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Regatta's, regatta's, regatta's that the talk on the dock and what's on everybody's mind at this time of year. Which one's to see, which one's to sail, which one's to help at and which ones to watch out for.

For the organisers all that is on their minds is: Is everything going to turn out alright, will enough boats turn up, did we get enough sponsorship to cover all the rising cost, will everything go according to plan and please

lord let there be no problems this year. Some may even be praying to the weather gods but all in all we are lucky in the Caribbean that we are blessed with great weather but once in a while the weather is not in our favour but still it is far better than the cold north.

Good luck to all the regattas still to come, I am looking forward to seeing all the great results and seeing how well our rating system is working.

Thanks again to all our hard working measurers.



CSA and myself would like to congratulate Cor Van Aanholt (Curacao) on his newly appointed position on the executive board of the World Olympians Association. (Cor competed at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 sailing in the Laser for the Netherland Antilles). The association was started in 1995 and it unites all Olympians from around the world, regardless of their age, sport or nationality.

Cor was voted to this prestigious position out of 32 other candidates by 124 delegates from as many countries in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Just as a note one other Caribbean person was also voted on to the board, Liston Bochette from Puerto Rico (who is not a sailor). For more information on the World Olympic Association go to: www.woolympians.com

Also Cor was appointed the position last summer as one of the Vice Presidents of the Pan American Sailing Federation along with Andres Santana from the Dom Rep. Among other things the Pan American Sailing Federation is responsible for sailing at the Pan American Games.

Cor is currently the president of the Netherland Antilles Sailing Association (NASAF) which is the governing body for Curacao and St.Maarten, he is also an ISAF International Judge, not that all the above is enough to keep Cor busy he has 4 children that are very active in the competitive sailing world so van Aanholt is a name that you will be hearing much more of.



CSA would like to congratulate David de Vries from St.Maarten who has been picked as a judge for the 2012 Olympic games in London and Peter Shrubbs from Bermuda who has been picked as an Umpire for the match racing at the 2012 Olympic games in London.



Mount Gay Round BARBADOS Race

21 January 2012



Six records were broken when the Barbados Cruising Club successfully hosted the 2012 Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Saturday 21st January 2012.

The race attracted 28 entries from around the world with one yacht arriving just the day before the event having sailed from Italy directly to Barbados. That effort was rewarded as the crew were the eventual winners of the Absolute Monohull prize of the skipper's weight in rum for the fastest monohull to complete the race.

This yacht Idea is skippered by Tony McBride, who attended last year's event and had vowed to return with something bigger to break the Ultimate Monohull record and he easily achieved that goal.

The other Absolute prize went to Silver Bullet, skippered by Bryn Palmer, which had held the record for the fastest multihull around the island. They reset this time with Saturday's performance.

Rappajam with captain Ralph "Brugga" Johnson established a new class record for boats 60 foot and under, while sister boat Bruggadung, captained by Paul Johnson set a new class record for boats under 35 foot.

New records were also set in both the single handed and double handed classes with Immigrant, skippered by David Staples and crewed by Dr John Duckhouse setting a new record for a double handed yacht. Captain Peter Hoad also established a new record for a single-handed yacht.

This was the first year that use was made of the inner basin of the Careenage as a place to moor the yachts and also it was a first for the setting up of a regatta village.

The regatta village is a new concept to Barbados and sets up well for the world class event which Barbados will be hosting in December when boats will arrive for the finish of the Classic Transat 2012.

This event has so far attracted 33 entries and with seven months to go before the start, the organizers expect a further 12 yachts bringing the total to 45.

The Barbados Cruising Club wishes to thank the event sponsors, Mount Gay Rum, The Barbados Tourism Authority, LIMETv, The Loomba Foundation, The Beach House, Miele, Indigo Island, Port Louis Marina and Diamonds International.

The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race will return on January 21st 2013.

