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What a full month November has been for me. Going to Puerto Rico for the ISAF conference was very interesting and very enjoyable. I was very unsure as to how I would feel at the meetings but to my surprise I found the whole time very enjoyable and more than interesting. I believe that I came away from the meeting with many more people made aware of the CSA and that we are a organised group on a mission. The meeting also gave me many ideas on what we need to do and I hope that I can start work on some of them for 2012.



As I mentioned in the Regatta Organisers Conference **Eric Tulla** will be running for President of ISAF in November of 2012. Eric is from Puerto Rico and many will remember him from his sailing days at various regatta's throughout the Caribbean on numerous different boats.

Eric competed as helmsman in the Soling at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, sailing for Puerto Rico. Eric may be known by many as an ISAF judge who has sat on many juries at Caribbean regattas and through out the world. Eric is at this time on the executive board of ISAF as a Vice President.

We in the Caribbean which is ISAF Group O should do all we can to get Eric voted in by using our voting power. Group O is 20 MNA's of which 13 are now CSA members.

I do not believe that we will get this chance again to have the possibility to have a president of ISAF, who understands the issues, wants and needs of the Caribbean.

For this reason I urge you to do all you can to organise your MNA to have someone at the 2012 ISAF meeting in



November in Ireland to vote for Eric.

Please contact me for information on what you will need to do.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJIXEMI8OqA>

During the Regatta Organizers Conference in October, Anton van de Koppel, CEO of Qua Media in the Netherlands gave a presentation on *How to make the Media and Social Media work for your Event and Sharing Knowledge*. Qua Media is in partnership with **Sailing Channel**. Anton has been the filmmaker for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta since 1996, and made this complimentary video clip of Peter Holmberg introducing the CSA.

It's a great promotional tool that you can put on your regatta websites

www.qua-media.nl

10th Pete Sheals Memorial Match Race

ROAD TOWN, Tortola BVI—In perfect sailing conditions, the 10th Pete Sheals Memorial Match race was won by the team led by America's Cup sailor Peter Holmberg from the USVI, Colin Rathbun of the BVI was second, with Mr. Andrew Waters, also representing the BVI, in third place.

The conditions made for highly competitive racing, which was held in Road Harbour for the benefit of spectators in the RBVIYC Club House.

With all teams racing in one design IC-24's, on Sunday November 12, 2011, a total of 30 races were held, after which Holmberg held a clear, but not unassailable lead. On Sunday the breeze picked up, so the course was lengthened to allow for the increased speed that the racers were achieving. Nonetheless, Holmberg and his team maintained their form to emerge as clear winners after the third and final set of 15 races.



Sailors Defy Dismal Conditions in 8th Annual Course de l'Alliance

Article by Kathy Gifford, SMYC Press Co-ordinator

Marigot, St. Martin – 25-27 Nov, 2011 – Diehard sailors from 4 countries fought through the deluge this weekend to participate in the 8th annual Course de l'Alliance. At the prize-giving, drenched to the bone, this soggy gathering of sailors had smiles on their faces, stories to tell, and whole-heartedly agreed to do it again next year.

Twenty-two boats raced in four classes: Cruising, Racer-Cruiser, Racing and Multihull. On Day One, the boats raced from Simpson Bay, St. Maarten, to Gustavia, St. Barth's. The conditions were tough; wind, no wind and sudden periodic rain squalls challenged captains and crew. The results that day were not too surprising: *Tamaya* won Cruising. *L'Esperance* won Racer-Cruiser. *Team Coors Light* took the Racing win, and *Quality Time* won Multihull.



On day one, long time rivals, *Guimamalou* and *Katzenellenbogen* separated as they passed Pt. Blanche. *Guimamalou* sailed south. *Katzenellenbogen* sailed east. Although structurally the slower of the two, *Katzenellenbogen* managed to play the squalls to her advantage and skimmed over the finish line ahead of her opponent.



Day Two started in drizzle, in Gustavia. The fleet scattered, searching for the elusive wind. Some sailed away to the east; some hugged the shore as they ghosted along the coast of St. Martin. The rain settled in. Spinnakers flew as the boats turned the corner at Tintamarre. The question was whether to stay in the channel or skim over to the Anguilla side. The wind was so light that the Race Committee decided to shorten the race and set up the finish line off Anguillita. That evening, in Road Bay, Anguilla, the race results revealed some surprises. *Moondance* won Cruising. *Speedy Nemo* took Racer-Cruiser. *Budget Marine Too* won the Racing class, and *Green Flash*, which didn't manage to finish the day before, won first place in Multihulls!



