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First I would like to say congratulations to Kathy, Alison and Paddy and the rest of the team at Antigua Sailing Week, a job well done. I think that all your hard work paid off and you are putting the regatta back on the right track. I am sure numbers will improve for you next year.

As I write this I wonder how many of you get this newsletter, I have requested that the CSA Yacht Clubs or Sailing Associations forward this newsletter to their members but the sad thing is that they don't. This makes me wonder should Petra and I carry on doing this newsletter, it seems a lot of hard work for a hand full of people to read. So I ask you please ask your club if they forward this letter to their members. I wonder should we carry on with this letter?

Just as a reminder we did not hold the AGM during sailing week but will hold it at the same time as the ROC which should be held on the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd and may include Friday October 21st.



I would like to say to Tom & Dottie Hill how sorry I am about Titan XV, such a sad thing to happen to such a lovely boat and one of our favourite Caribbean regatta campaigners. Best of luck with everything. Here's hoping that it won't be that long before we see a Titan XV1 back at the regatta's.

June 11 & 12

**Caribbean Laser
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June 18 & 19

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IODA SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Algarrobo, CHILE - April 14 to 24, 2011



Well done to all the competitors that traveled to South America to compete in Chile at the 2011 South American Optimist Championships.

Congratulations must go to Justina Pactieco from the Dom Rep for getting a 7th place and to Odile van Aanholt from Curacao for getting a 18th place both these girls where the top two female finishers.

Well done to the other competitors from CSA clubs. In order of finish place, they were:

- Jorge Gonzalez (PUR)
- Colin Brego (ISV)
- Scott Mckenzie (ISV)
- Christopher Murphy (ISV)
- Agustin Lazaro Lugo (PUR)
- Mollee Donovan (IVB)
- Andre Roguero (PUR)
- Eric Torres (PUR)
- Rhone Findlay (AHO)
- Sam Morrel (IVB)
- Paige Clarke (ISV)
- Nathalie Nordbruch (DOM)
- Lucas Miranda (PUR)
- Kristie van der Woude (AHO)

In all there were 162 competitors from 17 countries



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**Caribbean Dinghy Championship
ANTIGUA 19—21 August 2011**



Antigua Yacht Club



The Champoinships will take place from Friday 19th August through Sunday 21st August 2011.

We have now determined the classes as follows:

- 1 person under 12 years - Optimist class
- 1 person 12 - 15 years - Zoom 8 class
- 1 person - open - Laser Radial
- 1 person - open - Laser Standard
- 2 persons - open - Sport 16 (jib & main only)

We can host 5 visiting teams and will publish the NOR by the end of May. We should like teams to arrive, if possible, on Thursday 18th August. Friday can be spent sail training or engaging in off the water activities hosted by AYC. Racing will be on Saturday morning and afternoon and on Sunday morning with prizegiving at lunchtime. Teams can then depart either later on Sunday or on Monday as convenient.

We are working on getting quotes for accommodation and will advise in due course. Please let me know if there are any special ideas/requests to mark the 25th Anniversary we can help with.

Elizabeth Jordan / Commodore / Antigua Yacht Club

Review of Les Voiles de St. Barth



The Weather Gods blessed St. Barthélemy from April 5 - 9, taking care to offer more than 400 competitors from 20 nations and on 48 yachts a week of perfect Caribbean sailing during the Les Voiles de St. Barth. Dominating the conditions were trade wind breezes that ranged from 17 – 32 knots, a fairly gentle Atlantic swell, and blue skies. After four days of intense racing, separated by one day reserved for competitors and friends to discover this quaint little corner of France, the second edition of Les Voiles de St. Barth seems to have etched out a place in the growing list of “must do” Caribbean events.

Like for many new regattas, the best growth is slow and steady. The first edition of Les Voiles de St. Barth, in 2010, had 23 yachts, while this year the fleet grew to 48, and with positive reports coming back from competing sailors, that number can only grow. “What’s not to like?” was the commonly asked rhetorical question. After winters in both the U.S. and Europe produced record snowfall and cold temperatures, an April trip to St. Barth was a no-brainer for most.

