



BEQUIA SAILING CLUB, P.O.BOX 220BQ, BEQUIA, ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

BEQUIA HEINEKEN EASTER REGATTA 2011: Celebrating thirty thrilling years!

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Minister of Tourism the Hon. Saboto Caesar gave the opening address at the Grand Prizegiving of the Bequia Sailing Club's 30th Anniversary Bequia Easter Regatta on Easter Monday 25th April. A large crowd of competitors from the local double-ender fleet and from the yacht racing fleet gathered together in the gardens of the Gingerbread Hotel to hear the Minister congratulate the all-volunteer Bequia Sailing Club on another hugely successful regatta, and to salute the work of its members and their contribution towards the enhancement of tourism in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

M.P. for the Northern Grenadines Dr. the Hon. Godwin Friday and Bequia Sailing Club founder Sir James Mitchell joined with Minister Caesar in thanking all the visiting yachts for continuing to make Bequia the most popular regatta in the region, and congratulating all the winners and participants of both the local double-enders races and the yacht races for their demonstration of skill throughout the weekend's competition.

The regatta saw a bigger-than-expected turnout in both the yacht and fishing boat fleets, much to the delight of the organisers. A total of 39 yachts and 28 local double enders turned out to race on a weekend of light but steady breezes and glorious sunshine. No less than eleven yachts, including four Racing Class entries, came down from Martinique to compete in what many emphatically declared to be their favourite regatta of all. They were joined by boats from the UK, USA, Trinidad, Grenada, Carriacou, St. Vincent, Bequia, St. Lucia, Barbados Antigua and the USVI, all eager to take part in Bequia's 30th anniversary Regatta.

The yacht side of the regatta was officiated for the twelfth year running by Principal Race Officer James Benoit from Grenada, working along side the 7-person Bequia Sailing Club Race Committee. Two one-design Classes - one for the 25-foot French "Surprise" boats from Martinique, and the other for the popular J24 racing yachts - a Racing (spinnaker) Class and two Cruising Classes divided up the overall yacht fleet.

New regatta sponsors United Insurance lent their name to the J24 three-race series on Saturday, with the United Insurance Trophy for that series going to *Xpelair Fadeaway* from Barbados, skippered by Charlie Gloumeau. The 9-entry J24 Class included boats from St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada and St. Lucia, each competing fiercely throughout...

.....the regatta's six specially designed races. When the final results were tallied, the two leading boats, *Sumptin's Happ'nin'* and *Xpelair Fadeaway* (both from Barbados) ended up tied on points, with *Sumptin's Happ'nin'* declared the Overall Winner of both the Bequia Regatta J24 Class and the J24 Southern Caribbean Championship 2011 after the application of the CSA tie-break rules.

Overall winners in the other four classes were Racing Class: *Regis Guillemot Charters* (Regis Guillemot, Martinique); Cruising I: *Nirvana* (Lloyd Deroche, Trinidad); Cruising II: *No Fear*, (Robin Smith, SVG) and Surprise: *GFA Caraibes* (Nicolas Gillet, Martinique).

The local double-enders that raced for three days the Easter weekend came mostly from Bequia, joined by boats from neighbouring Canouan and Carriacou. Overall winner of Bank of SVG Trophy in the hotly contested 28-foot Class 7 was *Skylar*, skippered by Verrol Compton from Carriacou. The other overall winners were *Knowledge* (Class I, Mountain Top Water Trophy) *My Love* (Class II, Tradewinds Cruise Club Trophy), *Scope International* from Canouan (Class IV, RBTT Trophy) *Tornado* (Class VA), Admiralty Transport Trophy), *More Worries*, (Class VB Bequia Express Trophy), with Bequia's legendary 140 year old New England-built whaleboat *Iron Duke* taking overall in Class VI with Bequia Sailing Club Trophy.