On the second day, *Guimamalou* beat *Katzenellenbogen* over the line, but not with enough margin to win on corrected time.

On the third and Final Day, sailors woke up to rain. The sky was grey and there was no glimpse of a break in the clouds. Crews pulled on their cold, wet gear from the previous day and headed to the start line. The wind was fluky, but the rain was constant. The fleet stayed together as it sailed west to Anguillita. It was a stunning sight; bright coloured spinnakers against the backdrop of grey. Then, rounding Anguillita, captains made their decision, east or west, and the fleet split in two.

The cloud cover lowered. The rain poured down. Competitors 50 feet away vanished. The wind disappeared. Compass needles spun freely around the dial. Boats drifted backwards as the current eddied them off course. Crews in the open boats; the Melges and the Open 720, huddled together in an attempt to find some warmth. The Race Committee extended the finish time to give everyone a chance, at least, to complete the race after enduring such gruelling conditions.



As they crossed the finish line in Marigot, St. Martin, the crew of *Katzenellenbogen* looked back and saw that there were only two boats left behind them. *Guimamalou* had beat them to the finish again, and this time there was little hope of help from their handicap.

Tired and bedraggled, the crews made their way to the Yacht Club Restaurant at Fort Louis Marina. The noise level rose as captains and crew commiserated with each other and praised each other's stamina through such dismal conditions.

At the prize-giving, each boat was given an umbrella as a tribute to their efforts over the weekend. The overall results painted a picture of strong skills and sheer determination. The winners in three of the four classes won by only one point! *Tamaya* beat *Moondance* by one point in the Cruising class. *L'Esperance* won the Racer-Cruiser class three points ahead of *Speedy Nemo*. *Budget Marine Too* took the Racing class with one point over *Team Coors Light*.



For the Multihull division, regatta organiser, Cary Byerley, read out the results from last to first place. Slowly, it dawned on the crew of *Katzenellenbogen* that they did not end up fifth, or fourth. They were not in third. As it came down to which of the two had won the day, Byerley teased both crews with her description of the ongoing, friendly competition between these two well-matched teams. As the first syllable of the second-place boat escaped her lips, the crew of *Katzenellenbogen* gasped and burst into laughter. With a one point difference in score, *Katzenellenbogen* won first place, over *Guimamalou*, in the overall Multihull class standings.



2011 SOL Optimists Championships a Record Breaking Event - 5 November 2011

Saturday—5th November 2011—By Robbie Ferron

The fact that the Sint Maarten Sol Optimist Championships for 2011 will be recorded as being the largest ever will be only one part of the event having been a watershed year. The attraction of five other territories to participate is significant, but not as significant as the fact that the long time major participant, Anguilla Sailing Association, is now producing sailors that can give her neighbours in Sint Maarten a good run for their money.

Overall winner of the event was Leonardo Knol (12), the talented son of Dr Luc Knol, who has done less training than other sailors but who clearly does more winning. Second was Hosea Williams (15) of the strong sailing island of Antigua where coach Karl James is pushing his team to greater efforts. Third place went to diminutive 9-year-old Nathan Smith who relished the light winds. Alec Scarabelli (11) of Sint Maarten was fourth and Thomas Maccow (14) of Blowing Point Anguilla was fifth.

Winner of the Junior Division (11 years & under) was Nathan Smith (9) followed by Alec Scarabelli (11) and Rocco Falcone (10) of Antigua. The Senior Division (12 years & older) standings were Leonardo Knol (12), Hosea Williams (15) and Thomas Maccow (14).

Visiting territories were BVI, Anguilla, St Barth's, Nevis and Antigua. A total of 29 boats participated. Winds for the event, held in the Simpson Bay Lagoon, were light and diminished during the day until the final races were almost drifters with wind switches towards the south. The Race Officer was Alfred Koolen, and David deVries sat as the judge.



The event was sponsored once again by Sol Petroleum who are now in their 5th year of sponsorship. No doubt Mr. Antrobus, Regional General Manager hopes these future superyacht captains will remember the start that SOL gave them, and purchase his products some years from now!



Review of the Saint Barth Cata Cup 16-20 Nov



ST. BARTHS—Holland's Mischa Heemskerk and Eduard Zanen on Emeraud Plage won the St. Barths Cata Cup for the second time on Sunday, following a close duel with 2010 winners John Casey and Dalton Tebo on Intendant Villa Services, who settled for second place.

On the new Cirrus R F18, Heemskerk took a commanding lead in the regatta by winning the first four races followed by two seconds. The regatta consisted of six offshore races including the around-the-island race.

"This year we were certainly competitive with a boat that was perfectly tuned," said Mischa. "In this discipline you are never immune to an error or mechanical problem. It was a year since Eduard and I raced together, so we came here three days earlier to train. The result was we were very well prepared."