Round the Island Race—ANTIGUA

21 January 2012

On 21st January 2012 an impressive fleet set off to circumnavigate Antigua in an anti-clockwise direction. With 17 to 20 knots of breeze, variable sea conditions and weather extremes from hot and sunny to cold and rain, this proved to be a challenge – particularly for the smaller boats.

Not so for the 60-foot trimaran 'Paradox', sailed by its four French crew who managed to scorch around the race course in less than four hours and be at Cloggy's restaurant in time for lunch!! They broke the course record, previously held by the 100 foot Swan Virago, and were duly awarded the 'Sizzling Bacon' Trophy donated as a memorial to George Chew. Virago also managed to break her own record set in 2011 by approximately 10 minutes.



The fleet was very mixed with Marama at 115 feet, Virago at 100 feet, Whisper at 78 feet and Sofara at 72 feet. At the smaller end was Blue Peter at 30 feet and Shamrock at 31 feet with the rest of the fleet in between.

The overall winner was yacht Whisper, a Southern Winds 78, skippered by Mark Dicker. They were awarded the new 'Sleeper' Trophy kindly donated by our Fleet Captain, Jonty Layfield, followed by the annual weigh-in on the see-saw for the skipper's weight in rum – luckily (after we emptied his pockets and backpack) Mark balanced out at no more than 72 bottles of rum!!



For up-to-the-minute yachting information in Antigua, see **ANTIGUA'S YACHTING INSIDER**

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<http://www.antiguanice.com>

10th Caribbean LASER Midwinter Regatta

In Cabarete—Dom Republic

January 13—15, 2012

36 sailors from 13 countries were challenged in all possible sailing conditions, during the 3 day 10th Caribbean Laser Midwinter Regatta held in Cabarete, Dominican Republic. First day offered steady 22 knots with big swell, Second day featured crowd pleaser in bay racing with shifty and gusty offshore wind, and the third day offered three races in 6 to 12 knots, in a beautiful Caribbean Sunny day.

Julio Alsogaray, from Argentina who recently won the Gold Medal in the Pan Games, fought hard to beat Italian Olympic hopeful Michele Regolo, and young Ard Van Aanholt from Curacao surprised all for finishing 3rd ahead of a few olympic sailors.

In the Radial calls 1st place is Juanky Perdomo from Puerto Rico, who edged Philippine Van Aanholt from Curacao, and third was Peter Seidenberg from the USA.

The Master category winner is Ari Barshi from the Dominican Republic, who used his local knowledge of the waves downwind to beat Wolfgang Gerz from Germany on the last race.



Cancelled FOR 2012 ST CROIX INTERNATIONAL REGATTA



9—11 March 2012

The St. Croix Yacht Club Committee responsible for planning and executing the annual St. Croix International (formally the St. Croix Hospice Regatta), regrets to announce that after careful deliberation, the 2012 regatta will not

be held in view of recent economic developments on St. Croix. The present financial climate has not been conducive to attaining sponsorship, a key ingredient without which, this event simply is not possible. For more info contact:

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Local Yachtsman takes the Big Prize at GRENADA SAILING FESTIVAL 2012



27—31 January 2012

Grenadian yachtsman Robbie Yearwood in his J24 yacht 'Die Hard', the smallest boat in the fleet, finished triumphant after four days of fiercely competitive racing and took the prize of Overall Festival Winner 2012.

This was an extremely popular result, welcomed by all participants, as Robbie notched up six first places and one second place over the Festival's seven race series—just one point short of the perfect result. Robbie and his crew also won the True Blue Bay Resort Pursuit Race, making him the man to beat at the Grenada Sailing Festival Camper & Nicholson's Racing Series 2012.



Robbie's prize, a jeroboom of Moët & Chandon Champagne, the North South Wines Moët & Chandon Trophy, two British Airways return tickets to London, a bottle of Mount Gay 1703 and a bottle of 18 year old Chivas Regal was presented by the honourable Peter David, Minister of Tourism, at the final Gala Party staged at the Victory Bar, Port Louis Marina.

