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Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta

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THE SCHOONERS ARE COMING!

Antigua – West Indies, April 9, 2006 - The 2006 edition of the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta is just around the corner. April 20th marks the beginning of the Nineteenth regatta. The fleet is growing with another impressive entry list, with a good percentage of schooners highlighting the fleet.

“Eleonora,” the 135 ft replica of Nat Herreschoff gaff schooner “Westward,” tops the fleet, with the famous William Fife gaff schooner “Altair” making her first appearance in the Antigua event. “Selijm” has returned after another circumnavigation, and the Herreschoff designed and built, “Mary Rose”, previously known as “Gallant” has returned again as well. New on the scene will be freshly launched “Maggy B” from the Covey Island Boatworks in Nova Scotia, coming down to challenge “Lion’s Whelp” at around 65 ft. We have also had inquiries from “Roseway” the famous Maine Windjammer that winters in the BVI. “Charm III”, “Ticonderoga” and “Mariella” are among the favorites filling out the Vintage fleet and the J class “Ranger” leading the fleet around the courses.

The Carricou boats will be celebrated this year with the Grenada Tourist Board in attendance to promote these seaworthy craft and Gli Gli a sailing Carib Canoe will be visiting from the Virgin Islands, to demonstrate the Carib Indians sea adventures and travels.

The Single Handed race promises a good turnout and shore side activities will be enhanced with many parties, a new sailing dinghy race during the beach party, the annual Parade through English Harbour, and the fun and elegant Gig Racing with cream teas on the lawn of the Admirals Inn.

We are very proud to have PANERAI onboard as our first Platinum Sponsor offering a host of benefits, featuring a hospitality center. Boat International, who hosts the Concourse d’Elegance, has shifted up to Gold sponsorship. Mt Gay Rum once again a silver category sponsor promising a good flow of rum throughout the event. Plus La Perla International is our most recent Silver Category Sponsor and will be showcasing their luxury properties. Cable and Wireless, together with Panerai will be sponsoring a Media Center for the press to get the word out fast. Ocean World is there with its fine line of Regatta Clothing, and we must not leave out the local island sponsors who help keep the wheels turning year after year.

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