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BERMUDA:

Another sailor from St. Thomas YC steps onto world stage



St. Thomas' Taylor Canfield (center) and his Team Chicago Match Race Center won the Argo Group Gold Cup in Bermuda October 2 – 7. The win improved Canfield's ranking among the world's top match racers from 11th to 9th.
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In 1988 Peter Holmberg became the Caribbean's top racing sailor of all time by winning a silver medal in the Finn class at the 1988 Olympics. That launched Peter's professional sailing career which included a stint as a helmsman for Alinghi of Switzerland which successfully defended the America's Cup in 2007. Now another St. Thomas native and product of the St. Thomas Yacht Club's junior sailing program has stepped onto the world stage. Last weekend in Bermuda 23-year-old Taylor Canfield and his Team Chicago Match Race Center swept the finals of the Argo Group Gold Cup, etching his name on the King Edward VII Gold Cup Trophy inside the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club – and, taking home a check for \$50,000. Other names on the trophy include Russell Coutts, Peter Gilmour, Ben Ainslie – and, Peter Holmberg.

In addition to Taylor - who first enjoyed success outside the Caribbean as a member of the Boston College sailing team - Team CMRC included Dan Morse, Josh McCaffrey and Mike Rehe. Skipper and crew sailed the classic 33' International One Design flawlessly in the finals, beating Johnie Bertsson's Bertsson Sailing Team 3-0. Overall they won 15 of 18 match races on Hamilton Harbour. The win lifted Taylor's ranking on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour from 11th to 9th.

There were 20 teams from 16 countries including Sweden, U.K., New Zealand, Bermuda, Canada, U.S., U.S. Virgin Islands, Brazil, Australia, Finland, Holland, Poland, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey and Russia.
