



ANNUAL REGATTA 2005

The Annual Regatta was sailed this year on the weekend of 3-4 March 2005. This year the emphasis was on making it a family event and most of the beach was fully used by various activities. A big (returning) event was the volleyball tournament (see later). Another new event this year was the kids sailing. Six Optimists were professionally rigged up and sailed off for some fun sailing in the bay. There were also Topper races for the older kids which were a great success.

The returning boats had to be careful not to mess up all the beautiful sandcastles build on Thursday.

But the main event was of course the sailing - in light winds on Thursday, but finally on Friday the wind kicked in for a great end to the racing. Everybody had to be very sharp, out on the wire and the less sharp had to swim a bit to get the boat back on it's two floating devices.

The biggest attraction (in my opinion) was the wedding on Friday. Suddenly to our surprise the well known music was played and the Bride and Groom appeared from nowhere to set sail for their honeymoon, chased by several paparazzi (rumours are that there is a CD-ROM with pictures !!). The Groom looked smashing after spending a lot of time in the gym and because the dress was still intact after the sail, they won the 'funny dress' competition.

The Regatta this year saw the last performance of a memorable team: The Sharkies. They were present with a full team participating team on the water and on the beach and even took the first prize of the weekend: the most beautiful sand castle. Their very last performance on the water was quite impressive with a consistent "first at start position" during the whole weekend. Farewell Sharkies, you will always be remembered through Sharkies Point.

The Green Machine won the Cats races by sailing the most consistent races. At the prize giving the whole team showed their back to us - a challenge which should not be forgotten and they will be tested next year.

The Castaways won the Laser 2000 again. The monokini missed a most competent helm/crew dearly. Next time he should be on the water instead of handing out prizes.

Many thanks goes out to the people who put this event together and made it a great success.

Hobie Cats			Round the Island		
Rank	Team	Points	Rank	Team	Points
1	Greenmachine	61	1	MusCats I	3
2	Dayaks	80	2	Dubai Cats	6
3	MusCats I	83	3	Greenmachine	9
4	Surfin Turtles	86	4	Surfin Turtles	9
5	Dayats	89	5	WildCats	9
6	WildCats	95	6	NCL	13
7	Qaulhat CoolCats	97	7	Giants	14
8	NCL	700	8	Dayaks	16
9	MusCats II	105	9	MusCats II	17
10	Giants	111	10	Dayats	19
11	Dubai Cats	124	11	Dubai Cats	20
12	Sharkies	142	12	Sharkies	21

Laser 2000			Sailing Quiz Winner	
Rank	Team	Points	Surfin Turtles	
1	Castaways	21		
2	Monokini	22		