

Jamaica J22 Jamin



International Sailing Regatta Race Report from Montego Bay, Jamaica December 7 and 8, 2012



Capacity turn out

2012 was a historical year for J22's in Jamaica culminating in two regattas in Montego Bay with every single J22 on the island competing for bragging rights. Yes, all eleven (11) of them. It's been a long time coming. And there were a few other firsts that we will get to momentarily.

Jamaica J22 Jamin International Regatta 2012

This annual regatta is an open invitation to the global sailing community to bring a crew to Jamaica, race someone else's boat (at no cost), get home hosted (at no cost) and get the ultimate high on a great race track for a very modest entry fee. The perfect regatta for these tough economic times; something to look forward to during the dark winter months of our northern neighbours.

The feeder race and qualifier for Jamin was a first for the Jamaican J22 association: a National Championship held in November, the losers of which would decide the generous MBYC owners to give up their boats for visitors

in Jamin. This truly was a first with all the Kingston boats making their way over.

"In the middle of the zero visibility squall, the moon shone bright"

We will come to that in a second. Jamin is a regatta of volunteers and amateurs getting together to do something they love. Boats are loaned for the use of visitors, home hosting is arranged for those that need and land based entertainment sorted. The regatta first started in 1989 as the Jam Am Invitational when there were close ties with the US J/22 sailing fraternity. The regatta was designed as an open invitation to the USA and designed with the emphasis on fun. The regatta evolved into an international invitational open to entries from the entire planet. Jamin' is now held at the beginning of December every year for any sailors who are willing to come and risk the warm tropical trade winds, sun and the blue waters of the Caribbean. The whole event revolves around having fun on and off the water. The winner of the event by extension is a J22 Global Champion and obviously a Living Legend as every year the world is invited to come and play.

Rain? Who needs it?

2012 was always going to be a hard year to get visitors to visit with the continuing economic woes around the world. Early running on the entry list once again had possible entries from South Africa, Holland and the USA in addition to our stalwart support from neighbouring Cayman. First on the list was a game quartet of Canadians from Halifax NS, and they became the soul contenders this year. Bruce J, we missed you! At least that meant Mr .Mallasch and the team of Ayasoh would get to compete.

Showers cooled both days of racing and a squall on day two is what brought out the moon during a downwind leg. It was thanks to the oldest of three generations of Dear on Nina deciding to take off all his cloths to keep them dry below while he stayed on deck. Another first! Actually Harry, you need to give your award to Winston to make sure that it all stays covered in case it happens again....Anyway!

Race Day 1 dawned with the forecast easterly breeze nowhere to be seen: and the easterly didn't materialize. Both days, apart from the rain squalls (another first

for— never sailed in rain before) provided NNE breeze at 8 to 16 knots. Shifty and thought provoking conditions.



Race Day 2 conditions continued flat. The predicted east shift cost some boats big time as it didn't transpire; staying in the heavier breeze to the left tended to pay. Race 3 was dominated by a massive rain squall that squirmed out 20 knots inside it and then drifting conditions on afterward.

One design racing in Jamaica – clean starts, protest free, fun racing in challenging conditions. Nothing beats it.



Prize Giving

The important prizes:

- Shoehorn for Jim on Defender for helping him to put his foot in it some more.
- A willy warmer with elephant ears for Harry Harper who steered White Boat 5 in the absence of Mr Facey: he was the largest member of crew after all and did really well with wife Rebecca and son Christopher on board a borrowed boat.
- A poncho for Jacqueline H so that she would not be quite so upset and better prepared if it rained in future races.
- A pack of kiddy's playing card for Zoe for next time she complains about being bored.

- A handy tool kit for Nigel Knowles 007 for climbing the mast while Jim was steering.
- Swimsuit competition for the visiting Kingston boat owners and skippers. There was no winner.
- Calendars for the four youth sailors who mixed it up with the old people: Evan Langford, Christian Dear, Christopher Harper and Zoe Knowles.

