

PCYC ROUND GRENADA REGATTA: GOING THE DISTANCE

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Downwind start for the fleet as they leave Carriacou

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Petite Calivigny Yacht Club's first Round Grenada Regatta, with layover in Tyrell Bay, Carriacou, was a resounding success, despite Hurricane Danny threatening up until the day before. Nine monohulls and three catamarans comprised a very respectable fleet for this new 'off season' event, with an interesting twist allowing racers to choose to round Grenada clockwise or anti-clockwise, resulting in much pre-race strategizing.

Le Phare Bleu was an ideal host venue for skippers briefing and final awards ceremony, providing discounted dockage and the Grenada start/finish line. On Saturday at 7am, 12 boats crossed the start line and, finding good breeze at the Le Phare Bleu outer buoy, four boats headed to the east and the rest of the fleet to the west. West-about boats quickly cleared Point Saline, but on the other side a big hole swallowed the leeward fleet, only spitting them out towards the end of the day. Despite this, many boats sailed the whole way and others only motored to get in before dark.

Meanwhile front runners on the windward side were having a



The crew of *Roxie*, Overall Winner (from left): Niels and Ruth Lund; Rick Feld who presented the Villa Beachcliff Voucher; skipper Jeff Rose and firstmate Connie Martin

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great sail tacking up the south and east coast with Jeff Rose's 48ft Swan *Roxie* just offshore and Robbie Yearwood's J24, *Island Waterworld Die Hard* hugging the coast to avoid strong