The Minister thanked all participating yachtsmen for coming to Grenada, and emphasised the significant contribution they make to the island. He went on to say that the Marine and Yachting Sector is a vital part of the economy and events such as the Grenada Sailing Festival are important in encouraging more skippers and crews to visit and experience the wonderful racing waters and marina facilities on offer.

Once again this year, the fleet of competing yachts was made up of a varied international mix from many different countries, including the UK, USA, Canada, Austria, Italy, France and Ireland, joined by the regular Festival visitors from Trinidad, Antigua and Barbados, and a strong contingent of local Grenadian competitors.⁴

On each race day the yachts raced in five different classes, according to their design, sails and speed.

Racing Class, Cruising Class 1, Cruising Class 2, Charter Class and Multihull Class.



GRENADA SAILING FESTIVAL 2012

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One of the most appreciated traditions of the Festival is the presentation on the final night to the skippers and crew, a selection of prizes donated by local hotels, restaurants and tour companies. These are fun and not related to results over the finish line, times or places in the fleet. They are a big 'Thank You' to everyone who entered, and a chance to experience more of the Island.

The Festival was hailed as a great success by all the skippers and crews who took part, many already booking their place on the start line for the next event, which will take place from

Friday 25 January to Tuesday 29 January 2013.

This will be a milestone event celebrating the 20th Grenada Sailing Festival, the planning has already started to make it the best ever.



New Look Scotiabank Work Boat Regatta One of the Best EVER!

GRENADA

4—5 February 2012.



A record fleet of 39 work boats: three newly built boats from Woburn, joined by two new designs from Petit Martinique; three visiting boats all the way from Mayreau, and for the first time ever, the sought after USD 1,000.00 cash prize for the final GSF16 "Champion of Champions" Match Race was shared by Joel Lewis of Sauteurs and Samuel Forde of Mayreau, who jointly brought home 'Tomorrow's Worry' with a mixed crew from both communities.



Add to this a new location of the Regatta Village on the beachfront and inside Camerhogue Park and one of the biggest crowds on Grand Anse Beach for the first Independence Celebrations, and you get a record list of high points marking the first Scotiabank Work Boat Regatta as one of the most exciting and best quality sailing events in its long history.



The sailing action was fast and furious and some of the most competitive ever, with crews fighting very strong and gusting wind conditions. This year the traditional sailing communities of Carriacou, Gouyave, Grand Mal, Petit Martinique, Sauteurs and Woburn were joined by three boats from Mayreau, and the competition in the Community Class Racing Series was high octane from the start.

Anguilla's Sailing Association DINGHY REGATTA attracts 26 competitors

28th January 2012

The 5th Annual Dinghy Regatta attracted young sailors from St Maarten, Nevis and Puerto Rico who competed against sailors from Anguilla. It was organised by the Anguilla Sailing Association at Sandy Ground on Saturday January 28. The races included two classes for the Optimist boats – silver and gold, as well as the Laser Radial Class and the 420 class.

Anguilla did well in the 420 class with Kenny Richardson and Starlin Rosario placing first and Jordan Peabody and Butchie Gumbs in second place. St Maarten dominated the Laser Radial Class with Rhone Findlay winning and Johanna Looser and Alec Scarabelli second.

The Optimist Silver Class was won by Ilian Halbertsma from St. Maarten with Luke Bacon, also from St. Maarten, in second place. The Optimist Gold Class was won by Lucas Miranda from Puerto Rico with Shemarie Richardson from Anguilla placing a second. The sportsmanship award was won by Osvaldo de Leon from Puerto Rico.



Fred Porter of the Anguilla Sailing Association thanked all the competitors for taking part and hoped that they had fun. He thanked the many volunteers and the sponsors that include Anguilla Aluminium, Sol Petroleum and the many businesses from Anguilla and St. Maarten.



