th Antigua Sailing Week is fast approaching over 120 yachts. There are just over three weeks to go before the final curtain call of the Caribbean racing season. The Organising Committee is recruiting dozens of volunteers for the SWAT team (Sailing Week Antigua Team) to make sure that the Caribbean's oldest and most prestigious regatta is a joy to behold. Kathy Lammers is Chairman of the Regatta Organising Committee for Antigua Sailing Week. "The management team is working flat out to deliver another great event.

We know there are a lot of boats coming that have not entered yet and we would encourage them to submit their online entries now. If you haven't got a ride for Antigua Sailing Week and want to come, there are still plenty of opportunities. Visit the yacht charter pages of www.sailingweek.com where you will find there are individual places, bareboats and boats with skippers on offer. We are expecting as many as 2,000 visitors from abroad to come to Antigua Sailing Week and we intend to give them the best possible Antigua experience."

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- 5—8 April TOUR DE LA MARTINIQUE EN 2 ETAPES
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- 5—9 April ROUND GUADELOUPE REGATTA
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- 6—9 April BEQUIA HEINEKEN EASTER REGATTA
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