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Here we are at the end of 2011 enjoying the festive season that December always brings.

This is the time that I look back at the year and decide have we had a good year and once again I would have to say yes. First off no hurricanes this summer for us, that has to be a huge plus.

Once again our young sailors have been doing well in Optimist regattas around the world and a name that stood out this year was young Odile van Aanholt from Curacao, I have a feeling we will be hearing a lot more from Odile.

College sailors from the Virgin Island have once again been making a very strong name for themselves at various event in the States.

A very successful Caribbean Dinghy Championships was held in Antigua, with the Antigua team coming away as the winners. Most Caribbean regatta were successful and seemed to do better than last year with their numbers being slightly up.

We had a very good turn out for the Regatta Organisers Conference with lots of new things put in place and at the same time held the AGM with a new board being voted in.

Anton Van de Koppel with Peter Holmberg did a brief video on the CSA that can be viewed on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJIXEMl8OqA> The sport of Match Racing has been growing in the Caribbean with some top names coming to some of the events and enjoying our sailing conditions.

Thanks to Eric Tulla the ISAF yearly conference was held in Puerto Rico, I think all the attendees enjoyed the Caribbean charm and would have no problem returning here again. As was mentioned in the last letter Eric Tulla has officially announced that he will run for ISAF president at the next ISAF Conference November 2012, make sure you have someone from your MNA there to vote for him.

Thanks must go to Cor van Aanholt for being instrumental in keeping St.Maarten and Curacao in ISAF as AHO. Thanks to everyone that helps with the CSA, the board and of course to all the measurers who help to keep our rule going.

All the best for the New Year. Lets hope 2012 will bring all that we hope for.

CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE

November 30—December 4, 2011

FINLAND'S LINDBERG WINS 4TH ANNUAL
CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE



USA's Sally Barkow (left) and Finland's Staffan Lindberg (right) sail the Finals. Lindberg and his team were ultimately victorious.

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands . 'Rain don't stop the Carnival' in the Virgin Islands and neither did a downpour derail any of the match racing action at the 4th Carlos Aguilar Match Race (CAMR), presented by Ulysse Nardin/Trident Jewels & Time. The sprinkles turned to squall just as Finland's Staffan Lindberg sailed over the finish line three boats lengths ahead of the USA's Sally Barkow to win the Finals 3-1.

"It wasn't easy," says Lindberg, who is currently the 15th match racer in the world. "The conditions were very tricky and I was amazed by the quality of the other sailors at this regatta."

Lindberg lost to Barkow in the first race of the Finals and came back to win the next three and the championship.

"Sally made good work of me in the first three starts," says Lindberg. "In the last race, we were able to pull ahead and sail one long tack to the finish."

Robert Skarp, Carl-Johan Uckelstam and Benny Ulvaeus sailed with Lindberg as crew.

For their win, Lindberg and his team were each awarded a distinctive Ulysse Nardin precision timepiece. In addition, the team received an invitation to the prestigious Stena Match Cup Sweden, in Marstrand, Sweden, in the summer of 2012. The CAMR is an Official World Tour Qualifier (WTQ) for the 2012 World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) (www.worldmatchracingtour.com).



Finland's Staffan Lindberg (second from left) and team won the 4th Annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race. Photo Credits- Dean Barnes

MEDIA BOAT OPERATORS

Sent by Jeffrey Chen—CSA Chief Measurer: Many of you know Anton, Video Production, from the Heineken Regatta in St Maarten. See below his letter in Scuttlebutt about media boat operators which includes a nice plug for CSA.

From Anton van de Koppel, TV producer:
The sport of sailing has expressed its need for a more media sport. This comes with the usual difficulties: more cameras, more chase boats and more incident with sailors and media. The "Ainslie incident" should have never happened if the media boat driver was more aware of how sailing with small boats really work.



This incident goes back to the organisation table, where months ahead of an important venue like the Worlds the organisers are desperately looking for Media boat drivers. But there is no standard briefing for media boat drivers and someone with the papers for a small RIB will do.

As a TV producer for sailing for the last 25 years, we have seen a lot of drivers/ owner that could hardly handle their boat with no sailing going on in the area at all, let alone when you are in a hectic start of a race. Usually we guide the drive as good as we can, and we have managed to avoid a lot of problems.

Powerboat drivers, however, tend to panic when racing sailboats come very close and a wrong decision is quickly made. Furthermore, press boat drivers who claims to have experience always think that close to the race makes the nice picture. This is not the case. Professional media members use long lenses, and know long before the fleet comes close to the mark where they want to be to make that picture-perfect shot.

For our TV shows we have a very experienced director / driver who can bring the cameraman exactly on the right spot. Because we use very long lenses with stabilization, the TV boat does not need to come within 150 feet of any boat and still can capture close-ups of the helmsman.