Thinking already of 2012 ~

Event organizers Francois Toledé, Luc Poupon and Annelisa Gee were understandably pleased with the second edition of the event. Toledé and his organizing committee are already busy planning for the 2012 Les Voiles de St. Barth. “We are well aware that we must continue and build on the success of the 2011 edition,” said Toledé. “We are committed to excellence, both on the water and for the activities ashore.”

Les Voiles de Saint-Barth 2011 Overall Results

MAXI/SUPER YACHT class (after 4 races)

- 1: Rambler 100, George David/Ken Read (Hartford, Conn./Newport, R.I.) 5 points
- 2: Genuine Risk, Hugo Stenbeck (USA) 7 points
- 3: Sojana, Peter Harrison/Marcus Fitzgerald (GBR) 12 points
- 4: Highland Breeze, Albert Keularts (NED) 16 points
- 5: Spiip, Robin de Jong (FRA) 20 points
- 6: Django Too, Christophe Righezza (FRA) 28 points
- 7: Icarus, Barry Duck (GBR) 28 points

RACING class (after 4 races)

- 1: Vesper, Jim Swartz (Park City, Utah, USA) 5 points
- 2: Antilope, Willem Wester (NED) 7 points
- 3: Speedy Nemo, Raymond Magras (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 16 points
- 4: Venemous, Peter Cunningham (CAY) 20 points
- 5: Mae-Lia, Raphael Magras (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 20 points
- 6: Technomarine, Christian Deredec (FRA) 26 points
- 7: Puffy, Patrick Demarchelier (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 28 points
- 8: Solano, Frederic Rialland (FRA) 32 points
- 9: Panick Attack, Jan Van Den Eynde (St. Maarten, W.I.) 35 points
- 10: Spirit Of Juno, Rory Faulkner (GBR) 43 points

RACING CRUISING class (after 4 races)

- 1: Nix, Nico Cortlever (NED) 8 points
- 2: Lost Horizon, James Dobbs (Antigua, W.I.) 10 points
- 3: Black Hole, Jeroen Hin (GBR) 13 points
- 4: L'esperance, Bobby Velasquez (St. Maarten, W.I.) 16 points
- 5: Affinity, Jack Desmond (Boston, Mass., USA) 21 points
- 6: Coyote 2, M Van Oranje 22 points
- 7: Hotel California Too, Steve Schmidt (USA) 26 points
- 8: Fenix, Moritz Burmester (GBR) 29 points
- 9: Shamrock, Thomas Mullen (Campton, N.H., USA) 36 points
- 10: L'ile, Mowgli Fox (FRA) 41 points
- 11: Thula, Max Imrie (USA) 45 points
- 12: Triton, Boyd Taylor 55 points
- 13: Costa Mesa, Pascal Rey (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 56 points
- 14: Corban, Dan Harper (USA) 58 points
- 15: Tanagra, Andre Gahinet (FRA) 63 points
- 16: Mr Walker, Danielle de Luca (FRA) 66 points
- 17: Sugar Cane, André Reese 67 points
- 18: Diamonds Are Forever, Annie O'Sullivan (GBR) 72 points
- 19: Lancelot, Serge Maziero (FRA) 72 points
- 20: Ormeau, Alain Charlot (FRA) 79 points
- 21: Splendido, Philippe Hervouet 83 points
- 22: ilost, Hennecke Stegweg (NED) 87 points
- 23: Aegir, Gerard Beck 90 points
- 24: Tara II, Henry Albert (GER) 95 points

CLASSIC class (after 4 races)

- 1: Mariella, Carlo Falcone (Antigua, W.I.) 4 points
- 2: White Wings, Faraday Rosenberg (Newport, R.I.) 8 points
- 3: Kate Dutch Sailing Team, Philip Walwyn (St. Kitt's, W.I.) 12 points
- 4: La Sirene, David Pertel (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 17 points

MULTI-HULL class (after 4 races)

- 1: Fat Cat, John Winter (USA) 4 points
- 2: Bordelo, Stephane Penigaud (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 12 points
- 3: Dauphin Telecom, Erick Clement (FRA) 13 points
- 4: Blanca, Hervé Marolis (FRA) 21 points
- 5: Phaedo, Lloyd Thornburg (St. Barth, F.W.I.) 24 points



TIES BROKEN, WINNERS NAMED IN 2011 CAPE AIR CARIBBEAN OCEAN RACING CIRCUIT (C.O.R.C.)

