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Over the weekend of October 23rd & 24th at the Great Bay Beach Resort, St.Maarten, CSA held it's 6th Regatta Organisers Conference. This conference was the biggest to date and also as it happens one of the most successful. I would like to thank every one that made the effort to come, we

as a Caribbean group will only succeed in all our endeavors if we all help each other and work together in what ever way we can. Before the conference started, I felt that as a group we had lost communication and that contact between us was very poor. I felt very strongly that a major part of that was due to the fact that we did not have this conference last year therefore making it a two year gap since the last one. I can honestly say that after the conference I came away very pleased, that once again the road to communication and working together had been opened up. Lets hope that 2011 will be a fabulous year for all our regattas and that the bonds that were formed at this meeting will continue.

As I am writing this I keep hearing more reports as to how badly St.Lucia has been hit by Hurricane Tomas. We are thinking of them and can only hope that they are strong enough to pull together to recover as soon as possible. For the rest of us I think so far we should thank our lucky stars, as we have missed a couple of bullets.



St. Maarten Minister of Tourism—Mr. Franklin Meyers and Cary



Spotlight on CSA Member Yacht Clubs  
SINT MAARTEN YACHT CLUB

The Clubhouse History of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club

The very first meeting of people at which the Sint Maarten Yacht Club was to be formed from was held at the "Anker Bar" which was at the time on the beach in Great Bay. The year was 1980 The "Anker Bar" was owned and operated by Jaap and Nicky Guyt.. Amongst the persons who were at the formation meeting were Koos Richie , the late Rudi Stamm, Peter Sint and

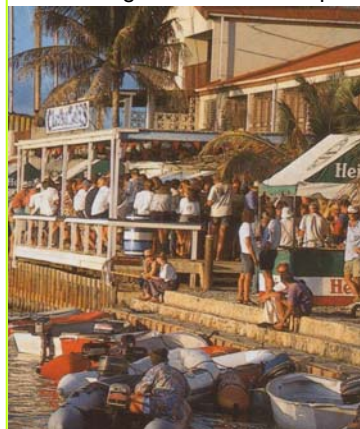


The Anker Bar today (at the head of Philipsburg) — sadly closed its doors in 1983.  
The first 'home' of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club.

At that time the clubs activities included windsurfing and Sunfish sailing with Alfred Koolen being the driving force behind the windsurfing and Wim van der Gulick the driving force behind the Sunfish sailors.



At that time most of the boats were in Great Bay. A typical race day included boats like the Gary M of Jan Matser, the Contention 33 of Koos Richie, the Spronk 23 of Rudi Stamm and one of the boats of Peter Sint. Rien Korteknie owned the "Stribuck" which sometimes participated and visiting boats often took part too.



Effectively the first clubhouse of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club was Chesterfields restaurant. For many years this location was the location for the start of many races and the convenient location for finishes. The dinghy dock was right there and races could end right off that location. The management was co-operative and it worked well. Quite often the tough job of finishing races could be done directly from a seat at the bar. Even in later years when the club

had it's own clubhouse across the road from Bobby's marina, the fact that sailors could not get past the Chesterfields bar became a contentious issue in the club.

Nevertheless the participants of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Foundation (it was not a real club at that time ) still wanted to have their own club house. A proposal was made by Bobby Velasquez to have the club on piles off the inner dock that is now closest to the beach and Diamond Casino. A building committee arranged for a design, and piles to build the clubhouse were purchased. Planning permission was requested.



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The CSA advertisement that will be placed in the Antigua Sailing Week's Regatta Brochure. (Thanks to Alyson Sly-Adams!) ASW is paying for the production of this advertisement, and will be placed in their brochure for free, as agreed in previous CSA Conferences.

**To place this advert in your Regatta brochure—Contact Alyson at: [info@sailingweek.com](mailto:info@sailingweek.com)**

## Bonaire Regatta Review 3-9 October 2010

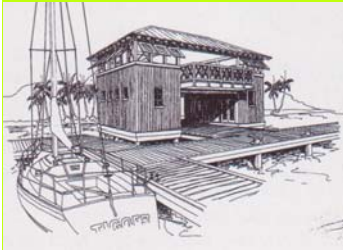
Although there were slightly fewer windsurfers who signed up, the Yachting divisions were well represented with a total of 26 participants, almost a dozen more than last year. An interesting entry was St. Lucia registered LOOSE CANNON. This boat that had disappeared without a trace from Barbados. The boat was spotted in Curacao waters drifting without any crew, and was brought ashore by the Coast Guard. The rightful owners flew to Curacao to retrieve their vessel, and when hearing of the Regatta in Bonaire, decided to take part.....and came first in their class!! Racing 2 Division. For more details—and results see their website: [www.bonaireregatta.org](http://www.bonaireregatta.org)



*Loose Cannon*



## The Sint Maarten Yacht Club—Continued..



Unfortunately because the positioning of the existing pier did not match the documented position, the permission could not be obtained. The plan had to be dropped.

