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I'm sure that the majority of us are avid sports enthusiasts and are watching the Olympics closely. Especially our Regional athletes - some of them doing so exceptionally well! We'll have a report on our sailors in next month's Newsletter.

Next month's Newsletter will also cover the Caribbean Dinghy Championships (CDC) which will take place in Antigua this weekend.

We're all wrapping up the sailing season for 2011 / 2012, and are planning the season for

2012 / 2013.

Please forward your sailing schedules / posters / press releases for the upcoming season to secretariat@caribbean-sailing.com, inquiries@antiguanice.com and director@bigboatseries.com so that we can promote your events in this Newsletter and in the newly revamped CSA website.

Have you seen it yet? Take a look!!! www.caribbean-sailing.com.

It's GREAT - very informative and user friendly!

A special THANKS to Alyson Sly-Adams and CSA President - Cary Byerley who have put in an enormous amount of time and effort to create the updated website.

Godspeed everyone.....we are now looking the Hurricane Season square in the face!

May the ferocious wind demons spare us all this season.



2012 Olympics

Mark your calendars!

Regatta Organizers Conference (ROC) and AGM
20 and 21 October 2012

Great Bay Beach Hotel—St. Maarten

Confirm attendance with Cary on director@bigboatseries.com

Mark your calendars!

Caribbean Dinghy Championship (CDC)

The weekend of

10—12 August 2012

Antigua Yacht Club



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We are planning to have a 'Fun' session on Friday, it will be a beach party with games on and off the water which will be called "Anything But Sailing". We will organise events using our Sea Cadet rowing boats, Kayaks, Paddle boards etc. This will run from approx: 4pm followed by a beach BBQ. Teams will be welcome to sail their dinghies up to 4pm if they wish.

IODA WORLD OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

15—26 July 2012



St. Maarten's Nathan Smith – youngest male sailor at the Optimist World Championships!

Nathan (AHO 69) sailed hard on the last day and was able to finish the last two races in strong enough position to maintain his 204th position overall. At the closing ceremony of the event - Nathan was called up to the podium and recognized as the youngest male competitor in the entire event and rewarded with a medal, plaque and a brand new Olympic Gold Optimist sail for this achievement. It is pretty impressive that he was able to finish in front of nearly 12% of the best Optimist sailors from 52 countries around the world at the tender age of 10 years old - in an event where he was competing head to head with up to 15 year olds and in a sport where age, size and experience all mean a lot. Well done Nathan! We expect good things in the coming years!

Also making AHO (Curacao and St. Maarten) proud was Odile van Aanholt (AHO 5) of Curacao - who battled through an early OCS in the event to finish in a very strong 33rd place overall - and also made the podium by achieving the position of 3rd overall female! Way to go Odile! Way to go AHO!

At the conclusion of the event Nathan said: "I think I did pretty well - and it was a lot of fun. I learned a lot and had a great time. I look forward to the upcoming CDC (Caribbean Dinghy Championship - held in Antigua 11 & 12 August) where I can apply all of the things I learned and see how it works out."

In the final results, Nathan, who sailed in the Opti Green Fleet finished 204th while the other aspiring sailor for AHO Odile van Aanholt from Curacao (sailing in the Blue Fleet) placed 33rd overall.

Odile has been sailing for a number of years at a very high level in Curacao and international events. *Article & photo's by Dean Smith*



Odile van Aanholt & Nathan Smith



Caribbean Sailors who competed were:

From Antigua: Rocco Falcone, Louis Bavay and Rhone Kirby.
From Barbados: Scott Gittens.

From Curacao: Odile van Aanholt
From St. Maarten: Nathan Smith.
From the Dom Republic: Celeste Lugtmeijer, Justine Pecheco, Maria Paz Pacheco, Natalie Nordbruch, Juan Martin Pacheco
From the USVI: Paige Clarke, Scott McKenzie & Christopher Murphy.

From St. Lucia: Luc Chevrier.
From Puerto Rico: Savannah Baus, Ricardo Valenzuela, Andres Reguero, Miguel Monilor, Lucas Miranda
From Trinidad: Abigail Atto & Joshua Ho.