By Carol Bareuther, RD

The 2011 Cape Air Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit (C.O.R.C.) finale proved exiting right down to the last race with ties broken in two of the five classes.

In Spinnaker A, Puerto Rico's Jaime Torres on his Beneteau First 40, *Smile and Wave*, handily won by three points.

"We have a new boat, a new team and have trained hard all year," says Torres. "We wanted to race the entire circuit and do well and we did. We'll be back next year."

Puerto Rico's Luis Juarbe aboard his Henderson 30, *Soca*, beat out St. Maarten's Frits Bus on his Melges 24, *Coors Light*, at the circuit-finale BVI Spring Regatta, when *Coors Light* didn't start the last race. This broke the tie between the two going into this event, with *Soca* ending second in class and *Coors Light* third.

In Spinnaker B, the winner was St. Thomas' Paul Davis, driving his J/27, *Magnificent 7*. "We are thrilled to have won C.O.R.C.," says Davis. "We sailed all four regattas and loved it."

In Performance Cruising, St. Croix's Tony Sanpere's J/36, *Cayennita Grande*, and Puerto Rico's Bernardo Gonzalez' Beneteau First 35, *Bonne Chance*, were tied with 3 points apiece going into the last leg of the Cape Air C.O.R.C. *Cayennita Grande* pulled ahead by one point to win the class, with *Bonne Chance* second.

Puerto Rico's Dwight Rodriguez's Beneteau First 38S5, *Toda Via*, won the Jib & Main Class.

Finally, in the IC24 Class, Puerto Rico's Jorge Santiago's *Team Maximus* placed first over fellow islander, Carlos Sierra, on *Fuakata*, by a close one point.

2011 Cape Air C.O.R.C. class winners were awarded a round-trip ticket for one to anywhere in the Caribbean Cape Air flies.

Yachts must participate in at least three regattas – one in the U.S. Virgin Islands, one in Puerto Rico and one in the BVI – to be eligible for prizes.

Nine yachts participated in the 2011 Cape Air C.O.R.C. and four – *Smile & Wave*, *Mag 7*, *Dark Star* and *Cayennita Grande* – sailed in all four regattas.

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Photo: The St. Thomas, USVI-based team aboard *Mag 7* receives their first place award in the Spinnaker B Class from Katya Ruiz (third from left) of Cape Air. *Mag 7* is one of four boats to compete in all four legs of the Cape Air Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit.

For more information about the Cape Air C.O.R.T. Series, visit www.prheinekenregatta.com

Review of the BVI Spring Regatta 1-3 April



Luck of the Irish For SHAMROCK

(Tortola, British Virgin Islands)- What defines a magnificent regatta? Ask anyone who sailed in the 40th Anniversary BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival (March 28-April 3, 2011), and you'll hear the same thing: red-hot racing, professionally run courses, a family friendly regatta village, and—of course—killer parties--- exactly what sailors on 122 different competing yachts experienced at Nanny Cay—the regatta's base this past weekend.

Forty boats congregated on the Sir Francis Drake Channel on the first morning, just off of Tortola's Nanny Cay Resort, for the start of the Bitter End Cup. This 21-mile Corinthian-spirited race to Virgin Gorda's Bitter End Yacht Club (BEYC) marks the official kick-off for the regatta. Lucky sailors in four classes enjoyed 10-15 knots, flat seas, and clean starts as the fleet of cats, cruisers, bareboats and serious race-boats pointed towards their fairy-tale destination. Once there, sailors enjoyed the club's well-populated dinghy and beach-cat fleet and unwind before Thursday's reverse-course Nanny Cay Cup.



