

## Kids Capture Picture-Perfect Workboats

The Carriacou Regatta was started in 1965 by Jamaican yachtsman J. Linton Rigg with the aim of encouraging the building and development of the small cargo and fishing boats he saw as an endangered species. He reasoned that if boats were built to race they would find useful work the rest of the year. Today, many of the island boats that are built to race do nothing else! The 48th annual Carriacou Regatta Festival was celebrated with a series of races for the famous decked sloops and open boats from August 2nd to 5th.

This colorful event is always a feast for photographers from near and far. This year, local children joined the shutterbug brigade.

Marina Fastigi reports that on the Sunday, "Kids with Cameras" got together at the bustling Esplanade, in Hillsborough, to capture images of the racing. Kids with Cameras Carriacou, launched in 2012, is a Kido Foundation youth photography project, aimed at raising awareness of wildlife and biodiversity conservation and fostering interest in recording and reporting traditional cultural activities. During weekends and holidays, 32 "Kayak" children aged nine through 12 have explored natural sites, photographing wildlife and flora as well as landscapes and cultural landmarks of Carriacou. Armed with 15 digital cameras, KwCs captured images and took part in computer sessions, learning to edit their own photographs. Offering a start at the art of photography, the project aims to introduce to the very young a variety of possible future professions in the field of media, while empowering them to become stewards for the preservation of their island's natural and cultural environment. Martina says, "We wish to thank the Australian Embassy in Trinidad for providing the equipment to start this project, and the Grenada National Trust and Rufford Small Grants Foundation for facilitating its implementation and continuation. Special thanks to Carriacouan photographer Davon Baker for providing training sessions and technical advice and for making available his computers at D-Zone to edit photos. Thanks also to Allison Caton and to Allan Clement and Deefer Diving for helping with transportation."

Providing a spectacular array of photo ops for the Kids with Cameras, more than 30 locally built open boats (undecked double-ended sailboats, built in various Grenadine islands and Grenada and traditionally used for fishing), six stern boats

(small sailboats with transom sterns), nine decked sloops (a type formerly used for cargo, built in Carriacou), plus a number of internationally standardized Optimist and Laser dinghies, took part in the year's event. There was also a well-attended series of races for international yachts (see story on page 14).

As Carriacou Regatta nears the half-century mark, a new regatta committee earned kudos for well-run races, and a new crop of regatta photographers was born. Watch out, Tim Wright!



Left: Razel Roberts's action shot of small open boat racing



Below: Young photographers focusing on youth sailors



Knisha Cudjoe caught the skipper of My Love in profile for a pleasing portrait

### Workboat Division Winners

#### Small Open Boat A

- 1) *Lightning* (Carriacou)
- 2) *Wet* (Grenada)
- 3) *Unity* (Grenada)

#### Small Open Boat B

- 1 tied) *Bad Feelings* (Mayreau)
- and *Hard Target* (Mayreau)
- 3) *My Love* (Bequia)

#### Small Open Boat C

- 1) *Reborn* (Grenada)
- 2) *Classic* (Grenada)
- 3) *Voop* (Grenada)

#### Small Open Boat D

- 1) *More Worries* (Bequia)
- 2) *Shamu* (Bequia)
- 3) *Nerissa J 2* (Canouan)

#### Long Open Boat A

- 1) *Bequia Pride* (Bequia)
- 2) *Lightning* (Bequia)
- 3) *Skyler* (Carriacou)

#### Long Open Boat B

- 1) *Eclipse* (Carriacou)
- 2) *Iron Duke* (Bequia)
- 3) *Improved* (Carriacou)

#### Long Open Boat Open Race

- 1) *Bequia Pride* (Bequia)
- 2) *Lightning* (Bequia)
- 3) *Eclipse* (Carriacou)

#### Small Stern Boat

- 1) *D' Rage* (Petite Martinique)
- 2) *Storm* (Petite Martinique)
- 3) *Solo* (Petite Martinique)

#### Small Decked Sloop

- 1) *Marie Stella* (Carriacou)
- 2) *New Moon* (Carriacou)
- 3) *Run Away* (Carriacou)

#### Large Decked Sloop

- 1 tied) *Margetta O II*
- and *Glacier* (Carriacou)
- 3) *One Drop* (Carriacou)

#### Sloops Round Di Island

- 1) *Glacier* (Carriacou)
- 2) *Margetta O II* (Carriacou)
- 3) *One Drop* (Carriacou)

#### Traditional Class

- 1) *Savvy* (Grenada)
- 2) *Beauty* (Petite Martinique)

#### Woburn Class

- 1) *Top Ranking* (Grenada)
- 2) *Fog Up the Place* (Grenada)
- 3) *Slip Away* (Grenada)

#### Optimist Class

- 1) #002
- 2) #001
- 3) *Phoenix*

#### Laser Class

- 1) *Volvo*
- 2) #11
- 3) #3