

Press Release February 5th, 2012

The model sailboat raceday on Bambarra beach is ready to roll with a great line up of boats, food and music, so come along and enjoy this wonderful cultural festival.

From the beginnings long ago at the turn of the millennium, with 6 boats and a handful of friends on the beach the Valentines Day Cup has become a national event, beloved by residents and visitors alike. This year with over 25 boats in the Middle Caicos Sailboat Association fleet, plus over 10 boats coming in with their captains, the races are becoming more serious and skillful! The day is planned as follows:

10:30 - beach set up, music playing, fun begins

11am -- Captains meeting on the beach

11:30- first race Class "C" boats :under 24 inches
12: 15 – second race Class "B" boats : under 40 inches

1: 00 – third race Ladies Cup – open class, women captains only

1:45 – fourth race Class "A" boats – over 40 inches

2:30 – 5:30 pm Live band performance: Grand Land Band

3pm Awards Ceremony

Bring your kids, your friends, your family – a combo ticket for the ferry with bus to the beach is available from Caribbean Cruisin' to make things simple. Calling all sailing enthusiasts to try your hand in the races, it is fun and easy to learn...although tricky to master!! Boats are available in all classes and we encourage you to get involved in the races.

Thank you to our main sponsor IslandCom for taking this annual event to the next level as a formal corporate sponsor event With attendance last year at over 500 people, it was time for the MCSA to reach out for help and Island Com is here!! And thank you to all our boat sponsors: NHIP, Redbridge, IslandCom, Daniel's Café, Big Blue Unlimited, Dan Steele, Miller Simon O'Sullivan, Turks & Caicos Reservations, Blue Horizon Resort, Forbes, Forbes & Forbes Ltd., Tropical Paradise Realty, Potcake Foundation, Randy Hall...with a big thank you to The TCI Tourist Board for refurbishing the fleet this year with funds for all repairs, repaint, and rigging. This year both local Middle Caicos churches are getting involved to feed the crowds – so get set for good eating on the beach.

Make your plans now to be here on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2012! For further information email middlecaicos.tci@gmail.ocm or call 1-649-231-4884 / 1-649-232-6132