Kenny Richardson and Rosano Starlin winners in the 420 Class (Photo courtesy Jos Lampe)

CLUB NAUTICO DE SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL REGATTA



San Juan, Puerto Rico. *By Carol Bareuther*
3—5 February 2012

Winds gusting to 15-knots-plus made for keen competition among the record 100 sailors racing in the 11th Club Nautico de San Juan International Regatta (CNSJIR). The Race Committee reveled in the big breeze launching as many as six and seven races in some of the eight classes.

The Advanced Optimist Class is the largest of the regatta with 31 sailors. Competition is especially intense for Puerto Rico's sailors as this event is a qualifier to see who will make the team to represent the island at the Optimist South American Championships, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in March. Continuing to lead this class are Andre Reguero and Miguel Monllor representing the Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and Club Nautico de San Juan's Lucas Miranda.

Two young sailors in the Advanced Optimist Class are holding their own and having fun.

"I had some good races and some bad races," says Nicholas de Tullio, who sails out of the St. Maarten Yacht Club. "It's a lot shiftier here than in the Lagoon at home, but with all the wind I enjoyed going fast."

Samuel Childs, sailing out of the Royal BVI Yacht Club, found conditions today "tricky", he says. "What I like best is seeing all my friends and being with them out on the water."

Both de Tullio and Childs are 10-years-old and racing in the youngest age division or White Fleet in the Advanced Optimist Class.

In the beginner Optimist Green Fleet, the U.S. Virgin Islands' Mateo DiBlasi scored a couple of first place bullets to take over the lead. The BVI's Mollee Donovan finished the day with a flawless string of first place scores to maintain her leaderboard position in the Laser 4.7 Class.

Club Nautico de San Juan's Juan Carlos Perdomo did the same in the Laser Radial Class to keep his lead with a 16-point spread over Puerto Rico's Jose Soler. In third, one point behind Soler is Andrea Aldana from Guatemala.

"I spent a month last year training with Puerto Rico's national team, so I know the waters here and the competition pretty well," says Aldana, who missed out on an Olympic spot by one point at the Olympic Class Regatta in Miami last month and hopes to make Guatemalan history by being the first women Olympic sailor by earning one of ten remaining spots at Kiel Week in June.



Juan Carlos Perdomo in Laser Radial leads the pack in San Juan

Curacao's Kevin van Otterdijk is two points behind Aldana and in fourth place in Laser Radials. "I've been sailing Lasers for a year and a half and hope to move up to a Standard rig for the World Laser Standard Junior Championship in Argentina in April," says Otterdijk. Puerto Rico's David Alfonso jumped into first place in Laser Standards by one point over the Dominican Republic's Guillermo Flaquer.

In the 420 Class, the U.S. Virgin Islands' Nikki Barnes and Agustina Barbuto maintained their lead, falling only once to the second place team of Puerto Rico's Jose and Pedro Lazo.

Sunfish defending champion, Elvin Aponte, took over the first place spot in the Sunfish Class from fellow islander, Gregg Fyffe.

Finally, the 8-boat IC-24 Class took to the water today led by Puerto Rico's Gregory Fink.

Live results are available at: www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=4088

2012 BVI Spring Regatta- Going Green and for Gold!



BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, known for its innovation on and off the race course, was the first regatta in the world to be recognized by Sailors of the Sea Clean Regatta Program with a Silver Certificate for its commitment to improving the oceans' environment. This year the event organizers are going for the Gold certificate. Taking another giant leap forward in its conservation efforts they will be awarding prizes made from recycled glass from the 2011 event.

March 26 - April 1, when boats from throughout the world flock to the British Virgin Islands (BVI) to sail in one of the Caribbean's premier events, winners could walk away with a prize that speaks not only to their sailing prowess but also to preserving our finite natural resources.

Judy Petz, Director of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, is especially proud:

"This year the awards being given to the winners of first, second and third places have a special meaning to the regatta. The drink you were holding last year may be the award you hold this year. They are not only made from recycled glass from the past Spring Regattas, but they are also original creations made here in the British Virgin Island."