We have a media boat briefing every day, whether it is a small 50 boat race or the 600 boat mass start of the Round Texel. During these briefings, wake is always an issue. Just don't go too close and understand what the sailor needs for an uninterrupted race, and it makes your TV show much nicer and the interviews a lot better.



CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE Continued....



Barkow, the fourth ranked woman match racer in the world who hopes to represent the USA in Women's Match Racing at the 2012 Summer Olympics in Weymouth, UK, says, "We were so close. We tried hard, but just didn't get it in the end," she says. "There were definitely some tough conditions. There were moments when we weren't sure what the wind was doing. It was a good challenge."

This is the first year the Carlos Aguilar Match Race was an Open event, meaning men and women sailed both on the same teams as well as against one another.

"It's great to race against good teams, men or women, when there's such a high level of competition," says Barkow.



The USVI's Taylor Canfield won the Petite Final 2-0 over the USA's Dave Perry, thus each skipper finished third and fourth, respectively.

"It was tough to get in phase with the breeze all over the course and with new crew," says Canfield, who is ranked 28th in the world and who won

this event in 2008. "But it's always great to be back home and sail in the harbor."

This is the third CAMR that Perry has competed, finishing third, fifth and now fourth. "It's incredible to sail here because it's sunny and warm," says Perry, who is the author of *Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing Through 2012*.

In other team scores, Greece's Stratis Andreadis finished 5th, the USVI's Tyler Rice 6th, the USA's Stephanie Roble 7th, the BVI's Colin Rathbun 8th, the USA's Sandy Hayes 9th, the USVI's Nikole 'Nikki' Barnes 10th, Puerto Rico's Jorge Santiago 11th, the USA's Louise Bienvenu 12th and El Salvador's Mauricio Gallardo 13th.

This four-day Grade 2 match race was sailed in Inter-Club (IC)-24s.

FINAL RESULTS

Finals

Staffan Lindberg, FIN
vs. Sally Barkow, USA
3-1

Petite Finals

Taylor Canfield, USVI
vs. Dave Perry, USA
2-0

Places 5 through 13

5. Stratis Andreadis, GRE
6. Tyler Rice, USVI
7. Stephanie Roble, USA
8. Colin Rathbun, BVI
9. Sandy Hayes, USA
10. Nikole 'Nikki' Barnes, USVI
11. Jorge Santiago, PUR
12. Louise Bienvenu, USA
13. Mauricio Gallardo, ESA

By. Carol Bareuther



MEDIA BOAT OPERATORS Continued....

Now during "The Ainslie incident" the media boat driver caused a lot of wake in two occasions. He should have looked at his wake and position all the time and as soon as Ben Ainslie started waving him off, he should have done this and made clear to the sailor that he understood the message by waving one arm back. But preferably, he should not have come in this position at all as it is not necessary to go that close. The excuse the cameraman or the director onshore told me is not valid; the decision stays with the skipper at all times.

We have filmed more than 1000 regattas - Volvo Ocean Race, Heineken regatta, Round Texel - and had no incidents that made it to the protest room. And we intend to keep it that way.

We have proposed to the Dutch sailing association to create a training program for media boat drivers and member of the media. This idea was supported by a lot of well known sailors like Hans Bouscholte and Bouwe Bekking. We will organise one in February in St Maarten in conjunction with the Caribbean Sailing Association and the St Maarten Yacht club.

We believe that time has come for a Media boat drivers licence which makes life a lot easier and the race a lot safer.

ANTIGUA'S YACHTING INSIDER

ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR YACHTING ENTHUSIASTS



FALMOUTH HARBOUR MARINA BY MOONLIGHT DURING THE 50TH ANTIGUA CHARTER YACHT SHOW

Photo by [Kevin Johnson](#).

Kathy Lammers, CSA's Secretary and Treasurer and Editor of **Antigua's Yachting Insider** reports:

Last week English and Falmouth Harbours were host to the 50th Antigua Charter Yacht Show and what a show it was! We were fortunate to have the opportunity to go on board several yachts and get the inside story on the yachts, the crew and their plans for the season. This issue includes stories about several of those yachts including Bliss and Coral of Cowes, and a feature on Antiguan first mate Jace Hector on S/Y Melinka.

Antigua Yacht Club recently hosted a new regatta sponsored by HIHO which was a huge success. There are plenty of activities on the calendar for the coming months including the ABSAR Wobbly BYOB (that is 'Build Your Own Boat') Regatta, the Nelson's Pursuit Race and the High Tide Christmas Series of racing. And don't forget racing every Saturday afternoon in Jolly Harbour, all year round!