A glance at the final standings underscores exactly how competitive this event has become. In the tightly contested Racing C, Rick Wesslund's J/120 EL OCASO from Miami, FL was in one of the weekend's more entertaining dog-fights, getting the short-end of the stick to finish 2nd overall even after posting mostly 2nds and 1sts! In Racing A, Jordan Mindich's J/125 AUNT JESSIE sailed mostly mid-fleet and finished fifth-- they may have been suffering a bit sailing against mostly 60 to 80 footers! In Racing D, the J/27 MAG 7 sailed by Bill Davis from Puerto Rico finished second and just behind in fourth was Julio Requero's J/105 UMAKUA from Puerto Rico. In Racing E class, the J/33 SISTERSHIP SAILING SCHOOL sailed by a few fair maidens ended up fourth overall and beat some other gals sailing LUXURY GIRL and GIRLS-FOR-SAIL! Apparently, it was quite a cat fight in this class, all in good nature of course. In the Performance Cruising Class, Tony Sanpere's crew on the J/36 CAYENITTA GRANDE nearly pulled off another win in class, but after counting two fourths, had to settle for third overall. Just off the pace and always having fun was Bob Read's J/40 NEPENTHE. Finally, in their first big regatta victory on the Caribbean Circuit, Tom Mullen's J/95 SHAMROCK strutted to victory in Racing Jib & Main class, lucky leprechauns they were getting a 1-2-1-1-3 record to simply crush their competition.

The icing on the cake for this year's 40th anniversary edition of the BVI Spring Regatta was, of course, the "Moka Jumbies" before the awards presentation and the decadent fireworks show that capped off the night. Ask anyone lucky enough to have been there—it was out of this world!

www.bvispringregatta.org

Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta 14-19 April '11

Antigua Yacht Club

Falmouth Harbour, Antigua, W.I.

Tuesday, April 19th, 2011

The 24th Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, hosted by the Antigua

Yacht Club and sponsored by

www.antiguaclassics.com

Panerai and part of the Panerai Classic Yacht Challenge, wrapped up this evening with a sumptuous buffet supper outside the Copper & Lumber Store Hotel in Nelson's Dockyard accompanied by an impressive big screen slideshow presentation of the Regatta highlights as photographed by the many press photographers who covered the racing for newspapers and magazines around the globe.

Earlier in the afternoon competition on the water in front of the Admirals Inn was fearsome when regatta crew joined by local families and friends, enjoyed the fun of the annual gig racing and cream tea party. Any ideas of sailing around the short course were abandoned due to the unusually still wind conditions but plenty of fun was had by all manner of ages in all manner of small craft and gigs rowing and sculling, (not without a few bumps and a sinking !) giving spectators a highly entertaining afternoon. 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 as very much a part of this special event serve traditional English style afternoon cream teas, sandwiches, cakes and other tea time treats. This afternoons event was generously hosted by the Admirals Inn Hotel and sponsored by Watermaker Services and Lord Jims Locker of Antigua and as the sun went down, the stage was set a short stroll away for the elaborate prize-giving ceremony on the waterfront in Nelsons Dockyard.

Following welcome speeches by the Minister of Tourism for Antigua, the Hon John Maginly and, representing Panerai in the Caribbean Julio Sato, regatta Chairman Kenny Coombs took to the stage to kick off proceedings 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 the owner of this years committee boat Tivoli and John Spenlinhour. Following a run through of the winners of the Single-Handed race with many trophies and prizes to award the ceremony cracked on at a good pace amidst riotous and enthusiastic applause. Amongst the first of the trophies to be awarded, the stunning half model Carriacou sloop trophy donated by John Bertola of Superyachts Supermodels appropriately 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 and Mariella won the A & F trophy for best performance of a local yacht. Juno took the Nicholson Yacht Charters Trophy for best charter boat and the gorgeous schooner Elena swept the board in Classic Class A, picking up five trophies to tumultuous applause. The Spirit of Regatta trophy and the Woodstock prize justifiably were both awarded to the character full Rosa and Cora A won her own Comfort Zone trophy for best performance over shortened course. Tree House Body Shop judged Alert as being the best dressed crew and much applause greeted Phil Kerin when he was called to the stage to collect a special prize this year donated by the crew of Old Bob for The person who worked hardest to get his boat (St Briac) ready for Classics. Bolero did very well in her class winning three trophies and Velsheda as last year, beat Ranger to first in the Spirit of Tradition Class A, the Ann Wallis White Trophy for the Largest Boat this year went to Marie. First Overall in the Classic & Vintage Class and collecting the Wayfarer Marine Trophy was Lone Fox with Ralph Isham of Mill Reef as the race captain and this years winner of the Mount Gay Rum Trophy was the beautiful Sparkman and Stephen's, Bolero.