For the last three years the BVI Spring Regatta has participated in Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regatta program. To achieve the Silver certification sponsors, the BVI Marine Association provided refillable water bottles and Clearwater, a purification system for pure water, gave free refills to all participants. SOL joined in and included environmentally friendly cleaning products in all skippers bags. Additionally, organizers have collected over 15,000 bottles each year. This year, those bottles are being crushed and recycled to make the 2012 awards by The Glass Studio Project, one of the Green VI initiatives.

The Glass Studio Project has been developed as a way to create awareness of the need to recycle. Charlotte McDevitt, Green VI's Executive Director readily admits that this is not a way to manage glass waste on the Island:



"This is just a demonstration project of how waste can become a resource if you see it differently. It's a nice project to have, it creates jobs and there are skills transfer to other industries, but it is not a waste management solution. It's an artistic educational demonstration." Only eight months old, The Glass Studio Project is not yet self-sufficient. Once it can turn a profit, the proceeds will go towards the non-profit organization, Green VI, for other environmental projects

To go for the Gold certification this year the organizers are asking for more from sponsors and all those racing and attending. Sol is providing spill kits for each of the race committee boats and food vendors will be asked to use only biodegradable containers. Green Technology, another local BVI company, will be donating all the wine glasses and Mount Gay's reusable cups will be used for all other drinks. Heineken has also agreed to match funds collect to off set our carbon foot print. Those funds will go to BVI recycling programs. There are more Clean Regatta ideas in planning stages.

The BVI Spring Regatta, Green VI, regatta sponsors and Sailors for the Seas are working together to create environmental awareness in the British Virgin Islands and the sailing community. Through this partnership, we all benefit.

For more information about the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival and how to represent your club for the IYCC go to: www.bvispringregatta.org Warm Water Hot Racing - Guaranteed

MARCH DATES CANCELED, NEW DATES PLANNED FOR 2012 PUERTO RICO HEINEKEN INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

PUERTO RICO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

(Humacao, Puerto Rico). If anticipation is half the fun, then this year's Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta should provide double the enjoyment. Due to an island-wide primary election just announced in the first week of January and the subsequent closure of many businesses due to the vote, the Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta will not be held on March 16 to 18.

"We regret any inconvenience this may cause to sailors," says regatta director, Angel Ayala. "But we want to be able to offer the same high-quality racing and parties that always attracts competitors from throughout the Caribbean and the world."

Regatta organizers seek feedback from sailors about a new date and are tentatively considering the Memorial Day Week-end, May 26-28, 2012.

The venue, Palmas del Mar, will remain the same.

For information or to provide feedback, please Email: info@prheinekenregatta.com or call: (787) 413-7702 or (787) 785-2026.

UPCOMING REGATTAS

23—26 Feb	SOUTH GRENADA REGATTA www.southgrenadaregatta.com
24—25 Feb	TRINIDAD CARNIVAL REGATTA www.sailweek.com
25 Feb	AROUND ST. MAARTEN MULTIHULL RACE www.multihullregatta.com
28 Feb	BUDGET MARINE MATCH RACING CUP St. Maarten www.smyc.com
1 Mar	GILL COMMODORE'S CUP St. Maarten www.heinekenregatta.com
2—4 Mar	ST. MAARTEN HEINEKEN REGATTA www.heinekenregatta.com
10—11 Mar	BANANA CUP—Martinique www.ycmq972.com
15—18 Mar	INTERNATIONAL J22 INVITATIONAL REGATTA—Cayman Islands www.sailing.ky
15—18 Mar	2012 RACE CAYMAN OPTIMIST OPEN www.sailing.ky
22—25 Mar	ST. BARTH'S BUCKET www.bucketregattas.com
23—25 Mar	39TH INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA St. Thomas www.rolexcupregatta.com
26—29 Mar	BVI SAILING FESTIVAL www.bvispringregatta.org

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