But it wasn't only competing boats that thronged the harbour in Admiralty Bay. An estimated one hundred additional power and sailing yachts came to Bequia to see the legendary local boat races, to follow the yacht races or simply enjoy being in Bequia at Easter. Easter Sunday saw big crowds from the mainland liming at the famous Easter Sunday beach splash in Lower Bay, while regatta sponsors Bequia Beach Hotel hosted the Regatta's Sandcastle and Crazy Craft race in Friendship Bay, followed by live music and children's entertainment.

The Regatta attracted large numbers of visitors to the island and bars and restaurants enjoyed much welcomed brisk business at the end of a busy season. The Bequia Sailing Club came in for universally high praise for the overall organization and smooth running of the Regatta, and received many promises to return in 2012 in even greater numbers.

The Bequia Sailing Club would like to thank premier sponsors Heineken (St. Vincent Brewery) for their very generous increased support, the SVG Tourism Authority, main sponsors Mount Gay Rum (Bryden's, St. Vincent), United Insurance, Mountain Top Water, Tradewinds Cruise Club, the Frangipani Hotel, Bequia Beach Hotel, De Reef, Windward Island Plantation and C. K. Greaves for their exceptionally generous and loyal support of this prestigious sporting and tourism event. Thanks must also go to all business and private donors and all the volunteers within the Sailing Club who worked so hard to make Regatta 2011 another great success! A full list of donors will follow in a future edition.

See next pages for short overall results for yachts and fishing boats

See full detailed yacht races results here:
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OVERALL RESULTS YACHTS 2011

CRUISING CLASS 1

POSITION	NAME OF BOAT	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER	COUNTRY
1st	Nirvana	San Juan 34	Lloyd DeRoche	Trinidad
2nd	Bloody Mary	Hughes 38	Jerry Stewart	Grenada
3rd	Tabasco	Swan 40	Henry Crallan	UK

CRUISING CLASS II

1st	No Fear	Dubois 33	Robin Smith	SVG
2nd	Dionysus	Hallberg Rassy 39	Jack Burns	USA
3rd	Madonna	IW Varvet 31	Tom Batty	UK

RACING CLASS

1st	R Guillemot Charters	Melges 24	Regis Guillemot	France
2nd	Category 5	Hobie 33	Romain Szyjan	Grenada
3rd	Vandanvwell 2	Jeanneau Sunfast 3200	Aymric Pinto	France

J24 CLASS

1st	Sumptin's Happ'nin	J24	Paul Johnson	Barbados
2nd	Xpelair Fadeaway	J24	Charlie Gloumeau	Barbados
3rd	Die Hard	J24	Robbie Yearwood	Grenada

SURPRISE CLASS

1st	GFA Caraibes	Surprise	Nicolas Gillet	France
2nd	Digilife	Surprise	Vianney Saintenoy	France
3rd	Clippers Ship	Surprise	Nicolas Poix	France

SINGLE HANDED

(CSA RATED)

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1st	Madonna	IW Varvet 31	Tom Batty	UK
2nd	Gingko	Jeanneau 422	Nick Anderson	SVG
3rd	Hurah	Hallberg Rassy 43	Angie Jeffs	USA



OVERALL RESULTS FISHING BOATS 2011

CLASS 1	Knowledge <i>(Mountain Top Water Trophy)</i>	Ryan Marks	Bequia
CLASS 2	My Love <i>(Tradewinds Cruise Club Trophy)</i>	Stanley Harry	Bequia
CLASS 4	Scope International <i>(RBTT Trophy)</i>	Damian Harry	Canouan
CLASS 5A	Tornado <i>(Admiralty Transport Trophy)</i>	Kingsley Stowe	Bequia
CLASS 5B	More Worries <i>(Bequia Express Trophy)</i>	Kimani James	Bequia
CLASS 6	Iron Duke <i>(Bequia Sailing Club Trophy)</i>	Allick Daniel	Bequia
CLASS 7	Skyler <i>(Bank of SVG Trophy)</i>	Verrol Compton	Carriacou

