



We welcome you to read the first issue of our newsletter, which is aimed at keeping our members informed on what BSA is doing, and will be doing in the coming months. We hope this information will foster greater participation in our activities and reinforce the camaraderie of sailing in the association.

DINGHY SAILING

Lasers

This year we are looking at helping interested sailors at all levels train and develop their competency at the sport. Interested persons should make themselves known by contacting any of the BSA Directors or by email at info@sailbarbados.com



2003 AT A GLANCE

Last year Trinidad hosted the Southern Caribbean Invitational, which saw our local boys Kwame Hinds and Cyril Lecrenay placing second in the MR 15 boat. In that same regatta, Jason Tindale our young Opti Sailor finished 5th overall in the Opti Class.

The 2003 National Dinghy Championships (NDC) were competed in Topper, Laser and Optimists classes. Overall, 26 boats (9 Optimists + 17 Lasers) competed in the NDC, disappointingly no EchoTeams appeared on the water.

We are working to have an even better 2004 Dinghy Championships with full participation at all levels.



Summer Camp 2003

Mr Cyril Lecrenay has spearheaded our project on developing and organising a Laser class on the island. Mr Lecrenay is also our official International Laser Class Association (ILCA) contact. Last year we began to reacquire lasers on the island to make them available to our members. At present all lasers are under lease and we are currently looking to acquire more lasers to add to the fleet.

This year we will be organising training for the laser sailors with the aim at developing a competent class for Caribbean and South American regattas later in the season, thus we expect full participation in all scheduled training as this qualifies sailors for consideration.



Sail Training

Our Head Instructor, Peter "Wipers" Hoad reveals that in the last year 2003/04 that approximately 650 sailors have received training in our learn to sail programs (summer camps and weekend sail training).

Within the last year we started a pilot sailing program involving twenty (20) students from two secondary schools,

St Michael Secondary and Combermere. Students were introduced into a modified six (6) session introductory level course, which was scheduled within their Physical Education time slots. The response from the students has been very positive, with other students anxiously demanding that they too be involved in sailing.

Summer Camps

Camp 1: July 5th -16th, **Camp 2:** July 19th-30th
Camp 3: Aug 9th-20th, **Camp 4:** Aug 23rd- Sept 3rd

This pilot project now, enables us to properly tackle the bigger step in trying to establish a viable secondary school sailing program.

This year again BSA / BODA will again be offering courses during the summer for all levels, which has stirred its usual interest amongst the juniors.

SIGN UP EARLY!!!!

For more information and to sign-up contact Karen Watson at karenkraft@sunbeach.net.

National Dinghy Championships

**September 19th & 26th,
October 10th, 17th and 31st
November 7th, 21st, 28th**

Regattas that we would like to see a TEAM BARBADOS in

Antigua Sailing Week - April 25th- May 1st

Angostura Tobago Sail Week 2004 - May 9th- 14th

Mount Gay Rum/ Boatyard Regatta - May 27th- 30th

Scotiabank Caribbean International Optimist Regatta - June 17th - 20th St Thomas

Caribbean Dinghy Championships - July 3th - 4th Tortola B.V.I.

4th Annual International Laser Open (2005) - Antigua