A story that will be of interest to all yachtsmen including cruisers, is our story about eSeaClear, the Caribbean Pre-Arrival Notification System, which is expected to be launched in Antigua early in 2012.

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REGATTA ENTRIES so far...(as of 22 Dec 2011)



St. Maarten Heineken Regatta 2012

www.heinekenregatta.com 35 Boats entered



Antigua Sailing Week 2012

www.sailingweek.com 35 Boats entered



International Rolex Regatta 2012 St. Thomas

www.rolexcupregatta.com 19 Boats entered



BVI Spring Regatta 2012

www.bvispringregatta.org 16 Boats entered



Among the many boats coming for the 2012 Caribbean Season are: *Highland Fling XII*, *La Pingouin* (Open 60), *Rothmans* of Sweden, a *Withbread One-off Maxi 81*, *Safara*, an *Andrews 72*, *Antilope*, a *Grand Soleil 46*, *Charisma*, from Spain—a *Sparkman & Stephens 55 Drumfire*, a *Hoek Truly Classic 80*, *Billy Bud*, a *Royal Huisman 111*'

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[The Moorings](#), the world's premier yacht charter company, has announced their support of the 2012 Grenada Sailing Festival, taking up the sponsorship title of the Festival's Charter Class for the forthcoming event.

The Moorings Charter Class will be one of the racing class options available for entries to the 2012 Grenada Sailing Festival Camper & Nicholson's Racing Series, to be held from **Friday 27 January to Tuesday 31 January**. Other classes will be Racing; Racer/Cruising; Cruising; Multihull and J24's. Entries can be made direct online on the official Festival website www.grenadasailingfestival.com or email the office at gsail@spiceisle.com



21 January 2012

The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race



NOVEMBER 30, 2011 - BARBADOS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord Dholakia hosted an event at The House of Lords within the Palace of Westminster, London, promoting links between the two countries and launching the '2012 76th Anniversary Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race' and the '1st Classic Transatlantic Race to Barbados.'

Lord Dholakia, likening Barbados to the Garden of Eden, invited Dr. Mike Krimholtz, Commodore of the Barbados Cruising Club to talk about the 'Round Barbados' race.

Dr Krimholtz explained the significance of the race that officially began in 1936, and is held annually by The Barbados Cruising Club. He explained the purpose of the race is to break the record for the fastest time sailing around the island of Barbados, a distance of approximately 60 miles. The current absolute records stand at 5 hours 20 minutes 30 seconds (mono-hull) and 4 hours 40 minutes 33 seconds (multi-hull).

The Race will start and finish off the Barbados Cruising Club on January 21st 2012, a national holiday to mark the birthday of The Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow, a founder member of the Club and Barbados' first Prime Minister. The famous **Classic Transatlantic race**, will set sail from Cascais, Portugal on 2nd December 2012, bound for Barbados.

These magnificent traditional sailing vessels will arrive in Barbados in time to compete in the 2013 Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race.

Jean-Jaques Ollu, President of The Atlantic Yacht Club spoke about the race to the guests, saying that competitors were really excited to be bringing the race to Barbados for the first time.

The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race can be viewed from a number of beaches around the island and tracked online.

www.mountgayrumroundbarbadosrace.com



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Browsing through the newly launched Antigua Sailing Week Magazine it is interesting to note the great incentives offered to boats registering early. And it is certainly working as their entries are way up from previous years (at year end)

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF OUR FIRST COMPETITION

Just over a month ago we launched a competition for one boat to win a week's accommodation for two people at beautiful Nonsuch Bay Resort on the East coast of Antigua. All boats entered online at <http://www.sailingweek.com/> by November 30th were automatically entered into the competition.

WIN FREE DOCKAGE IN HISTORIC NELSON'S DOCKYARD MARINA

So if you missed the chance to win your week at Nonsuch Bay Resort, how about one week's free dockage during Antigua Sailing Week 2012.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the restoration of Nelson's Dockyard, Nelson's Dockyard Marina is offering one lucky boat free mooring for the entire week. Anyone who enters online by December 31st 2011 will automatically be entered for the competition. Don't worry, if you entered previously, you are still eligible.

If you would love a chance to win this fabulous prize, [enter now](#)

This could be just a co-incidence, but the two Regattas who are most active on Facebook and Twitter have double the amount of entries compared with the other regattas! (St. Maarten Heineken Regatta and Antigua Sailing Week) It would be interesting to monitor the entries and see how effective the Incentives and Social Media are in bringing up boat numbers. This could also be a discussion point at the next Regatta Organizers Conference 2012.

