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Having just been through a very unpleasant time at the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta with a Race Officer that we invited to the regatta, made me think that one of our failings at the regatta was not having faith in ourselves and knowing when to stand up and say, this is our regatta be it right or be it wrong this is how WE do things. Invited

officials should and can make suggestions BUT should never enforce their way or will on a regatta.

I am not sure I want or should go on a rant here but I would just like to say to all regatta organisers know what it is that you want at your regatta and be sure to inform and enforce this with your invited officials. I will be happy to let organiser know who this man was and I highly recommend that he is NOT invited to your event. I will be taking this up at the next CSA Regatta Organisers Conference.

Due to the very poor turn out at the CSA AGM last year in Antigua it was decided at the CSA Regatta Organisers Conference (CSA ROC) where we had the major part of the board and many other members that we should change the date of the AGM to the same time as the CSA ROC which will be late October. So there will not be a AGM in April this year during Antigua Sailing Week.

**Caribbean Dinghy Championship
ANTIGUA 19—21 August 2011**

Antigua Yacht Club



The Caribbean Dinghy Championships on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st August 2011

We hope that teams would arrive on Thursday so that we have a 'Fun Day' on Friday whereby teams could get to know each other and we would organise various activities - other than sailing. This prestigious event for dinghy sailors from throughout the Caribbean is sanctioned by the CSA.

Sailors compete for top honours in five different classes, Laser standard, Laser radial, Zoom 8's, Optimist and Sport 16's.

Only CSA members can send teams to the CDC.

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Eight Bells—Garrett Patrick Spillane



Beloved husband of charter broker Ann-Wallis White, a former racing and charter yacht captain, Garrett was a son of Ireland, born in Cork on 23 May, 1937. Garrett captained his first charter in 1958, and was an Antigua Race Week winner several times over as crew.

As a captain, Garrett was a veteran of thousands of charters for some of the most famous people in the world for over 30 years. He was a megayacht captain before they were called megayachts.

Review of the St. Barth's Bucket



Great turn out of 40 fabulous boats for the 25th Bucket. Robbie, Jolyon and myself were lucky enough to be invited by Barry Jones the captain of "Klostern" a 47m Perini Navi to come and sail with them. Slightly different

from the days when I first met Barry sailing on "Tivoli" a 22m Sangermani. Sailing this event is something that I think everyone should do at least once as it truly is spectacular.



Seeing some of these boats on the dock it is hard to believe that you would ever think of racing them around a somewhat tight course but that is just what happens and I am here to tell you be it the smallest boat, the 23m *White Wings* to the largest boat the 88m *Maltese Falcon*, they are all out to race and win. Sitting on the fly bridge of *Klostern* and feeling her when she picks up with a bit of wind was a wonderful feeling.

I was given the job of time keeping, recording the mark roundings, keeping track of the course and filling in on the radio where needed, Robbie was navigator while Jolyon, doing his first Bucket, helped on the foredeck. On the first day of racing which takes you round St. Barths clock wise, we headed off with a good start hoping for the best and after a lovely day of sailing we ended up 19th boat to finish 3rd boat in our class, beating *Antara* our rival 46m Perini Navi.

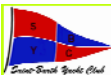
Day two was the Not So Wiggley course with some very exciting moments and again hearing on the radio that a boat had a MOB, very happy to hear a while later that all was OK. Also heard the same thing the day before. For safety reasons all boats while close together are to talk to each other and state their intentions which often gives the rest of the fleet an idea as to what is going on even if you can't see them. We ended the race being 21st boat to cross the line and 4th boat in our class. Due to the fact that the only boat in our class that was in front of us for both days was *Axia* we were now lying in 2nd place in class after two days of racing.