Yukie Yokoyama of Singapore is the Optimist World Champion 2012
www.optiworld.org





42nd ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2012 12 - 21 July 2012, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

Cool heads and steely nerves were among the vital attributes required to achieve ultimate success as the 2012 Four Star Pizza ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships finished on Dublin Bay in Ireland. Across the seven different classes the finale was marked by light, conflicting breezes with at least as many title upsets unfolding through the day as there were expected winning scenarios playing out on cue.

In the evenly balanced 420 Boys class a hard earned final race victory by Barcelona's twin Brothers David and Alex Charles won them the title, complementing the gold medal in the 29er skiff class which was secured on Thursday by club mates Carlos Robles and Florian Trittel.

The Charles brothers went into the last race in third, considering themselves outsiders for the gold medal, but they were able to capitalise on their own great start whilst their nearest rivals, the French pair which have lead most of the regatta - Guillaume Pirouelle and Valentin Sipan - tussled in the depth of the fleet with the Netherlands Pieter Goedhart and Lars Van Steklenborg

For more information, see www.isafyouthworlds.com

Young Caribbean Sailors at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Ireland were:

Ian Barrows & Ian Coyle from St.Thomas sailing in the boys 420 class placed 10th.

Agustina Barbuto & Graceann Nicolosi from St.Thomas sailing in the girls 420 class.

Juanky Perdomo from Puerto Rico sailing in the boys Laser Radial placed 11th in his class.

Just van Aanholt from Curacao and Marcus Sweeney from St.Lucia sailing in the boys Laser Radial.

Alejandro Monllor from Puerto Rico sailing in the boys RSX and placed 16th in his class.



We are very happy and proud to see that Pieter Goedhart and his Crew Lars van Steklenborg placed 3rd place in the boys 420 Class. Pieter who now lives in Holland was born in

St.Maarten where he learnt to sail. It was only a few years ago that Pieter and his family moved to Holland where he has been training with the Dutch youth team.



Competitor Feedback Helps Shape Antigua Sailing Week 2013

As most event organisers know, gaining feedback on their event via surveys is an important means of understanding how participants responded to the event and how they would like to see things change in the future. However, it can be a high risk strategy that opens up cans of worms some would prefer left to putrefy.

Antigua Sailing Week has had online surveys in place for a number of years. It also welcomes feedback via social networks, email and the old style of meeting and talking to each other face to face, all of which have become increasingly useful in providing insight into what worked and what didn't.

Antigua Sailing Week's tag line clearly states 'where sailing comes first' and therefore by extension, 'where sailors come first'. Receiving feedback from participants on a regular basis is therefore crucial to the future success of the event.



Kathy Lammers, Chairman of the Regatta Organising Committee said: 'We were very pleased with the positive feedback following Antigua Sailing Week 2012, particularly in light of the many changes that were made. As a racing sailor myself, I know it is critical to deliver professionally managed, well thought out races, fair class splits and challenging courses. There will always be room for improvement but we hope that by continuing to listen to feedback from participants, we will be able to deliver great racing year after year.'

Not content to think that Antigua Sailing Week has everything right yet, Kathy has begun a summer program that will see her visit a number of events in various locations including the LO300 (a 300-mile race on Lake Ontario), Cowes Week in the UK, the Antigua and Barbuda Hamptons Challenge in New York, Sneek Week in the Netherlands and the Newport Boat Show, as well as yacht clubs in Canada, the United States and Europe. This will help Kathy to familiarize herself with new trends in race organisation and management to ensure that Antigua Sailing Week 2013 will again deliver a well organised regatta that is in keeping with modern trends.

As for the future of Antigua Sailing Week, all respondents to the online survey said that they would recommend it to their friends. When asked what they would do to improve the event, most respondents said it needed nothing more than a few tweaks. The more humorous respondents suggested 'free rum' and 'more dancing girls'. Others said simply 'just can't make it better really', 'nothing comes to mind' and 'just keep doing what you're doing'.

