BVI's Annual Premiere's Cup Regatta – Sail Caribbean Takes Racing to the Next Level!

Racing for a Great Cause

For the past two years, Sail Caribbean Bravo1 Basic Keelboat students have been privileged to participate in the BVI's Annual Premiere's Cup International Youth Regatta. This event is a fundraiser for the KATS (Kids at the Sea) Program founded in Tortola 20 years ago to enhance the lives of local BVI children. KATS is dedicated to promoting safety in boats and around the sea, to presenting the surrounding sea as a means of safe recreation, and to exposing local children to career opportunities in the marine industries.

Camaraderie and Sportsmanship

Last season, seven teams from all over the Caribbean took part in this exhilarating regatta. The boats sailed were J24's, a great racing machine! Although this is a competitive event, friendships developed quickly between members of the different teams — enthusiasm and sportsmanship ran high. By the end of the second day of racing, the teams formed one big group, socializing and having fun. It was a wild success for the competition and the fellowship.

Recognition for All

Team St. Thomas was awarded the winner's trophy by BVI's Premier Ralph T. O'Neal. Team Anguilla came in second place, with the home team of the British Virgin Islands placing third. Following were Puerto Rico, St. Croix, Bequia and USA. The Team Pride Award for good sportsmanship went to Team USA's Sail Caribbean. All teams were honored and presented with participation medals. In 2011 we have plans to move up the ladder!

You Can be Crew on Team USA!

The next Premiere's Cup International Youth Regatta will be held in early July. Sign up for the optional Basic Keelboat Course on Bravo 1 and taste the thrill of competition and sailing fellowship at the 2011 Premiere's Cup Regatta!

KAT's Headquarters located on Tortola is a nonprofit organization solely dependant on donations from the local business and private sectors of the British Virgin Island community.

Make Summer 2011 your time to practice your sailing and racing skills and make new friends from all over the Caribbean. Be a Team USA Sail Caribbean crew member at the 13th Annual Premiere's Cup International Youth Regatta.

Here's your opportunity to really test the small boat handling skills you've acquired while taking the American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Certification Course during the Sail Caribbean Bravo 1 Program.

It's not all about the win, It's the learning, challenge and fun along the way that counts!

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