

Race Report – Royal BVI Yacht Club Trafalgar Regatta 22nd October 2011

Racing In Paradise Win the Trafalgar Regatta!

Racing In Paradise, an IC-24 skippered by Richard Wooldridge, took the honours in the 2011 Royal BVI Yacht Club Trafalgar Regatta. The regatta, sailed to commemorate the anniversary of Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, was sailed in very light wind conditions.

Light air conditions are always very challenging to sail, and the first race saw the fleet start in Road Harbor, round Dead Chest and finish in Great Harbor off Peter Island. Racing In Paradise won this race, and the fleet rafted up for lunch and a well deserved swim to cool off!

The wind continued to drop in the afternoon, so the Race Committee chose to shorten the course for the second race. This took the fleet from Peter Harbor, around the RFA vessel Wave Ruler, and downwind to the finish at Nanny Cay. Again, the honours went to Racing In Paradise, ensuring a clear victory in the regatta.

Second place went to Reba, skippered by Mr Jon Charlton, with third place going to Lime, skippered and single-handed by Mr Colin Rathbun.

The Royal BVI Yacht Club would like to thank the event sponsors – Bacardi Rum and San Miguel beer. Thanks also to the race organisers who volunteered their time – Ms Jane Metcalf and Mr Peter Haycraft. Mr Haycraft also provided the Race Committee boat.

The next RBVIYC sailing event is the Pete Sheal's Memorial Match Race, being held over the weekend of 12th and 13th November.

Full results:

Boat	Skipper	Points	Position
Racing In Paradise	Richard Wooldridge	2	1st
Reba	Jon Charlton	5	2nd
Lime	Colin Rathbun	6	3rd
Latitude 19	Chris Haycraft	7	4th
Luxury Girl	Guy Phoenix	10	5th
Gypsea	Bruce Fletcher	12	6th