Overall, the resounding message that has been received from all feedback following Antigua Sailing Week 2012 is that it is once again the regatta on the Caribbean circuit and one not to be missed. With that message comes the expectation that entry numbers will continue to grow in 2013 and future years. Online entries for 2013 are open at www.sailingweek.com so get your entry in now!

Next Port of Call GRENADA!



New Date: 1st to the 5th February 2013

GRENADA SAILING FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY IN 2013.

Excitement mounts for the upcoming Grenada Sailing Festival Racing Series as Grenada plans big celebration to mark the Festival's 20th Anniversary.

As the Festival gains momentum, the management team announces a change of event dates; the revised dates for the Racing Series are now 1st – 5th February 2013, with the Workboat Event 9th – 10th February 2013.



The Grenada Sailing Festival is a unique annual event and the GSF Racing Series brings together the competitive spirit of a wonderfully diverse range of sailors, who enjoy four days of top quality racing off the island's south coast, mixed with great camaraderie, fantastic socializing, and a sizzling

hot party atmosphere at Camper & Nicholson's Port Louis Marina.

The Festival held their first Keelboat Racing event in 1994 and over the past nineteen years the management team has gradually developed this into a high quality racing regatta, well respected by top class skippers and crew.

The growing reputation of the GSF Racing Series is attracting world-wide recognition with regular entries from European regatta charter yachts ... and of course the extremely competitive racers from throughout the Caribbean region.

Captains and Crew - the Grenada Sailing Festival thanks you for your past support and participation. Join us at the start! Be ready for the excitement of our 20th Anniversary event - Thursday 1st February – Tuesday 5th February 2013.

For more information check the Festival website www.grenadasailingfestival.com, follow us on Facebook or email gsail@spiceisle.com.



Sint Maarten Keelboat series 2011-2012 season "Boat of the Year" Trophies Awarded

By Leo Ligthart

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club wrapped up the 2011-2012 keelboat racing series with the awards ceremony on Saturday July 7th at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club.

A total of 12 races were sailed, including several of the local and regional off-shore regattas that counted for the overall results. Some 20 boats in total participated in the races, but with only a few sailing 10 or more of the races.

The series started with a local race in November, followed by the Course d'Alliance a week later.

The Course d'Alliance turned out to be a very wet affair, with especially on Sunday so much rain that several boats decided not to finish in Marigot bay because of very poor visibility with thunder and lightning. Certainly not your typical Caribbean sailing weather !

This year's Heineken Regatta, although not counting in the overall results, still played some part in deciding the overall winners. Because of the very windy conditions several boats suffered damage to sails and other equipment, forcing them out of some of the following races. Several other races in the 2nd part of the season were also sailed in very testing conditions for boats and crews. Like the Captain Oliver's Regatta, when stiff breezes and big seas on the east side of the island resulted in some more damage.

But as always in the keelboat series, those boats that had the combination of good materials and maintenance, good crew work, and perseverance came out on top.

In the multihull class Petro Jonker's Quality Time took first place, with Robbie Ferron's Katzenellenbogen in 2nd and Dauphine Telecom 3rd.

In the cruising class Tamaya with Ronnie van Sittert at the helm was the clear winner, despite having to bail out of several races after suffering sail damage in the Heineken. In the three years of the Series, Ronnie was 3rd the first year, 2nd last year and this year aced the first position!

Moondance with Garth Steyn came 2nd and J-Aguar with Ben Jelic helming in 3rd.



Racing class saw Frits Bus with Coors Light as the clear winner. They sailed the most number of races and especially by winning the Anguilla Regatta Coors Light they scored some valuable points. Budget Marine with Chris Marshall and crew took 2nd, with just one point more than French Connection in 3rd. Budget Marine's win in the Captain Oliver's Regatta was decisive in that battle for 2nd overall.

With the hurricane season upon us it's time for some repair and maintenance, with everybody looking forward to be in top shape for the next keelboat racing season, starting in November.



77th Anniversary Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race.



A new trophy comes to the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Racing Series to celebrate the best-corrected time for the circumnavigation of the island by a yacht with a current CSA Handicap.