"Virago" in foreground



Ranger





St. Barth's Mini - Bucket

Camper & Nicholson's
International
Interiors

For the third consecutive year, Camper & Nicholson's (CNI), together with the Saint Barth Yacht Club, organized a junior sailing regatta in conjunction with the official "St Barth Bucket" (March 24-27), of which CNI is a long-time sponsor. The "Mini-Bucket" was a huge success, and St. Maarten rocked! St. Maarten really made an impact this year claiming First and Second place in the two-man RS Fevas! Congratulations to Rhone Findlay and Bart van Vliet for their



Saskia & Bodine

outstanding First- place performance over two days in a boat they had never sailed before! St Maarten's Leonardo Knol and Alec Scarabelli claimed Second place. St. Barth's Kevin Greaux and Julian Aubin came in third. Fourth place was won by the all-girl team, Bodine Beentjes and Saskia Looser. In all, there were 11 competitors representing three islands. (AXA, SXM and St. Barth's)



GILL 2011 COMMODORES CUP

Australia's Cookson 50 Jazz Earns Class I Honours in 2011 GILL Commodore's Cup (March 3, 2011)

On a day that began with rain and drizzle and gave way to blue skies and fresh breeze—in other words, a perfect day for yacht racing—39 boats in six classes gathered off Simpson Bay today to compete in the GILL Commodore's Cup, the traditional kick-off to the annual St. Maarten Heineken Regatta sponsored by the popular brand of foul-weather gear and sailing apparel.

The big winner was the canting-keel Cookson 50, *Jazz*, which made her impressive Caribbean debut with three straight victories to top Class 1 in striking fashion. *Jazz* (formerly known as *Evolution Racing*) has traveled halfway around the world, mostly via freighter, since winning the IRC-0 class in the recent Sydney-Hobart Race. And with her victory in the GILL Commodore's Cup, she has served notice that she'll be a force to contend with in the upcoming St. Maarten Heineken Regatta.

In Class 2, Mark Plaxton's Melges 32, *Team INTAC*, also recorded three bullets to easily win the division. Other winners included Stephan Lehnert's 56-foot *Passion 4 C* in Class 4; William Wester's Grand Soleil, *Antilope*, in Class 5; and *Kick 'em Jenny*, Ian Hope-Ross's Beneteau First 36.7, in Class 6.



Photo by Bob Grieser

St. Barth's Bucket....Continued

The third day came with the round the island the wrong way race, could we pull off a top place finish again, we were all very hopeful, we got in position for our down wind start and started to hoist the spinnaker as often happens the gods are just not with you and as we pulled up the spinnaker just after our starting horn our spinnaker split and tore down the center. You might think that being on a big boat would mean that you have lots of sails and we would have a spare, well not always the case and we had no spare so it was with a very heavy heart we watched our rival *Antara* come roaring down on us and her huge big red spinnaker fly by (well it seemed that way). Once we started to head to wind we picked up the pace and held our own and even passed *Antara* but we all knew that this could not last, once round the top of the island and all the spinnakers started to pop open one by one the fleet started to sail by us, maybe a very pretty sight and made for some beautiful viewing but a sad time for us, on a positive note we were not the last boat to finish but 35th to finish and a 12th in class gave us a final score of 6th in class. Some how this all seemed some what familiar as a few years back sailing on *Perseus* we were headed into the final day in a great position only to loose it in that last race, oh well as they say, that's yacht racing for you. During the last day of racing we were visited by a couple of whales something I haven't seen in years so in my mind that made up for our poor result. Thank you to the owner and his family and of course Barry for letting us sail on *Klosters* we hope there will be many more buckets for you and one of them will bring the result that you deserve. Congratulations and well done to Richard and Carol Archer on the Swan 100 "*Virago*" for collecting the Bucket and getting the overall win.



Elena of London

Review of the 31st St. Maarten Heineken Regatta 2011



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(The PDF attachment of the Newsletter has the live link)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz0s1ZHjv4U&feature=player_embedded

Caribbean Favorites *Team INTAC* Earn "Most Worthy Performance Overall at the 2011 St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

The final day of the 31st St. Maarten Heineken Regatta was one to remember, starting early on Sunday morning with a full slate of racing and ending *very early* Monday morning after a Prize-Giving ceremony on Kim Sha Beach and an epic line-up of musical entertainment headlined by Wyclef Jean, the ex-*Fugees* front man whose 4-hour performance was simply one for the ages. In other words, it was just another one of your basic St. Maarten Heineken Regattas.