It would have been an interesting club house with very good access to the water.

Around the same period endless options were researched for a clubhouse. A building next to Passangrahan was seriously considered, property that is now part of the new harbour areas was investigated, the Red Cross building on the lagoon and later on a piece of property that is now part of Pelican Resort was on the table.

Another proposal that received extensive attention was one by TP Parsons to use the house between Lagoonies and FKG as a clubhouse.

In the many meetings it quickly became apparent that a location in which all the demands were to be met was unlikely. The list of demands included proximity for cruising boats, dinghy sailing facilities, committee boat dockage etc.



**SMYC opposite Bobby's Marina**



**Damaged by hurricane Luis**

A clubhouse was rented across the road at Bobbys Marina in what used to be the "Harbour Lights Restaurant with a lease beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June 1995.

The space was large, having two levels and was easily able to accommodate all members. Substantial renovations were done in order to use the location and particular mention must be made of Messrs Struthers and Hope Ross and "Dutch Pete" who produced an interior and bar.

The Heineken Regatta had already an office in that building. Unfortunately the building was hot, had no view or other advantages, and regular use of the facility by club members was limited and caused the club to run at a loss.

The location did not attract large numbers of non members and the operation of this facility for just under two years cost the club substantial funds. Moreover it was seriously damaged by Hurricane Luis very soon after we moved in.

The moment of closure of the building was around the time that the marine industry was moving to Simpson Bay.

The next temporary premises was the facility above Necol which at that time was called the "Watergate Night Club".

This loose arrangement worked well for club meetings but did not facilitate other functions of the club. For a short period after this "Ranchitos" served as the clubhouse.

The big moment for the club came when Commodore Jerry Blakeslee made a provisional deal with Ed Jonkheer for the acquisition by the club for the current property.

A meeting held at Bavaria restaurant squarely backed the proposal and the deposit was paid. Fortuitous circumstances not unconnected with Mr. Blakeslee's excellent handling of the clubs interests made it possible for the club to "squat" on the land for quite some years before the actual purchase of the land was done on 30 July 2002.





## Hurricane Tomas hits Barbados / St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

30—31 October 2010



### Penny McIntyre—VP South reports: (2nd Nov 2010)

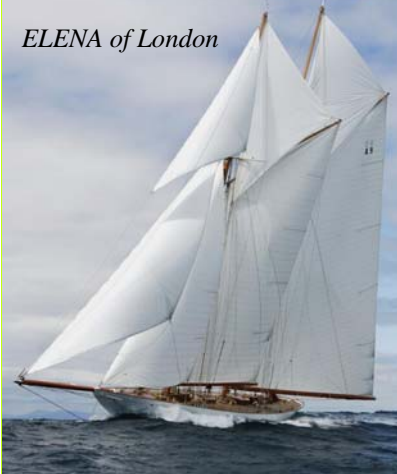
Things are finally settling down here a bit. I got trickles of water coming out of the tap now and that makes me happy. There are still a lot of people without power, water or phone but we are so lucky compared to St Lucia and St. Vincent. The photos below were taken by: the red boat Jump Up by Bruce Robinson and the other two by Eddy Larcombe. The Yacht Club did not sustain any damage that I know of. Its quite tragic to see some of the most majestic old trees completely uprooted. Many families lost roofs and sustained flood damage etc but no one died thank god.



**ST. LUCIA— Yacht Club doesn't have damage, unfortunately the South of the island is hit badly, 14 dead's reported for now, still people missing. Follow their updates on FACEBOOK: [Slyc Crew](#)**

## Update:—Mount Gay round Barbados Race 21 January 2011

*ELENA of London*



*ELENA of London* is an exact replica of the Elena of 1911, using original drawings from the Herreshoff museum and was launched in 2009. *ELENA* will start her commorative 'centennial tour' in Barbados at the Round Barbados Race, and intends to break the schooner time record set by *SEA FOX* in 1936 of 10hours and 20 minutes. *ELENA* also plans to compete in several Caribbean Regattas including those in Antigua and St. Barths.

