



The Royal BVI Yacht Club

## **Peg Leg's Round Tortola Yacht Race Report Tortola, British Virgin Islands 19 November 2011**

### **Jurakan Win in Fitting Tribute to Mr Dave West**

Perfect conditions. Fantastic turnout. Fitting result. Only 2 weeks after Mr Dave West passed away, his crew sailed his Melges 32 – Jurakan – to an epic victory in the Peg Leg's Round Tortola race. This year's race was dedicated to Mr West's memory, in recognition of his huge contribution to sailing in the BVI.

Jurakan, skippered by Mr Andrew Waters, won Racing Class in a corrected time of 4 hours, 39 minutes and 58 seconds – just 5 seconds ahead of second-place Pipe Dream, skippered by Mr Haycraft. Third place went to Mr Kevin Rowlette's Rushin' Rowlette.

Last year's winners Triple Jack, with helm Mr Richard Wooldridge, won the multi-hull class, and Mr Bill Bailey's Second Nature was victorious in Cruising Class.

There were 16 yacht entries this year, an increase of 3 on 2010. Crew and helms flew in from as far afield as Connecticut and Puerto Rico, underlining the increasing prestige with which this event is regarded. The wind was relatively light at around 12 knots, so the Round Tortola records were not in danger of being surpassed. Nonetheless benign sea conditions ensured the yachts were able to complete their circumnavigation in very respectable times.

Prize-giving was held at Peg Leg's beach bar at Nanny Cay. Prizes were provided by Nanny Cay and Peg Legs as race sponsors, and General Manager Mr Miles Southerland-Pilch presented them to the top three yachts in each class. Before the results were announced the assembled sailors and crowd at Nanny Cay held a one-minute round of applause in Mr West's memory.

Jurakan's crew assembled on stage to receive their first prize and the Peg Leg's Round Tortola Trophy. Mr Waters made a short speech, which all the crew had agreed in advance would be the most fitting way to commemorate Mr West. It ended with the crowd raising their glasses to the words "Cheers Dave".

The Royal BVI Yacht Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the event such a success. In particular thanks go to the sponsors Peg Legs and Nanny Cay, and the race committee volunteers Jane Metcalf, King Greenspan, Penny Haycraft and Matt Oliver. The next event will be the Commodore's Cup on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011.



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Full results of the 2011 Peg Legs Round Tortola Race:

**Racing Class**

Jurakan	Andrew Waters	1
Pipe Dream	Peter Haycraft	2
Rushin Rowlette	Kevin Rowlette	3
Boomerang	Pat Nolan	4
Bonne Chance	Jose Sanchez	5
Reba - Team Red Stripe	Jon Charlton	6
Intac	Mark Plaxton	7
Luxury Girl	Guy Phoenix	8

**Multihull Class**

Triple Jack	Richard Wooldridge	1
Wildfire	John Hayes	2
Machete	Brian Duff	3

**Cruising Class**

Second Nature	Bill Bailey	1
Jack Dusty III	Bill Hirst	2
Ginger	Bruce Fletcher	3
Girasoli	Keith LiGreci	4
Veritas	Kara Phillips	5

Pictures of the event are available at the Royal BVI Yacht Club Facebook page and website [www.royalbviyc.org](http://www.royalbviyc.org).