2011 CAPE AIR CARIBBEAN OCEAN RACING CIRCUIT (C.O.R.C.) STANDINGS AFTER LEG 2: PUERTO RICO HEINEKEN INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

By: Carol Bareuther

Entries for the 2011 Cape Air Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit (C.O.R.C.) doubled at the second leg, the Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta, raced out of Palmas del Mar Yacht Club & Marina, March 18-20. Brisk winds made for keen competition for regatta sailors and CORC entrants alike.

Cape Air C.O.R.C. standings by class at the conclusion of the Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta saw Puerto Rico's Jaime Torres on his Beneteau First 40, *Smile and Wave*, continue his lead the Spinnaker Racing A class, with St. Maarten's Frits Bus on his Melges 24, *Coors Light*, second, and Puerto Rico's Luis Juarbe's Henderson 30, *Soca*, third.

In Spinnaker Racing B, St. Thomas' Paul Davis' J/27, *Magnificent 7*, continues his lead.

Puerto Rico's Jonathon Lipuscek's J/105, *Dark Star*, is a new entry and jumps to the top of the Racer-Cruiser class.

In Performance Cruising, Puerto Rico's Bernardo Gonzalez' Beneteau First 35, *Bonne Chance*, is first with St. Croix's Tony Sanpere's J/36, *Cayennita Grande*, second.

Puerto Rico's Dwight Rodriguez's Beneteau First 38S5, *Toda Via*, topped the Jib & Main Class.

Finally, in the IC24 Class, Puerto Rico's Fraito Lugo's *Orion* leads over fellow islander, Carlos Sierra, on *Fuakata*.

The big attraction of the 2011 Cape Air C.O.R.C. is the opportunity to win a round-trip ticket for one to anywhere in the Caribbean Cape Air flies in a raffle drawing for Cape Air C.O.R.C. entrants at the Awards Ceremony held at the conclusion of each leg of the Series. *Cayennita Grande*'s Sanpere won this ticket in Puerto Rico.

Yachts must participate in at least three regattas – one in the U.S. Virgin Islands, one in Puerto Rico and one in the BVI – to be eligible for raffle drawings and prizes. Yachts that compete in all four Cape Air C.O.R.C. regattas will receive foul weather gear.

2011 CAPE AIR CARIBBEAN OCEAN RACING CIRCUIT (C.O.R.C.) STANDINGS AFTER LEG 3: THE INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA

Some sailors tied in the standings while others solidified their scores on the leaderboard in the 2011 Cape Air Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit (C.O.R.C.) after competing in the third leg, the International Rolex Regatta, held March 25-28, out of the St. Thomas Yacht Club, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Next up is the final leg of the circuit at the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival, April 1 to 3, where winners will ultimately be named.

In Spinnaker A, Puerto Rico's Jaime Torres on his Beneteau First 40, *Smile and Wave*, continues at the top of this class. However, Puerto Rico's Luis Juarbe's Henderson 30, *Soca*, and St. Maarten's Frits Bus on his Melges 24, *Coors Light*, are now tied for second with 5 points apiece.

St. Thomas' Paul Davis' J/27, *Magnificent 7*, continues its lead in Spinnaker B. "We're the only St. Thomas boat to do all four C.O.R.C. regattas and we're excited about leading our class," says Davis.

Puerto Rico's Jonathon Lipuscek's J/105, *Dark Star*, sat out the International Rolex Regatta, but still hangs on to his first place in the Racer-Cruiser class.

In Performance Cruising, St. Croix's Tony Sanpere's J/36, *Cayennita Grande*, bested Puerto Rico's Bernardo Gonzalez' Beneteau First 35, *Bonne Chance*, in the International Rolex Regatta, which means both boats are now tied with 3 points apiece.

Meanwhile, Puerto Rico's Dwight Rodriguez's Beneteau First 38S5, *Toda Via*, continues his reign in the Jib & Main Class.

Finally, in the IC24 Class, Puerto Rico's Fraito Lugo's *Orion* leads over fellow islander, Carlos Sierra, on *Fuakata*, by two points.