### The following is the Barbados Sailing Association's calendar of major sailing events for 2011:

- Friday, 21st January. Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race 2011
- Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th March.  
HRH Prince Edward's Regatta and Golf Tournament
- Thursday, 12th to Sunday, 15th May.  
Mount Gay Rum Barbados Regatta 2011
- Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th June.  
Barbados International J24 Open Championships
- Saturday, 29th and Sunday, 30th October. Barbados J24 Invitational.
- Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th November.  
J24 Barbados Match Racing Championships

## The Sint Maarten Yacht Club—Continued..

*The original house*



The land on which the clubhouse is situated was created when the bridge was built. Prior to the present lifting bridge there was a swing bridge which suffered from imperfect foundations which caused it not to swing as well as it might have.

The previous land owner obtained the land as part payment for engineering works, the sort of arrangement that was common at that time with the government of Dr Claude Wathey who was able to make things happen with a great deal of flexibility on the part of the government.

The club for some years operated out of four twenty foot containers and the space between them was covered by a tent like structure.

The architecture did not suggest an exclusive venue.

The atmosphere was most convivial however. In the beginning there was Frank and Geraldine Thompson who became highly regarded for their great Friday evening dinners including good steak at very reasonable prices. After they left to return to South Africa they were replaced by Norbert and Mandy. These were followed by Chris, a South African who did it for a season.

The final food service contractor in the containers was Glen Kemble who was Surinamese and specialized in Surinamese food which for a period provided a totally different cuisine to club members.



After extensive planning a new clubhouse was designed and built. The clubhouse was designed by Niek van der Ree. Effectively the construction of the clubhouse can all be credited to Frank Hoedemaker who "made it all happen".

In July 2003 the Building Committee consisting of Vice-Commodore Jeroen Leffers and Directors Frank Hoedemaker and Harry van Splunder broke ground for the permanent home of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club. The new clubhouse was completed in January 2004 and had a Bar, Restaurant, bathrooms, Regatta office, administrative office and a conference room.

On the 23rd of March 2009, the extension of the club house was started, again under the direction of Commodore Frank Hoedemaker, and completed in September 2009. The extension increased the Heineken Regatta office, gave us two extra bathrooms and two showers.

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## EIGHT BELLS

Very sadly a good friend to many of us passed away this October, Robert (Tickles) Tickler. I know that without a doubt Tickles will be very missed by all that knew him, he often was the life and soul of many a party. For many of us we first met Tickles in the 70's when he was the skipper of the lovely Fife Ketch "Isabelle" which at that time was home based in Antigua. He then later took over running "Raffles Light". In the 90's Tickles and his wife Merrily ran the grey machine "EyeBall" often mistaken for a Coast guard or navy boat. One of the first private boats to go all grey. Tickles & Merrily had retired to France and were enjoying their time there. For me I will miss him greatly as he was a good friend with a fabulous smile and a wicked twinkle in his eye.



David White sadly passed away in October. David and his wife Jill arrived in Antigua on their little boat "Different Drummer", Jill for many years did lovely scrimshaw while in Antigua with many of us having pieces that she did. For a few years they ran the Ocean 60 Sharing IV for charter up and down the island. For the last few years they have been living back in England near Hamble.

CSA sends condolences to both Merrily and Jill



**Course de L'Alliance**  
26—28 November 2010  
[www.coursedelalliance.com](http://www.coursedelalliance.com)

**Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta**  
18—20 March 2011

Contact: [angel@cir-pur.org](mailto:angel@cir-pur.org)  
[www.prheinekenregatta.com](http://www.prheinekenregatta.com)

**Heineken Regatta Curacao (HRC)**



On November 12, 13 and 14, the *third* Heineken Regatta Curacao will be held. Three days of "Real Different" sailing in and around the heart of our historic town Willemstad, where the Regatta Village is located. Very special is the 10.000 guilders (\$5,555.00) award of the Racing Class. Heineken Regatta Curacao is not just a great regatta, but also a fun festival. That's why the organizing foundation is called Curacao Sailing Festival. For more information on the regatta, see [www.heinekenregattacuracao.com](http://www.heinekenregattacuracao.com)

## The Sint Maarten Yacht Club—Continued..



## St Maarten Heineken Regatta

A short history



The whole thing began in 1980 when eight local sailors sitting on the beach at Jaap GUYT's Anker Bar in Great Bay spontaneously formed the Sint Maarten Sailing Club Foundation and made plans for a regatta. All these years on, the Anker Bar is no more, but the regatta has gone from a purely local affair, well - there was one boat from St Barths, to being the biggest in the Caribbean and having international recognition.

Twelve boats raced in that first year and the winner was Jan MATSER. It was a family victory. Jan was sailing with his two sons in their Cal 30, one of the biggest boats in Sint Maarten in 1980. Jan presented the trophy which it has to be said has seen better years; rumour has it that it was recently recovered from a hedge to then Sint Maarten Yacht Club Commodore David SHUTTLEWORTH with the agreement that it should be preserved but not displayed.