The Rapier Trophy

Awarded to the yacht with the best-corrected time as calculated under the CSA Measurement Handicap Rule.

This trophy celebrates the innovative approach that Al Rapier of Trinidad applied to measurement handicapping of yachts in the Caribbean. His approach has enabled yachts to race throughout the region over the past 40 years using a measurement system that is not only incredibly fair but allows the yacht to be measured without the need to be hauled out of the water. The CSA Rating system survives and flourishes today as one of the most practical and fair handicap systems in the world.



History.

In the beginning of the 1970's yacht racing in the region was being completely stifled not only by the lack of an active regional body to manage the sport but also by the lack of a credible handicap system under which to race. Into that void came Al Rapier who encouraged by others in Trinidad, especially Sydney Knox, came up with a solution which not only involved great maths but also an incredibly practical method of application, involving tools he designed and methods he invented to apply the formulae.

From that work and the input of others from Antigua, Barbados the US and British Virgin Islands, the West Indies Yachting Association, now the (Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA)), was born and the regional regattas we know today found a platform on which to play.

It is with utmost respect for Al's efforts that the organizing committee of the oldest yacht race in the region, The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race Series have the privilege of announcing the this prestigious prize.

The perpetual Al Rapier trophy now joins the other prestigious trophies awarded to record breaking yachts competing in the 77th Anniversary Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race.

The Errol Barrow Classic Yacht Trophy

A commemorative perpetual award presented to a record breaking classic yacht.

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The Mount Gay Rum Caribbean Challenge Shield

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The Coca Cola Cup

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As always, any yacht breaking an existing Round Barbados Record on January 21st 2013 will win the skipper's weight in Mount Gay Rum Extra Old.

For more information: <http://www.barbadoscruisingclub.org>

C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta



NEWPORT, R.I. (July 9, 2012) – Against the backdrop of over a dozen vessels assembling for the Ocean State Tall Ships Parade of Sail, competitors got down to business on the final day of racing at the 10th annual C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta.

With the largest turnout of any class in the regatta's history, the 13-strong 2.4 Metre fleet sailed two races today. With two Paralympians in the fleet – Marc LeBlanc (New Orleans, La.) and **Julio Reguero (Guyanbo, Puerto Rico)** – as well as 2010 class winner Charles Rosenfield (Woodstock, Conn.), the racing for the podium positions was intense. Reguero and Rosenfield had each won a race thus far in the series and the day started with Reguero in second by just a three point margin over Rosenfield. LeBlanc, who had won two races on the second day of the event, held the standings lead and, despite posting a 2-5 today, held on for the win with a low score of 12 points. Rosenfield had come out guns blazing and took a bullet in the first race, and followed with a second-place finish while Reguero finished fourth in the first race before going on to win the final race of the series. It wasn't enough, however, for Reguero to hold on to his place in the overall standings as Rosenfield had done enough to move up to second overall on 18 points, followed just one point back by Reguero. Canadian Development Team member Jackie Gay (Victoria, B.C.) finished 6-6 today for a total of 34 points and fourth place overall, with fellow Canadian Peter Wood (Ottawa, Ont.), who did not compete because of equipment problems, finishing fifth overall with 38 points.

"This event is the best event in the United States," said Reguero, who had utilized the 2008 Clagett as training before representing Puerto Rico in the Paralympic Games that year. "Every time you go in the water you learn a new thing. It is really tough sailing in Newport, so training here with Mark [LeBlanc] and the other guys pushes you to the limits." Explaining that he hoped to continue improving over the coming weeks, Reguero detailed a heavy training schedule that included the national championships in Finland and Sweden before spending a week at home preparing before travelling to London for the 2012 Paralympics. For more info: www.clagettregatta.org



Julio Reguero (Guyanbo, PUR), who had utilized the 2008 Clagett as training before representing Puerto Rico in the Paralympic Games that year, has finished third overall in the 2012 edition of The Clagett as he prepares to again represent Puerto Rico in the Paralympic Games.

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