Review—HR2011.....continued

Between the first starting gun at 10:30 a.m. and Wyclef Jean's last set some 15 hours later, the final race of the three-day series was conducted and awards were presented to the first-, second- and third-place boats in each division. The regatta's steering chairman, Robbie Ferron, did his usual fine job hosting the proceedings with help from a host of local politicians and dignitaries.

INTAC—photo by Tom Zinn



The evening's top prize—the St. Maarten Cup—for the regatta's Most Worthy Performance Overall went to Mark Plaxton's Melges 32, *Team INTAC*, a BVI entrant with an all-star island crew that included Peter Holmberg, Maurice Burg, Ben Beer, among many other fine local sailors. *Team INTAC* also won the Caribserve-NTG Cup for Most Worthy Performance during Friday's racing.

Team: Something Hot—photo by Bob Grieser



The Heineken Cup for Most Worthy Performance on Saturday was presented to Marieke Poulie's Sun Odyssey 44, *Something Hot*, in the Bareboat 3 class. *Something Hot* also received the Goldendog Cup for the team's contribution to charity, a goal for many individual yachts that compete during the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta. Another Bareboat, Eggbert Schuett's *Team Hamburg*, racing in Bareboat 1, was the Most Worthy Performer on Sunday. The Overall Bareboat winner was *KH+P Sea You Later*, Hans Robert Nitsche's Dufour 455.

Team Hamburg—photo by Tim Wright



Blanca—photo by Tim Wright

The Panama Jack Cup for Fastest Multihull around the Island on Friday's opening race was the impressive Sea-cart 30, *Blanca*.

The Fastest Monohull (Spinnaker classes) was the blazing quick Dubois 90, *Genuine Risk*.

Antigua Sailing Week Updates...

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April 24—29, The horns will sound for the start of the 44th Antigua Sailing Week, the Caribbean's longest-running and most famous regatta. Nelson's Dockyard and English Harbour are the chosen venue for an influx of well over a thousand competitors, with exactly 100 boats entered to date.

Peter Harrison's magnificent 115ft ketch, *Sojana*, is the largest yacht entered to compete at Antigua Sailing Week and the majestic navy blue hull is a familiar sight in Antigua. *Sojana* set the course record for the Yachting World Round the Island Race in 2009, smoking around the 50-mile course in 4 hours 37 minutes and 43 seconds.

Adrian Lee's canting keel Cookson 50, *Lee Overlay Partners*, has won her class in the two previous editions of the Ocean Series and is looking for a hat trick of wins this year.

Hugo Stenbeck's 90-foot canting keel Maxi, *Genuine Risk*, is a pure race boat, easily capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots and may well lead the Antigua Sailing Week fleet around the course this year. The Regatta has always attracted a large contingent of Swans and this year is no exception. Marco Rodolfi's stunning 83-foot Swan, *Berenice* is in fine form having taken line honours in the ARC last December, and should have a great battle with Fred Smithers' Swan 77, *La Forza Del Destino*.

Austin Fragoman's well-travelled TP52, *Interlodge*, is back and the light displacement flyer will surely be lighting up the race course, especially in big breeze. Richard Matthews' new Humphreys 54, *Oystercatcher XXVIII*, makes its Sailing Week debut and should have a battle royal with *Interlodge*.

It is not just the high performance racers that will enjoy a fantastic event - there are a myriad of battles right through the fleet, none more so than between the local Antiguan boats.

Hugh Bailey's Beneteau 456, *Hugo B* came out on top of the Performance Cruiser Class overall last year, after a close battle with fellow Antiguan yacht, *Biwi Magic*, owned by Geoffrey Pidduck. Carlo Falcone's *Caccia alla Volpe* is threatening to take on *Hugo B* head to head in the spinnaker class this year, which should result in a very close battle out on the race course!

Robbie Ferron is back to defend his class win from last year with his Lagoon 410, *Katzenellenbogen*. However, this year the highly experienced yachtsman from St. Maarten is facing some tough opposition with a large contingent of Gunboats swelling the number of multihulls racing at Antigua Sailing Week.

