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***This past weekend's Superyacht Challenge Antigua
able to match up both performance and luxury cruising designs***



The 184-foot Perini Navi ketch *PANTHALASSA* awaits the start off the entrance to English Harbour.
(Lindsay Duffy photo)

PANTHALASSA is the eighth yacht in Perini Navi's 56m series which includes *ROSEHEARTY*, shown at Nelson's Dockyard Marina in December in the previous issue of the printed version of *CBNS*. The big ketch was launched in 2010 at the Perini Navi yard in Italy. Captain Gregg Butler Davis and his crew welcome up to 12 guests in the Med in summer and the Caribbean in winter.

Thanks to the International Superyacht Rule (formerly the Bucket Rule) and the use of pursuit racing (slowest starts first, first to finish wins), this year's 5th annual Superyacht Challenge Antigua was able to offer three days of competitive, fun racing for nine very different 80'-plus yachts, including a classic schooner (below) dating back to the early 20th century. Here's how the Rule works: data on boat speed supplied by captains and design offices is fed into a computer and run through special software that produces various start sequences, one of which is ultimately chosen by the race committee based on actual wind speed and direction, combined with the length of the course and angles of the legs for that day's race. Heading the SCYA Committee are Paul Deeth and Stan Pearson, with Jim Teeters administering the Superyacht Rule.

Courses this past weekend ranged from approximately 12 to 30 miles, with a total of four races run from Friday through Sunday. Starts and finishes were outside the entrance to English Harbour. Using the Low Point Scoring Systems the final results were (total points in parenthesis): 1) Adela (6) 2) Marama (10) 3) Unfurled (15) 4) Sojana (16) 5) P2 (21) 6) Panthalassa (24) 7) Timoneer (28) 8) Visione (31) 9) Leopard III (31).

Onshore, both the Welcome Cocktail and the Prize Giving parties were held at The Admiral's Inn in Nelson's Dockyard.

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