



The Royal BVI Yacht Club

Rushin' Rowlette wins the 2011 Governor's Cup!

On a perfect day for sailing *Rushin' Rowlette*, skippered by Kevin Rowlette, won the 2011 Governor's Cup in Racing Class. Cruising Class was won by *Shamrock VII*, skippered by Tom Mullen.

This was the first Governor's Cup to be sponsored by His Excellency Boyd McCleary, and both he and his wife Jenny joined the racing on board Sue-Ellyn Eldridge's yacht *Luxury Girl*.

The yachts in racing class had two races. The first race took them from the start in Road Harbour to Brandywine Bay, then a downwind leg to Nanny Cay, before finishing back in Road Harbour. The course was altered for the second race owing to a wind shift, requiring two laps between Brandywine Bay and Road Harbour.

The Cruising Class had a single race, which took them around several islands including Dead Man's Chest, before finishing in Road Harbour. It was also pleasing to find the Cruising Class supported by visiting yachtsman and sailors. The Royal BVI Yacht Club is very keen to build an increased involvement in the Cruising Class from all comers, so there are several fun races for cruisers and families on this year's sailing calendar.

The result in Racing Class was as close as possible; *Pipe Dream* won race 1 and came second in race 2, with *Rushin' Rowlette* achieving second and first respectively. The rules of racing state that in the event of a tie (both boats scored 3 points) the winner shall be the boat with the best result in the last race. *Rushin' Rowlette* therefore took the honours!

His Excellency the Governor presided over the awards ceremony, presenting the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed yachts with awards in each class.

The Royal BVI Yacht Club wishes to thank everyone who supported the event, including Tom Mullen for providing the committee boat; race committee Dick Schoonover, Jane Metcalf and Di Kirk; Rich Wooldridge for mark setting and BVI Spring Regatta for the loan of equipment. The next race will be the BVI Dinghy Championships on Saturday 26th February. E-mail sailing@royalbvicyc.org for more information or visit their website at www.royalbvicyc.org.

2011 Governor's Cup Results

Racing Class

- 1 Rushin' Rowlette – Kevin Rowlette
- 2 Pipe Dream – Chris Haycraft
- 3 Sorceress – Heath Copland
- 4 Luxury Girl – Guy Phoenix

Cruising Class

- 1 Shamrock VII – Tom Mullen
- 2 Pied Piper – Bob & Sue Storck
- 3 Nymph – Jim Hoelter
- 4 Abbey