Heather Tackling of the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta advises that when opening a Facebook account, make sure that you open it as an (non profit) organization and not as a person. A Person has 'friends' with a maximum of 5000 friends. (The old HR page is Full! - In the early days of Facebook there was no opportunity to open organizations. A new page has now been created for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta) An Organization has "Likes" and can have unlimited "Likes"



2012 Barbados Sailing Calendar

Month	Day	Date	EVENT
JAN	Sat	07	Port St. Charles Rally in association with BBC
	Sun	15	Taylor's Cycle Centre J24 Regatta
	Thur	19	The Two Restaurant's Race
	Sat	21	Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race
	Sun	29	Taylor's Cycle Centre Dinghy Regatta (1)
FEB	Sun	05	Consumer's Guarantee Insurance J24 Regatta
	Sat	11	Port St. Charles Rally in association with BBC
	Sun	12	Taylor's Cycle Centre Dinghy Regatta (2)
	Sun	19	Taylor's Cycle Centre Offshore Regatta
	Sun	26	Frutee J24 Regatta
MAR	Sat	03	Port St. Charles Rally in association with BBC
	Sat	10	Consumer's Guarantee Insurance J24 Regatta
	Sun	18	Frutee Dinghy Regatta (1)
	Sun	25	Frutee Offshore Regatta
	APR	Sun	15
APR	Sat	21	Lucky Horseshoe J24 Regatta
	Sun	22	Lucky Horseshoe J24 and Offshore Regatta
	MAY	Sun	06
MAY	Thu-Sun	17-20	Mount Gay Rum Barbados Regatta 2012
	Sun	27	SuperCentre Big B Dinghy Regatta (1)
JUN	Sat	02	Harris Paints J24 Regatta
	Sun	03	Harris Paints J24 and Offshore Regatta
	Sat-Sun	16-17	Barbados International J24 Open Championships
	Sun	24	SuperCentre Big B Offshore Regatta
JUL	Sun	01	SuperCentre Big B Dinghy Regatta (2)
	Sun	08	Barbados Cruising Club Regatta
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SEP	Sun	09	National Dinghy Championships (1)
	Sun	23	National Dinghy Championships (2)
OCT	Sun	07	National Dinghy Championships (3)
	Sun	21	National Dinghy Championships (4)
NOV	Sun	04	National Dinghy Championships (5)
	Sat-sun	17-18	J24 Barbados Match Racing Championships
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PUERTO RICO ★ Heineken[®] INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

(Humacao, Puerto Rico). Hot competition in monohull and multihull classes, plus more ways to win with the addition of three new prizes, makes the **2012 Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta (PRHIR)** a regatta no sailor should miss. Set for **March 16 to 18** and celebrated as the island's premier sailing event, sailors from throughout the Caribbean and world come for the high-caliber of racing along Puerto Rico's beautiful and windy southeast coast and for the highly-anticipated nightly parties ashore.

"We'll offer a mix of windward-leeward courses for the racing classes and short 40 to 45 minute races for the one-design IC24s and J/24s. We are expecting a large fleet of J/24s, including teams from the Dominican Republic and Mexico," says Ayala. "There will be courses with reaches for the cruising classes.

Classes of entry to the PRHIR will include CSA Spinnaker Racing, CSA Spinnaker Racer-Cruiser, CSA J24, IC24, CSA Performance Cruiser, CSA Jib & Main and Beach Cat. There will also be a class for the native Chalanas.

For more information, call Tel: 787-413-7702, 787-785-2026, 787-518-7519, or visit www.prheinekenregatta.com. For slips and accommodations, visit www.palmasdelmaryachtclub.com

Upcoming Regattas

The Cayman Islands Sailing Club welcomes all Optimist and J22 sailors and their families and friends to Race Cayman 2012.

A great opportunity for families, juniors and seniors from the same sailing club to sail in the idyllic waters of North Sound, Grand Cayman. For race details, more information or to register, contact admin@sailing.ky or call +1.345.947.7913

RACE CAYMAN 2012

15TH - 18TH MARCH, 2012

- International J22 Invitational Regatta
- Open & Western Caribbean Optimist Championship

The Cayman Islands Sailing Club welcomes all Optimist sailors, families and supporters to the Open & Western Caribbean Optimist Championship as part of Race Cayman Week 2012. The regatta will be held at the same time as the Race Cayman 6th International Invitational J/22 Regatta **15—18 March 2012**. Contact admin@sailing.ky or www.sailing.ky



St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta

The Notice of Regatta and registration materials for the 2012 event are now available at www.yachtscoring.com. We've moved the date to March 9-11 to better fit with other Caribbean events and we're planning on adding more distance courses. The welcoming Cruzan Rum party returns to its traditional Friday night time. New this year is our "Island Challenge." The competitors reporting the fastest passage (on corrected time) from Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Tortola and St. Martin will have their registration fee refunded in full. Jim Kloss—Fleet Captain—St. Croix Yacht Club. (jdboats45@yahoo.com)

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