

NEWS RELEASE**It's a Double for Trouble – Champions Again at United Insurance Workboat Regatta**

In one of the closest and most exciting GSF16 Match Race Finals in the history of Grenada Sailing Festival's Workboat Regatta Woburn skipper Allan Noel and his crew from *Trouble* stormed home to take the United Insurance 'Champion of Champions' title and the sought after cash prize of US\$1,000.00. Sailing in *Tomorrow's Worries*, one of the five matched design boats owned by Grenada Sailing Festival, Noel and his crew used all their skills and tactics to fight off a determined Gouyave crew in *Mr. X*, skippered by Javid George. Positions switched throughout the race and the final result could have gone either way right to the finish line – keeping the big crowd at the water's edge in suspense until the last minute – A perfect ending to a great event.

The 2014 Grenada Sailing Festival United Insurance Workboat Regatta began on Saturday 1st February, and in excellent weather and sailing conditions a strong fleet of 25 boats from Carriacou, Gouyave, Petite Martinique, Sauteurs and Woburn lined Grand Anse Beach – bringing their well-known and much loved colour to its shores again. The racing was as close and competitive as ever in the Community Classes, with every skipper and crew sailing hard to take first place and the chance to go through to race in the United Insurance 'Champion of Champions' Match Race Final. At the end of the first day positions were close, leaving everything to race for on Sunday.

Despite some rain squalls passing through, the organisers were able to complete another three races in The Community Class Series on Sunday morning and set the scene for an afternoon of Match Race Finals. The excitement levels moved to a new high as the growing crowds on Grand Anse Beach waited for the teams to be picked for the United Insurance National Team Sailing Match Races in the fleet of 16' workboats owned by the Grenada Sailing Festival. The racing was as tough as ever and particularly close in the Junior Final, when the 2013 result was reversed with skipper Shakeem Collins and Team

United Insurance Workboat Regatta 2014 - Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd February

Woburn in *Tomorrow's Worries* taking first from Team Gouyave in *Mr. X*, skippered by Kwesi Paul. Skipper Mike Nicholas and Team Sauteurs in *Gybe Talk* took an admirable third place.

The crowds were treated to more high-octane racing in the Senior National Team Sailing Final sponsored by Carib, with Skipper Ted Richards bringing in *Mr. X* and Team Gouyave in front of Carriacou in *Pink Gin*, with Petite Martinique sailing *Homer* into third place.

The afternoon ended on an all-time high as Allan Noel and his crew from *Trouble* and Javid George and his crew from *Endeavour* battled it out in the 'Champion of Champions' Final, with the Title, trophy and US\$1,000.00 prize going to Allan Noel and *Trouble* for the second year running.

As ever, there was a great atmosphere on the beach as well, with Festival favourite DJ Blackstorm making it a party all the time. The crowds were treated to a wide selection of local foods, traditional dishes and drinks from Community Kitchen food stalls, and Fit For Life Gym joined in the fun again with their popular Fitness Challenge. Local arts and crafts were on sale and on Saturday afternoon the crowds were also treated to live entertainment with traditional songs from the Presentation Brothers College Choir and a colourful performance from the dancers and drummers from Conception Dance Theatre. The whole event was rounded off with a special surprise – a visit from Sean Coutaine and his dynamic dance group and a performance from Luni Spark & Electrify. The sky over Grand Anse Beach was then lit up by a wonderful firework display courtesy of Spice Island Fireworks, Dodgy Dock and True Blue Bay Resort -- a true high spot to start the week of Independence celebrations.

The Grenada Sailing Festival would like to thank United Insurance for taking up the Title Sponsorship of the Work Boat Regatta once again for 2014. Thanks also goes to all other sponsors for their valuable support: Spice Isle Fish House; Carib; Budget Marine; the Grenada Tourism Authority; Mount Gay Rum and Bryden & Minors; DeSign Factory; Waggy T; True Blue Bay Resort's Dodgy Dock; National Lotteries Authority; Victory Bar; Sailing School Grenada; SOL EC; Mecca Trading; Harris Paints; LIME; Coca Cola and Etang Water; Camper & Nicholsons Marinas; Unique Trophies; Courts; Horizon Yacht Charters; Island Dreams Yacht Services; L.L Ramdhanny; Grenada Postal Corporation; and Spice Island Fireworks.

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W & R Electrical Contractors and all volunteers and helpers for their support and assistance, helping to make the event such a success.

Full results as follows:

Grenada Sailing Festival United Insurance Workboat Regatta 2014

Community Class Racing:

Carriacou

1. Wet – Skipper Daine Compton
2. Fidel – Skipper Ramon St.Hilaire
3. Lightening – Adolphus Forde

Gouyave Canoe

1. Etieron - Skipper Carlyle Joseph
2. Want a Ride – Skipper Cecil Commissiong

Gouyave Sloop

1. Endeavour - Skipper Andy DeRoche
2. VOOP – Skipper Israel Dharangit
3. Classic – Ted Richards

Petite Martinique

1. Purple Blast – Odlan De Coteau
2. Storm – Skipper Roy Delisle
3. D Rage – Skipper Janick Bethel

Sauteurs

1. No Retreat No Surrender - Skipper Jason Charles
2. I'm Watching – Skipper Alister Noel
3. Planass – Skipper Neron Richardson

Woburn

1. Trouble - Skipper Allan Noel
2. El Tigre – Skipper Shakeem Collins
3. Local – Skipper – Clinton Brathwaite

Match Race Finals - raced in the Grenada Sailing Festival's own fleet of workboats - the GSF16s:

National Team Sailing - Junior

1. Team Woburn - Skipper Shakeem Collins - sailing in Tomorrow's Worries
2. Team Gouyave – Skipper Kwesi Paul – sailing in Mr X
3. Team Sauteurs - Skipper Mike Nicholas – sailing in Gybe Talk

Carib National Team Sailing - Senior

- 1.. Team Gouyave - Skipper Ted Richards – sailing in Mr X
2. Team Carriacou – Skipper Daine Compton – sailing in Pink Gin
3. Team Petite Martinique - Skipper Odlan De Coteau sailing in Homer

United Insurance Skipper of the Year Final

The winning Skipper & his crew from each Class in the Community Class Racing enter a Match Race Final in the GSF16 workboats to find the 'Champion of Champions'

2014 'Champion of Champions': Alan Noel & his Woburn crew from the boat Trouble - winning US\$1,000.00

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