Casey and Tebo missed the around-the-island race when they collided with another competitor before the start, putting both boats out. Casey took full responsibility for the collision and gallantly offered his second place trophy to the victims.



Remax with Gurvan Bontemps and Giuseppe Dessi finished in third place, while Puerto Rico's Enrique Figueroa and Yann van den Haute on St. Barths Sailor took fourth. Figueroa's team won the around-the-island race.

Isle de France (Patrick Demesmaecker and Olivier Ganglani) came in fifth overall, followed by Bernuth Lines (Kervyn Tanguy and St. Maarten's Joris van den Eynde) in sixth.

It was a disappointing Cata Cup for St. Martin's Olivier Bernaz and Frits Bus, who had at least three halyard breakdowns and one missed start. They finished 29th in the overall standings.

"I've never had so many things go wrong before, but that's the way it goes sometimes," rued Olivier. "We always went well upwind with good speed, but with Frits we lacked the training together, mostly on the spinnaker. It was quite difficult. We should have had more training together before this event."



Men Overboard and Communications Breakdowns

This is an excerpt of an article written by Lynn Fitzpatrick of World Regattas, who was instrumental in the rescue efforts and in raising the sailing community's consciousness about safety at sea issues during regattas. For the full article see:

<http://www.worldregattas.com/ViewInfo.php?ContentID=348>

How Many are Out There?

There were 47 boats competing in the regatta. Was the number 48, 47 or 46? There were multiple versions of competitors lists printed. Nonetheless, someone should be sure because we want to be able to account for everyone who leaves and returns to the dock, who starts a race, who withdraws and who is disabled. A day before the men overboard incident took place, some of the racing boats turned back to shore as soon as they got a clear view of what the conditions would be like in the open waters. They took it upon themselves to report to club staff that they had returned and the information was relayed to the Race Committee. Should they have reported to somebody who was keeping count of all of the ducklings? Absolutely. Was there a procedure that everyone was aware of? There was a procedure in the Sailing Instructions, but no penalty was prescribed for not complying. If pressed would everyone in the fleet have known what was written of paragraph 18.2 of the SI's? Doubtful. There is no excuse for not reading the SI's, but people tend to focus on the starts and the courses and skim over much of the other material until it is necessary to read it in detail.

Which Channel?

The Race Committee had switched the radio channel on which it was operating.

The Start

There were multiple general recalls before the second race finally got underway. Two of them were under a black flag.

Distressed Boats on the Horizon

Motoring upwind, I noticed a dismasted boat, and near it was another boat with a split mainsail.

We hailed the Race Committee and continued toward the boats.

It appears that each boat had lost a man overboard. The remaining crew motioned that they were OK, and that we should search for the men in the water.

Search

We hailed the Race Committee and went off on search mission.

Other powerboats arrived on the scene and began reporting ages of the men and other details over the radio. One was wearing a life jacket. The other one was not.

Rescue

An Olympic coach, who was supporting one of the top teams at the regatta, picked up the men overboard. The coach was in a RIB, had safety equipment and even had a radio. Picking his way through the waves while going up the left side of the racecourse, he was completely stunned to see two men adrift. During the first day of the regatta, he spent time searching for the radio channel that the Race Committee was using and found it. When he tried to tune in during the second day of the regatta and all was silent, he didn't bother to spend time trying to find the secret channel.

The race continued. The weather mark boat tried to identify which teams were deemed black flagged and continued to sail. At least one hypothermic sailor was delivered to the Committee Boat.

Redress

The Jury and the Race Committee heard testimony.

Elevated safety measures were effected for the remainder of the regatta. Throughout that time, there was a nagging feeling that if conditions suddenly deteriorated and several sailboats were disabled at once, would we have chaos or would we have enough eyes watching, manpower and equipment to assist and assure safety.

Reassessment

We must always be safety conscious and establish safety procedures for running races, for on the water communications and for rendering assistance. No matter what we do, accidents will happen, but with the proper use of PFD's, radios, race committee boats, assistance vessels, coach boats, media boats and spectator boats our community should be able to keep this sport fun, safe and fair.

Prestige boats in the Caribbean

On the 2nd November a fleet of 35 boats raced from France to Costa Rico on the **Transat Jacques Vabre Race** and on the 5th December the Imoca 60's in that race, headed back to France from St. Barth's in the **Transat B to B**. A single handed Race.



Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup 2011

December 4th, 2011. The Transatlantic Superyacht Regatta and Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup concluded with prize giving at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's Caribbean base in Virgin Gorda.