1984—Whitbread racer "Merit Cup" passing the present location of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club at the Simpson Bay Bridge.



## The 3rd Annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race 2—5 December 2010

The St. Thomas Yacht Club and the Virgin Islands Sailing Association together believe this is one of the sport's most unique match races, as it pulls together the best attributes from many other events and combines them into one of the best sailing venues in the world! The Carlos Aguilar Match Race is sailed along a seawall in downtown Charlotte Amalie with the courses set less than 50 yards from the spectators allowing for fantastic action views and race interaction. The event offers both an open division and a woman's division that provides for great sailing and even better prospects for after race entertainment. The rum and tequila drinks are all "free" as are many meals. The "reggae" music starts right after the de-briefs as does the dancing. Attending the CAMR will turn you into a match race lover for life. Please join us in St. Thomas this December!

For more info: [www.carlosmatchrace.com](http://www.carlosmatchrace.com)



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**12ème édition de Terre de Blues (F.W.I) du 11 au 14 juin 2011**

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## St Maarten Heineken Regatta

A short history Continued.....



1985—Turner Classic Moves—with Tryst and Triad.

In those early years there was no Yacht Club in the sense of bricks and mortar. It existed in the heads and hearts of the members and for the organization and prize giving of every regatta there was Chesterfields restaurant in Philipsburg.

Though the appellation 'Serious Fun' wasn't coined until 1990, it clearly was in the minds of the founding fathers right from the word go as the now well established format of party, race, party dates back to that first event in 1980

Entries grew year by year, with 38 boats sailing in 1982. Class allocations were a little different in those days, with Rob ABERSON sailing a Sunfish in the Cruising class!

Right from the start there was a good selection of multihulls. Perhaps the fact that designer Peter SPRONK lived on the island helped. At one stage the massive charter cats that took day sailing guests off the beach also took part.

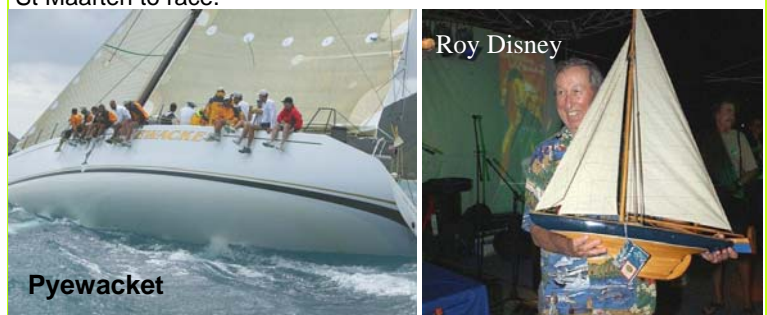
In the early 90s the 70 foot cats *Eagle*, *Spirit of St Kitts* and *Falcon* were a stirring sight as they streaked around the course, but all that came to a shuddering halt in 1992 when *Eagle* pitchpoled just off Marigot while bearing away for the finish line. No one was badly hurt, but the effect on the boat's commercial operation was enough to finish their annual three days of fun racing.

By 1990 regatta entries were up to the mid 60s, the racing was over three days and it was time to get serious. Heineken had been 'sponsoring' the event during the early days in the form of local agent, Arie de GROOT handing out cold beer from his powerboat by dangling them from the end of a fishing rod.

By 1991, with Heineken being a cash sponsor, a professional approach was needed from the regatta management.

Jan van den EYNDE led a team who created a 50 page marketing programme created around their publicity blitz connected with the Whitbread Round the World Race, presentation for future regattas and Heineken signed on again with a vastly increased sponsorship. Heineken also used the regatta as a major plank in their global sponsorship

In 1992, 30 overseas journalists flew in courtesy of KLM, to bring the story to the rest of the world. Some classic Caribbean racing saw Peter HOLMBERG at the top of the racing class, though a lot of attention was focussed on Philip WALWYN's swing keel *St Kitts*. *St Kitts* broke new ground which was only covered again in 2004 when the canting keel twins *Pyewacket* and *Morning Glory* came to St Maarten to race.



