

Sailing News contd.

gave us the usual 20 plus stomp and Jazz took back what little Chen had gained on the run to cross some 6 minutes ahead. **ON CORRECTED TIME** - 1st Jazz 246.62", 2nd Chen 254.29", 3rd Mystique 257.04", 4th Dr Feelgood 264.98", 5th Geronimo 265.90".

Regatta kicked off Saturday July 30 with the first 2 races of the Harbour Series in very light air. Just



Jonathan with Vermont Trophy



Floaty Start - Regatta Allcomers

what the doctor ordered for Chen who pulled two rare bullets across the line ahead of archrival Jazz with Mystique and Geronimo threatening on corrected time.

CORRECTED RESULTS SATURDAY WERE: AM: 1st Geronimo 90.64 , 2nd Chen 95.11, 3rd Jazz 99.22, 4th Mystique 100.22, 5th Stephnie J 107.78, 6th Dr Feelgood 114.51 PM: 1st Chen, 118.35 , 2nd Jazz 119.43, 3rd Geronimo 119.96, 4th Mystique 134.27, 5th Dr Feelgood 146.70.



Jazz ahead of Chen - again!

Sunday saw more wind - but many changes in strength and

direction and Jazz turned the tables across the line after two races in which the lead changed several times in shifts and sail changes, good fun racing! The fleet telescoped in the afternoon as the wind died ahead then stretched out again as a new breeze from the land took over.

CORRECTED RESULTS WERE: AM: 1st Mystique 97.60 , 2nd Jazz 99.09, 3rd Chen 101.67, 4th Stephnie J 105.48, 5th Dr Feelgood 105.83 PM: 1st Geronimo 96.14 , 2nd Jazz 101.283, 3rd Chen 102.90, 4th Mystique 103.21, 5th Dr Feelgood 104.78, 6th Stephnie J 150.94.



Laurie & the Nunes!

The Harbour Series (Nunes Trophy) was tied on points and won by Chen on tie break count back on the strength of the First place on Saturday morning. **The points spread between Jazz, Chen, Mystique and Geronimo made the Monday Appleton Allcomers a must win for all four!**

Another race of changing fortunes and places with the J22 Geronimo and Dr Feelgood over at the start while Chen got out in front and had a good scrap with Jazz to D mark. Chen's only bad spinnaker set of the Regatta

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THE AGM ... contd.

At the AGM you will hear reports from the Flag Officers and Hon. Treasurer on the period since the last reports. **What is the state of your Club? I should let you wait to hear at the AGM but without stealing all their thunder let me give you a potted view.**

In brief I believe the finances have been stabilized and there is a foundation for some improvement work. Ambitious plans are being worked on for presentation to the members setting out a development path. The plans may not be ready for the AGM but are very much a work in progress.

Over the past year the Club has moved towards the use of contractors for Security, Grounds-keeping and continued the use of contracted caterers. All will I think agree the **Security**, though sometimes annoying, has improved entry control and without doubt the **grounds and marina beaches** are looking a lot cleaner and smarter. **The catering** is a moot point as we are a challenge for any caterer with our slow trade and uncertain weekend peaks. My experience is that the current caterer provides good food at a reasonable value though clearly service on slow days is limited and occasionally an unexpected 'rush' puts a strain on the kitchen staff and stocks. **This is a work in progress too and the best way you can help is to use the Club!** The caterer can do 'off-site' and 'take away' so give her a try! **The Wednesday evening Sailing events and the Friday Moonlight evenings** have been enjoyable for those few who attended. Try them next time! In a similar vein the **Regatta Cocktails provided a wonderful evening with the Jamaica Military band in attendance.** The notice was short and next year the office must get the invitations out to members a month ahead to ensure all are aware of the event. **HOW ABOUT NEW YEARS EVE?**

SAILING has just about held on with a core of 5 or 6 boats turning out while regrettably the Junior programme seems to have faltered despite the efforts of a hardy few. The JYA has a fleet of JY15's at the Club and there are trained instructors to teach basic sailing. I hope you will look at the next course as an opportunity to get your youngs ones, or yourself involved in sailing. **If you want to try the sport just contact any of the skippers of the boats that race, they will give you a place and let you try it out!**

Over the years the character of the Club has changed reflecting the move towards a dominant power fleet especially since the on-shore berthing has been expanded. The needs of the owners of these boats are mainly a place to secure the craft and water access. Club activities are rare, fishing tournaments are supported and a few take part in the various cruising efforts. Surely we can get more involvement going? Training in safety and boating skills should get support but little interest has been shown to date when efforts have been made to do something. Let's hear from you! **So I hope to see you at the AGM casting your vote for the Management Committee you want! ... LS**