The 20 meter X-Yachts X65 Karuba 5 (CRO) took overall victory on corrected time ahead of the 66 meter Baltic yachts ketch Hetairos in second place. Tobias Koenig's Swan 82 Grey Goose of Rorc (GBR) took third place overall. Hetairos, which was launched in July of this year, claimed line honours having completed her 3069 mile crossing from Tenerife in 8 days, 10 hrs and 58 minutes and 30 seconds, at an average speed of just over 15 knots. The event was organized by the YCCS in collaboration with the International Maxi Association, and saw eight superyachts and maxi yachts participate.

See their website for more info:

<http://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com>



Regatta Reviews



HEINEKEN
REGATTA CURACAO 2011

The Heineken Regatta Curacao 2011 starts and finishes in the center of Willemstad, in between Punda and Otrobanda. With a magnificent view over the harbor, many activities on shore, live music played by international artists and the Heineken Regatta Village the Heineken Regatta Curacao offers great entertainment, not only on sea but also on land. *Dash*, owned by Remco van Dortmond secured the first place, second was *Demarraga* and third, *D-Trip*.



Team Scheveningen Yacht Club wins Governors Trophy Statia 15 November 2011

By Juul Hermsen

At their First showing at the Golden Rock Regatta, the team of Radboud Crul managed to stave off all comers winning all six races! The Sailing conditions were ideal with winds varying from 11 to 20 kts. in moderate swells.

At the Prizegiving in historic Fort Orange, they were handed the "Governors Trophy" by Lt. Gov. Gerald Berkel. Mr. Crul, Chairman of the Sailing-commission at the Scheveningen Yacht Club, is an experienced racer on the world's oceans. He complimented the Organizers of the Golden Rock Regatta stating that it was one of the best events he had ever sailed in! High praise from such an experienced sailor! We hope to see him and his team, which included a paraplegic sailor in a wheelchair, on next year's Startline!

In the Open Class Bobby Velasques saw his competition break down one after the other. On the first day Jan vanden Eynde's "Panic Attack" just managed to finish and save his mast when the forestay-chainplate broke free ending his regatta! On the second day Ben Jelic's "J-aguar - Island Waterworld" saw his sails delaminating as he approached the finish! Thus ending his participation in the regatta leaving Peter Dupré from St. Kitts as the only remaining competition! Peter on his PRC 32 "Wind's pawn" then had a good downwind race to Statia beating Bobby by 11 minutes (on handicap). The next day however she too left the fleet leaving Bobby only Bareboats to race against!

Petro Jonker on "Eagle Tours" set the fastest time in the Round the Island Race (Great Bay - Great Bay). This was also the first showing of a multihull at the Golden Rock. We hope to see more take part in 2012.

Golden Rock Regatta 15/19 November 2012



ANTIGUA'S YACHTING INSIDER

ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR YACHTING ENTHUSIASTS

<http://www.antiguanice.com/v2/client.php?id=844>

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Caribbean Sailing Association. It includes a navigation bar with links like 'home', 'accommodation', 'restaurants & nightlife', 'things to do', 'weddings', 'yachting', 'real estate', 'travel', 'island guide', and 'what's on'. There's a sidebar with 'my antiguanice' and 'login' options. The main content area features a 'NEWS AND SPECIALS' section with a 'CSA OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER' link. Below this, there's a list of news items including 'Caribbean Sailing Association's October 2011 newsletter', 'ARC brings 200 yachts to the Caribbean', 'A dose call Dinghy Accident in Mossel bay, South Africa', 'Antigua start of the 2011 RORC Caribbean', 'Testing Conditions for Madaren Pro-AM', 'Objectives of the CSA', 'Antiguanice.com launches Antigua's Yachting Insider', and 'Upcoming Regattas'. There's also a 'contact' section with a form for Name, Email, and Address, and a 'VIEW WEBSITE' button.

Alyson Sly-Adams, CSA's Public Relations Representative, together with Kathy Lammers, the CSA Secretary and Treasurer have created this CSA page in the ANTIGUA'S YACHTING INSIDER.

Upcoming Regattas



Grenada Sailing Festival Camper & Nicholsons Racing Series:

Friday 27 - Tuesday 31 January 2012

GSF Scotiabank Work Boat Regatta

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 February 2012.

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www.grenadasailingfestival.com

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la BANANA'S CUP Regatta

March 10th-11th, 2012.

Yacht Club de la Martinique, FWI
Racing—Cruising—Melges 24—J24—Surprise

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CSA Racing Calendar

Attached, please find the CSA Calendar for 2012
If you have not yet sent us the Date of your Regatta, we urge you to do so ASAP.

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