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Ranger wins St Barths Bucket



Image by Billy Black

This year's winner of the Caribbean leg of the Bucket Regattas is the 41-m Royal Denship J-Class *Ranger*. She was followed by Perini Navis *Andromeda la Dea* and *P2* in second and third place. Racing conditions generally proved gracious: there were clear skies throughout, however a 13-knot easterly on day one was followed by eight to 15 knots on day two, with indecisive winds swinging from south-east to north-east, which according to the race organisers "scrambled some otherwise predictable finishes and may well have been a cause of some frustration".

An impressive fleet of 39 superyachts came together for the regatta, many of them perennial participants who cannot resist the allure of the perfect weather, fun sailing and riotous partying for which the Bucket is renowned. There were five more superyachts taking part than in 2009, testament to the popularity of this particular event, and this year there were changes to the rules of racing to increase safety, particularly when turning at markers, as reported in *TCR38*.

The diverse fleet – comprising high-performance racers to more comfortable classics – has two classes for the

prizegiving: Les Gazelles (for the hardcore racers) and Les Grande Dames (for the more leisurely cruising ladies). *Ranger* won Les Gazelles, followed by *P2* and *Unfurl*. *Andromeda la Dea* won Les Grande Dames, with *Axia* and *Hetarios* in second and third place.

The prizes for non-racing activity are as hotly contested (if not more so) as the regatta itself. The All-Star Crew Award, sponsored by *TCR* and Holland Jachtbouw, is awarded by crew for demonstrating "the most professional service in all tasks, while maintaining the best *joie de vivre*, camaraderie, teamwork and respect among the crew".

This year – and not for the first time – it was awarded to *Antara*, who put on a superb party as usual for the yacht hop, with a wild west theme. The Skullduggery Cravat for best Bucket humour went to *Axia* for the second year in a row. *Toto* took the Escargot Cup for last place.

For a gallery of shots from the racing and evening events turn to page 57. Full results can be found at TheCrewReport.com/StBarths2010.

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An amazing 39 yachts came together to enjoy the après-racing as much as the racing in St Barths in late March





60 who's who | gallery

1. Varsovie sailing on the first day of racing
2. Liara rounding a mark on the first day of racing
3. The Bucket fleet, spinnakers out
4. Justin Werner (driving) captain of *Wild Horses* with Chef/Stew Arianne.
5. (Front, L to R) Murray Lord, First Mate Clarissa Davies and David Jurkowski aboard *Whisper*
6. Chef Chris Deighan and First Mate Clarissa Davies winding up the runners aboard *Whisper*
7. Thomas Hollyhomes (aka LT), Thomas Shen (aka TomTom), Will Holley aboard *Andromeda La Dea*
8. *Whisper's* Engineer Todd Orrell (right) with friends at the *Whisper* disco party
9. Billie and Jan Burke, Katie and Rob Ouellette at *Antara's* cowboy-themed yacht hop party
10. Captain Johnno "The Sheriff" Johnston and Nick Ackroyd welcome guests onboard *Antara*
11. Even horses made it onboard *Antara*
12. Thomas Chen (aka TomTom) and Helen aboard *Andromeda La Dea*
13. Lauren Woods and Eli Dana of Newport Shipyard
14. First Mate Clarissa Davies aboard the *Whisper* disco party



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