



The Royal BVI Yacht Club

Pipe Dream wins the Governor's Cup! Reba wins Cruising class; Sorceress runs aground

Pipe Dream, skippered by Mr Peter Haycraft, won the Royal BVI Yacht Club 2012 Governor's Cup held on 28th January 2012. Cruising Class was won by Reba, skippered by Mr Jon Charlton.

Challenging wind conditions during the start in Road Harbour made for an eventful beginning to the racing, with winds changing from 20 knots to zero and back to 20 in a matter of minutes. Furthermore, the start was delayed when Sorceress, entering in the Racing Division, ran aground. Fortunately they were able to recover the boat and made it to the start line!

Racing division held two races. Their course consisted of an upwind leg to Brandywine Bay, a downwind leg to Nanny Cay, and finally an upwind leg to the finish line of the Royal BVI Yacht Club. Race one had one lap of the course, Race two had two laps of the course. Both races had identical results, Pipe Dream taking first place, Rushin' Rowlette second and Firewater third.

The Cruising class of yachts also sailed to Brandywine Bay, then crossed the channel to round the South side of Dead Chest and Peter Island. They then came back across the channel to Nanny Cay, and finally upwind to the finish.

The weather conditions gradually lightened as the day progressed, and towards the end of racing winds and sunshine were perfect Caribbean sailing conditions!

Prize giving was held at the Royal BVI Yacht Club, and presented by his excellency the Governor Mr Boyd McCleary. The Governor raced on board Reba, winners of Cruising Class. Prizes from sponsors Latitude 18 were awarded to Cruising Class, and prizes from the Royal BVI Yacht Club to Racing Class. Mr Chris Haycraft received the Governor's Cup trophy from the Governor on behalf of Pipe Dream.

Mr Haycraft also presented a booby "prize" to Sorceress, a gift certificate for salvage work from Mr Rowlette's Husky Salvage business, as a joke to commemorate their running aground. Mr Rowlette himself also received a similar booby prize, for touching bottom himself during the course of the day!

A fine day was had by all who sailed, and the Royal BVI Yacht Club wishes to thank the Governor for his support of the event and Latitude 18 for sponsoring prizes.



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Governor's Cup, Sponsored by Latitude 18, Full Race Results:

Racing		Points	Position
Overall			
Pipe Dream	Peter Haycraft	2	1
Rushin Rowlette	Kevin Rowlette	4	2
Firewater	Henry Leoning	6	3
Sorceress	Heath Copland	8	4
Cruising			
Reba	Jon Charlton		1
Luxury Girl	Guy Phoenix		2
Nymph	Jim Hoelter		3
Molto Bene	Richard Ewing		4