Pyewacket

Roy Disney



## Upcoming Regattas Nov—Dec 2010

November 6



**St. Maarten Optimist Championship**  
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[www.smyc.com](http://www.smyc.com)  
 Discipline: One Design—Optimist

November 11—14



**Heineken Regatta Curacao**  
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[www.heinekenregattacuracao.com](http://www.heinekenregattacuracao.com)  
 Discipline: Open

November 13—14



**Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Annual Regatta**  
 Jolly Harbour Yacht Club  
 Email: [angiedickenson@shaw.ca](mailto:angiedickenson@shaw.ca)  
[www.jhycantigua.com](http://www.jhycantigua.com)  
 Discipline: Open

November 18—22

**ST. BARTH CATA CUP**  
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[www.stbarthcatacup.com](http://www.stbarthcatacup.com)  
 Discipline: Beach Cats



November 26—28



**Course de L'Alliance**  
 St. Martin  
 Email: [hdorvil.mfl@wanadoo.fr](mailto:hdorvil.mfl@wanadoo.fr)  
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 Discipline: Open

December 2—5



**Carlos Aguilar Memorial Match Race** St. Thomas  
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 Discipline: One Design—IC24



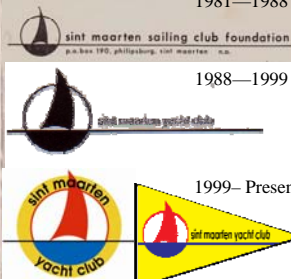
December 31



**Nelson's Pursuit Race**  
 Antigua Yacht Club  
 Contact: Elizabeth Jordan  
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The first and third Regatta brochure



## St Maarten Heineken Regatta

A short history Continued....

In 1993 entries exceeded 100, with a large Bareboat class alongside the racing and cruising boats. We were honoured when Harold CUDMORE and Sir Chay BLYTH came to the event. It was amusing to note that Chay's idea of Caribbean racing was to sit in the pushpit quarter seat aboard Ian HOPE-ROSS's Pacific and doze off in the sunshine. Local sailors Paul DIELEMANS and Frits BUS were at it hammer and tongs in their Melges 24s with Paul the more frequent victor.

Through the 90s entries continued to climb. Of the 220 entries in 1997, 100 were bareboats, showing an increasing awareness of the regatta amongst sailors world wide. The last year of the millennium we had 251 boats entered, of which 130 were bare boats from various islands around the Caribbean. This year also saw the start of the Caribbean Big Boat Series (CBBS). The event accepted entries from racing boats over 60' that campaigned 3 major Caribbean regattas, one of which was the Heineken Regatta.. Well known boats like *Yes*, *Sagamore*, *Highland Fling*, *Donnybrook*, *Chippewa*, *Mischievous*, *Equation*, *Titan*, *Pyewacket* and *Morning Glory* were to add their names to the Big Boat Series role of honour over the years.

Sailing greats like Dennis CONNER, Roy DISNEY, Chris DICKSON, Dee SMITH, Robbie HAINES, Kenny REID and Chris LARSEN have also added their endorsement to the regatta.

Over years Heineken have brought some amazing bands to the island for the parties at the end of each race day and at the end of the regatta on prize giving night.

Names like the Neville Brothers, Steel Pulse, Carlos SANTANA's backing band Puro Bandido, the Black Eyed Peas and this year, reggae legend Jimmy CLIFF have also been supported by the best of Caribbean talent, steel pan, soca, you name it, it's here to dance to on St Maarten.

It is said that the winners write the history. This is certainly true of the Sint Maarten Yacht Clubs' Heineken Regatta. The winners in this case being the volunteers, the sponsors and the participants, forming a unique triangle, which, perhaps not coincidentally, is the strongest of geometric shapes. And it is upon this firm base that 29 years of Regatta history have been built.

From modest beginnings our regatta has become not only the largest sailing event in the Caribbean, but has also achieved world status as a first class event. The racing and parties are of course legendary, but the overall atmosphere is equally appealing. During the day, dashing dinghies, fluttering battle flags, on-shore displays set the tone. And at night a brilliant cascade of mast lights, seemingly challenging the stars for prominence creates a pervasive aura of excitement.

In 1980 this event began with a modest 12 entries and has matured to include over 280 participants in 2008. With over 32 different nationalities present and approximately 3000 sailors gracing our shores, this event has grown to staggering proportions and will, in 2009, prove its grandeur once again. Coverage on networks such as CNN and ESPN give this event the international recognition it

deserves, along with over 100 members of the international media. If you have participated, volunteered or sponsored in the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta before, we thank you for your contribution. If not, we invite you to join us and make some of your own!

Dick Johnson (as amended by ISAF)  
 (Updated by Heather Tackling—  
 Regatta Director)

American adventurer-businessman Steve Fossett and his international crew of 12 competed in the 23rd St. Maarten Heineken Regatta on board the 125ft maxi catamaran *Playstation*.—and set a new record time for the round the island race.