Official charter partner, OnDeck will have a big presence at the Regatta with 11 yachts competing across a wide variety of classes, including four Farr 65s. The powerful ocean-going yachts will have their own private battle for victory. Ten yachts will also be competing from German-based charter company KH+P, who will be hoping for success again this year after winning last year's Bareboat Gold Class title. The KH+P all girls team will also return to defend its Bareboat class title won last year and they're looking for some strong and enthusiastic young women to join the team. Racing starts on Sunday April 24th and concludes on Friday April 29th with the final prize giving to be held in the Event Village in Nelson's Dockyard. Up to eight races are scheduled over five days with Lay Day breaking up the week on Wednesday.

Review—HR2011....continued



Genuine Risk—photo by Tim Wright

J/Boats are always well represented at the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, and the award for Best "J" was accepted by Tanner Jones, the skipper of the Antiguan-based J/30, *Blue Peter*.



Blue Peter—photo by Tim Wright



Team Selene—photo by Tim Wright

Likewise, there's always a marvelous contingent of regal Swans at the event, and the best in the fleet for 2011 was the winner of CSA 1C, Wendy Schmidt's Swan 82, *Team Selene*.

You don't need to bring your own boat to the Heineken, by the way, participate in the action.

You can charter a berth on the small fleet of "Head Boats" that enter the regatta on an annual basis. The best of that bunch for 2011 was a Beneteau First 50, the winner of CSA 4, Philippe Falle's *Hydrocarbon Logic*.

Next year, they'll have a chance to make amends, when the 32nd annual St. Maarten Heineken Regatta will take place from **March 1-4, 2012**.

It's never too early to start planning!

For full information on the 2011 St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, including final results, photos, videos, party and band information, and much, much more, visit

www.heinekenregatta.com.

Wyclef Jean—photo by Tom Zinn



10th PLACE FOR ABIGAIL AFFOO AT VALENTINE'S DAY REGATTA, Florida USA—14 Feb 2011

Abigail Affoo (12yrs) of Trinidad & Tobago, finished tenth in the Blue Fleet from a total of two hundred and twenty-three sailors at the Valentine's Day Regatta in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA, where competitors came from the UK, Ecuadore, USVI, USA and Trinidad & Tobago.

It was a first for Trinidad and Tobago to achieve a podium position at the Valentine's Day Regatta. In addition to placing tenth in the Blue Fleet, Abigail was the sixth best female sailor at that event.

This regatta is used as a qualifier for the OPTINAM 2011 which will be held in Los Angeles in July.

Abigail has previously competed in OPTINAM 2009 and OPTINAM 2010. Trinidad and Tobago plans to send a team of five sailors to OPTINAM 2011.



Competing at the Valentine's Day Regatta was used as a barometer to gauge the level of our optimist sailing here in Trinidad and Tobago. Abigail Affoo's result showed that our optimist sailors can hold their own when competing against the best sailors from the USA.

At the age of ten years Abigail Affoo won first place in White Fleet at the Scotiabank Caribbean International Optimist Regatta 2009 in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. This year Abigail Affoo will be competing at the upcoming Scotiabank Regatta in the Blue Fleet in June.

Review of the Race Cayman 2011 March 18-20



The 5th Annual J22 International Invitational Regatta was held from 17th to 20th March. Hosted by the Cayman Islands Sailing Club the event attracted teams from the USA, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada and the UK, all of whom came to take on the top 3 Cayman J22 teams.

Windy conditions throughout the regatta with strong winds reaching almost 25 knots at times, made the racing challenging and exciting to

watch. Plans are already underway for Race Cayman 2012 with visiting teams eager to return. Craig Symonette from the Bahamas said "This is our third year coming to Cayman and we will definitely return next year. It is such a well organised and fun regatta that we could bring as many teams as you can accommodate".

Next year will also feature a youth event, the Western Caribbean Optimist Championship which will be sailed alongside the J22 regatta and over 30 young competitors from overseas are expected to attend the Championship.

For more info: www.sailing.ky

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April 1—3



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April 4—6



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April 14—19

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April 21—25



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April 24—29



Antigua Sailing Week

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May 6—8



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