The moment everyone was waiting for came at the end of the evening when the beautiful 1957 Marconi ketch Lone Fox was awarded the much prized Panerai Trophy and the stunning and special edition Panerai Timepiece, a fitting ending to a highly successful 2011 24th. Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta.

'It is a true festival of joy, pride and enthusiasm which is a credit to owners and crews alike.'

Richard Matthews - Founder Oyster Marine



Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta photo's



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Upcoming Regattas

May 6-8: Anguilla Regatta. Production boats, West Indies workboats and local Anguilla class boats all compete in this fun-filled regatta where racing is a mix of round-the-buoy and short triangular courses. "Regatta headquarters is located in Sandy Ground, home to some of Anguilla's best nightlife," says organizer, Steve Donahue. Regatta proceeds benefit the Anguilla Youth Sailing Club, which has taught sailing to over 200 of the island's young people. www.anguillaregatta.com

May 12-15: The Mount Gay Rum Barbados Regatta. Sixteen J24s and up to 40 Racers, Cruisers and Melges sport boats will compete in this well-run regatta based in and out of Carlisle Bay. "This year Mount Gay will create a Village at the Barbados Yacht Club and every night there will be a different theme," says administrator Peter Marshall. "The on shore activities are always lots of fun." www.sailbarbados.com

May 20-22: Captain Oliver's Regatta. Six classes, including racing and cruising mono and multihulls, will race around St. Maarten/St. Martin the first day and in the channel between the dual-island nation and St. Barths the second. In addition, there's a Corporate Challenge class. "This is a unique opportunity for any company to offer their staff or clients an adventurous weekend of fun as well as market the company," says Rikke Speetjens, regatta coordinator. Entry fee for the Corporate Challenge is \$1800, which includes the three-day rental of a 44-foot Sunsail yacht and registration fee. Organizers can provide professional skippers, if needed. www.coyc-sxm.com

May 27-29: Puerto Rico Vela Cup. Enter in one of nine classes, everything from Racing to Jib and Main, one-design J/24 and IC24 and Beach Cats and enjoy competitive sailing in windy waters off Puerto Rico's East Coast. Nightly parties boast plenty of 'amistoso' or friendly hospitality. www.puertoricovelacup.com

June 18-19: Marlow Caribbean Keelboat Championships. Teams from throughout the Caribbean will compete aboard SunFast 20s in Simpson Bay Lagoon, St. Maarten. "Good close racing among the top Caribbean sailors in one-design boats is what makes this event so much fun," says organizer Cary Byerley. www.symc.com

June 24-26: Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta. Over 100 junior sailors from the Caribbean, U.S. and Europe sail in this largest Optimist event in the Caribbean. "This year we have five sailors coming from New Zealand," says director Margo Lynch. The three-day Sea Star Clinic and one-day Sea Star Team Race take place in the run up to the regatta. www.styc.net

July 24-August 1: 45th Carriacou Regatta Festival. Everything from serious yacht racing to beachside donkey races, greasy pole climbs and netball competitions will highlight the Carriacou Regatta Festival, set for July 24 to August 1, on Grenada's northern offshore island of Carriacou. www.carriacouregatta.com

Upcoming Regattas

April 24—29



Antigua Sailing Week

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May 6—8



Anguilla Sailing Festival

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May 12—15



Mount Gay Boatyard Regatta

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Discipline: Open

May 21 & 22



Captain Oliver's Regatta

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May 27—29



Puerto Rico Vela Cup

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