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SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT ZENITH OCEAN VOYAGE ON MEERCAT

Let me introduce an interesting couple who passed this way two months ago in their catamaran "Meercat". They are a young couple with a zest for life and a burning ambition to succeed in their chosen field which is kite surfing. They dreamt up the idea of combining sailing with kiting from a boat since they could travel to the far corners of the earth and experience their sport in unconventional places.



UPCOMING EVENT

World ARC to arrive in St. Lucia April 14th 2011

Check us out on:



Their business is doing well despite the financial downturn and they are set for a rewarding return this year. We asked some questions of them before they sailed away and I add them to give an insight to their philosophy of life.

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IGY You have travelled to many places in the world - which is your favourite place and why?

Meercat As we travelled the world we've learnt that it's not the beauty of the place that makes the difference but the people. We've only been gone a few weeks from Rodney Bay and we already miss our new found friends. We were both adopted as locals in Rodney Bay and had one of our best Christmas seasons ever. We were engulfed by warmth and kindness.

IGY What has been your scariest moment at sea? If none then what has been your most exciting moment?

Meercat Our scariest moments were off Guadeloupe when we had to make progress against nearly forty knots of wind under power. Our twin Volvo 40s struggled to make headway in the big seas. No port of refuge was available to us and we didn't feel we could run before the wind - due to the sea height. We just pressed on for nineteen hours until conditions moderated.

Most exciting? The whales in the Bay of Biscay, making landfall in Grenada after our hurricane season crossing of the Atlantic and finally launching our kites from the boat here in Barbuda.

IGY What are your plans for the year ahead - 2011?



Meercat - We are hoping to extend our kiting experience and spread the word that kiting expeditions are a special way of life. We shall be in the northern Caribbean until mid-march when we shall return to Rodney Bay to await our stint of kiting in the Grenadines and then to the ABC islands. We expect to winter in Rodney Bay and then move to Cuba, Belize and the western Caribbean after the hurricane season is over.



Well, there you are. Susy and Gerard will be returning later in the year so keep a look out for them.

To follow there journey check out their blog on:

www.zenithoceanvoyages.com

IGY MARINAS SPONSORS DOCK EVENT IN ST MAARTEN FOR CREW

On Saturday 26th February IGY Marinas along with others sponsored a Rybovich Crew Olympics Event in St. Maarten at Buccaneer Bar with various events followed by a fireball bonfire with a drumming performance on the beach.



Gerard Nelson is 49 years old and has worked at IGY Rodney Bay for five years. He has a wide range of building skills which he uses in his work in the maintenance section. He particularly enjoys his contact with the public in the course of his work. He is married with two children and sees his future here in the marina in whatever capacity is needed. You can see from his picture he is a pleasant and easy going individual.



IGY RBM - FACES
Gerard Nelson

ROUND ST LUCIA REGATTA 2011

Took place on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th February with 10 boats participated, unfortunately, 3 boats returned due to lack of wind (after so many weeks with too much wind!)

7 yachts proceeded to Vieux Fort, (with some motor sailing) not wanting to miss the fun at the Old Plantation Yard in the evening. A great time was had by all.

Sunday morning up to Rodney Bay. With not much wind Sweet Surrender and Caol Ila were determined to sail all the way and they had their race. Sweet Surrender was rewarded with the first prize, a Free Haul Out & Pressure wash, sponsored by IGY Rodney Bay Marina while Caol Ila received vouchers from Delirius & Cafe Ole.

All participants received free Heineken's at the prize giving, thanks to Windward & Leeward Brewery Ltd.

Ted, Trish & Bob from the yacht RESTLESS, performed with wonderful live music. All sang along, it was a blast! Thank you so much!

Have a look at the pictures <https://picasaweb.google.com/SaintLuciaYachtClub>

What a way to pass the weekend ! Thanks to all who participated and to those who came to join us at the club for the after fun!



IGY MARINAS AND DOCKWALK SPONSORS CAPTAIN & CREW ONLY PARTY AT WAXY O'CONNOR

This Year's Miami Boat show ran from the 17th to the 21st February 2011. IGY attended & sponsored the infamous Waxy O'Connor's Dockwalk & IGY Marinas Captain & Crew Party.



ST LUCIAN YOUTH SAILORS TRIUMPHANT IN MARTINIQUE

The St. Lucian team of 8 sailors and two coaches returned triumphant from the 21eme Semaine Nautique Internationale de Schoelcher regatta. Amongst the 80 dinghies on the water, St. Lucia's 8 sailors made their mark this weekend in Martinique. The St. Lucian young women led the team with Olympic Scholarship recipient, Stephanie Devaux-Lovell, 15, the women's champion and 1st overall in the 4.7 laser class, followed closely by Raina Bergasse, 16, in a proud 5th overall and 3rd in the women's category of the 4.7 laser class. In the radial laser class Beth Lygoe, 30, finished 3rd overall.

As the first of a series of regattas scheduled this year in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games, both Beth and Stephanie proved that they are well on their way to being competitive at the Olympic qualifying regattas this year.

The young men on the team held their positions throughout the weekend. Marc Spurway, 14, finished 10th overall in the 4.7 laser class and, new to the competitive racing waters and nominee for the 2011 Youth Radial Laser Worlds in Croatia this summer, Scott Anthony, 17, sailed consistently finishing 11th in the radial laser class followed by Dylan Charles, 14, the newest young sailor on the team, in 12th position. In the much larger and very competitive fleet of 50 Optimist dinghies, Marcus Sweeney and Luc Chevrier finished 27th and 39th respectively. The dedicated guidance of sailing coaches, Max Todd and Omari Scott paid off this weekend with the St. Lucia team producing its best results ever at this annual regatta.

St. Lucia Consul to Martinique, Keats Compton, resident in Martinique, congratulated all of the sailors on their performances at the prize giving ceremony. The sailors and coaches would like to thank Mr. Compton, sponsors IGY Marina and Ferrand's Dairy and members of the yachting community, all who showed their great support of the St. Lucia Youth Sailing team and programme.

