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Looking at the trophy after a very successful Caribbean Dinghy Championships got me thinking. All I could see on the trophy was who won, not where it was hosted or which island competed or who competed or even what was the event competed in.

So what I am hoping is that all of you can help me, in trying to see if we can find past information on the Caribbean

Dinghy Championships. At this time what we know is which island won and that's about it. I would love to know the following

1. Which island hosted the event and in what year / Which island competed and in which year / What Boats were used and which year / Who sailed in what and where placed and which year / If you can remember anything, about going to any CDC If clubs could find in their records if they have any info that would be fabulous. The other way is for people to look at their trophies to see what they say. (I found a few interesting facts that I had forgotten by finding old Trophies) Hope that you can help me!

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22 & 23 October 2011
St. Maarten



Antigua Yacht Club

Team Antigua wins the Caribbean Dinghy Championships

held over the weekend of **August 19th – 21st in Antigua**, I think this was one of the most successful events held in many years. The fact that only 5 teams were there to compete did not deter from the very competitive sailing in each class with only one sailor having an easy time of it.



One of the reasons for this being the great success that it was is mainly due to host Elizabeth Jordan commodore of the Antigua Yacht Club, organizer of the event.

On Friday Afternoon Elizabeth organized a trip for all competitors (free of charge) to go to Antigua's Rain Forrest to go on the tree top Zip Line. Elizabeth organized a bus to pick everyone up at the club for 1pm which then took all the teams to the rain Forrest, where the Zip Line is set up.

In the end it was 29 people that enjoyed the Antigua rain Forrest thrills. All teams were back at the club by about 3pm to set up their boats and then sail out to the racing area.



Being that TS Irene was due to hit Antigua on Sunday morning it was decided to get two races in on Friday afternoon, leaving seven races that then would need to be sailed on Saturday. Wisely it was thought that there would be too much wind on Sunday morning to race and this was the case with howling wind and rain starting about 5am Sunday morning.

The first race on Friday started shortly after 4pm in about 11 – 12 knots. First to start were both the Laser standard and radial classes starting together followed by the Sports 16, these classes sailed a trapezoid course. Optimist then Zoom 8 classes followed up doing a wind ward leeward course.

After racing was finished on Friday and all teams had showered and changed dinner was hosted by the club. Elizabeth had set the tables so teams could not sit together but by class so all the Optimist sailors sat together while all the Zoom 8 sailors sat together and so forth. This was a great success as it got all the competitors from all the different teams talking to each other and not just within their own teams which has been the case in the past.

After breakfast at the club Saturday morning , racing started in about 16 – 17 knots and then after lunch built to 18 – 20 knots but for the last race of the day the wind dropped giving some reprieve to the lighter sailors.

Saturday evening dinner was again held at the club with by now everyone chatting and all islands intermingling and swapping stories.



Due to there being no racing on Sunday it was decided to have prize giving after a late breakfast. Thankfully the rain stopped bucketing down shortly after breakfast so prize giving was able to take place on the verandah while the sun was trying to break through.

Later in the day a last lunch was had by all the teams before the southern teams were able to catch their flights home while the northern teams had to wait until the next day when all flight were back on.



Laser Standard

This class only had 4 sailors as team Tortola was unable to come with a competitor. Andrew Lewis from Trinidad got a bullet in the first race and then proceeded to carry on with bullets for the next 8 races giving him a clear cut win. Andrew it would seem likes sailing in Antigua as in the 2008 CDC also held in Antigua Andrew won this class but not by such a lead. Andrew has in the last year been training very hard in the Laser as he hopes to go to the Olympics in 2012. He has just come straight from Weymouth were he was competing in the pre Olympic test event, he ended up having the best Caribbean sailing result there. 2nd was Charlie Gloumeau from Barbados who is also no stranger to the CDC. 3rd was Shawn Malone from Antigua who had to stop racing in the last two races due to a very bad asthma attach. 4th was Harry Antrobus from St.Maarten.



Laser Radial

1st in this class was Jason Tindale from Barbados, who first started sailing in the CDC in Optimists and is now showing his skills in the Laser. Omari Scott from Antigua looked like he might have this class all his own way on Friday evening with 2 wins but Saturday brought different results resulting in a 2nd place finish. Mark Peters from Trinidad managed to pull off one win giving him 3rd place. Jolyon Ferron from St.Maarten due to his determination and goal not to come last in class fought hard in the heavier winds and managed to place 4th after trading places with Brian Duff from Tortola finished in 5th place.

Sports 16

Very tight racing in this class between the father daughter team of Stephane & Robbie Ferron from St.Maarten and father son team of Andy & Sam Morrell from Tortola, after redress and protests the close end result was the Ferron's winning the class with 13 points and the Morrell's in 2nd place with 13.1 points.

3rd place went to the team from Antigua of Aldrick Meade & Tyvone Richardson.

In 4th place from Trinidad was the sister team of Leah & Faith Morane. In 5th place was the team from Barbados of Leisl Brewster & Kim Gittens.



Zoom 8

This class also had a good battle going on with Antigua and Trinidad but with Antigua having the edge on these boats might just have helped. Hosea Williams from Antigua came away with the win while Kelly Arrindell from Trinidad after a tough start on Friday pulled back some great wins on Saturday to take 2nd place. 3rd place went to Scott Gittens from Barbados while 4th place went to Bodine Beentjes from St.Maarten who suffered a few more capsizes than the others but always came up smiling. Joshua Morell from Tortola struggled a little to get the hang of these boats which resulted in him getting a 5th place.



Optimist Class

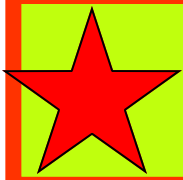
This was without a doubt the cool class of the event with the names of tomorrow competing. With a touch of Italian coolness and Dutch determination thrown in, young Alec Scarebelli from St.Maarten showed everyone that he meant business and was not to be messed with, taking 5 firsts in 9 races gave Alec a strong 1st place. While Rocco Falcone from Antigua proving that he knows how to use the sailings genes given to him from his parents took 2nd place. (Congratulations must also go to Rocco for his recent win at the Marblehead Youth Race Week, getting a first in class beating out 36 other Optimist, out of 10 races he took 8 bullets.) Getting good steady results gave Geovannie Lee Fai from Trinidad a 3rd place to round up the top 3. In 4th place was Rayne Duff from Tortola who had a tough time in the heavy winds but when the wind went lighter, Rayne showed that he will be a force to be reckoned with. In 5th place sailing for Barbados was Louis Bavay.



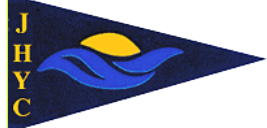
Thanks has to go to Elizabeth Jordan, Karl James and the whole Antigua Yacht Club team for doing a great job and making so many of us feel welcome and once again proving that Antigua is a wonderful spot for hosting this very special event.

Some random photo's of the CDC





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2012 Round Barbados Race

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