The somewhat important prizes and the reason why people had so much fun; each crew member on the first, second and third place boats received fabulous handmade Frank May trophies with a stained timber plaque and resin hulls :

- Champion – Renegade – Richard Hamilton – JAM 6
- Second – Zipper – Peter Harper – JAM 2
- Third – Nina – Stephen Dear – JAM 1
- A new and special prize by Frank for last place; hand painted stone and a piece shared between all the crew- L prize – Calypso - Tracey Snow and the Nova Scotia posse.



Thank you!

- Montego Bay Yacht Club
- MBYC Management, Carline and Heather
- MBYC Dock master, Mike, David and Anthony
- Phil Slow and SV Diva for start boat
- Race committee volunteers Robin Delisser, Dianne Girvan, Mandy Olverson and Helen Connault
- Gene Drummond and Jackie Hamilton for their help with Prize Giving and organization.
- Evelyn Harrington for home hosting, prizes
- J22 owners Vinci Ltd for lending their boat
- Ian Gibson for getting all 4 Kingston boats to play
- Bryan and Lynda Langford for the prize giving venue
- Carole Small for her organizational skills
- Frank May – hand made prizes and mark management

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- Peter Harper for the beer
- Sarah Hart for the new logo
- Montego Bay Yacht Club Restaurant, Robbie Joseph's Seahorse Grill
- Visitor and competitors!
- From the National Championship, the owner of "Hark" Andrew McGlone for donating his time and boat on the start as well as shooting a great action video of the racing; video link [here](#)

Sponsors

- Vinci Ltd
- Coffee traders for setting up each morning to provide rocket fuel for the course
- Catherine Peak water
- Twyman blue mountain coffee
- Slam Condoms
- Youth Sailors around the world!

Next race

The next Jamin' J/22 invitational regatta will be held **December 5 and 6, 2013**. Book your ride early!

Jamaica J22 National Championship 2012 Final Scores

	Team	Skipper	Nationality	TOT
1	Renegade	Richard Hamilton	JAM MBYC	9
2	Zipper	Peter Harper	JAM MBYC	11
3	Nina	Stephen Dear	JAM MBYC	24
4	Defender	Jim Wilson	JAM MBYC	25
5	Tsunami	PJ Gibson	JAM RJYC	25
6	White Boat No 5	Harry Harper	JAM RJYC	30
7	Awesome	David Couch	JAM RJYC	36
8	Jim Screechie	Ian Gibson	JAM RJYC	40
9	Geronimo	Stephen Cooke	JAM RJYC	51
10	Ayahso	Bob Mallasch	JAM MBYC	52
11	Calypso	Tracey Snow	CAN RNSYC	64

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before its afternoon. December is here. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon? My very best wishes to all for a warm and happy Christmas, shared with family and friends.

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2012

You are invited to experience the essence of "JADE, THE JEWEL EXPERIENCE" on December 31st. This year we present an all inclusive evening featuring an elegant, cosmopolitan buffet and Ultra All Inclusive Top Shelf Bar with butler service cocktail lounges. Entertainment will be provided by Kurt Riley and DJ Crazy Neil.

Tickets can be purchased at the Montego Bay Yacht Club's Seahorse Grill or at Robbie's Kitchen at Half Moon Shopping Village. Presold tickets are \$6,500J or \$12,000J for a couple. A limited number of tickets are available.

Please join us in bringing in the New Year. Festivities begin at 9 pm. Please join us in welcoming in the New Year.

Retirements

Two valued long term employees of our club will be retiring over the season.

Our esteemed dock master, Mike Lyons, alias Mighty Mike, will be retiring at the end of January. Mike has been with the club for 53 years.

Charles Henry, groundskeeper, will retire at the end of December. Charles has been with the club for 17 years.

We wish these valued employees of our club all the best in their new lives. And we sincerely thank them for their dedicated service to the club.

Tennis Tournament

Our Tennis Tournament will be held in February, 2013. The children's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd, and the adults will play on Sunday, February 3rd. The registration fee is \$1,000.00 per person. Please contact the office to register.

A Word from Our Manager

Carline Porter

This Month's Sailing Quote

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"hark, now hear the sailors cry,
smell the sea, and feel the sky
let your soul & spirit fly, into the mystic..."

- Van Morrison