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### **Regattas in the Abacos 2025: A Week of Wind, Waves, and Winning Performances**

The 2025 *Regattas in the Abacos* wrapped up on Saturday, June 28th after a spectacular week of racing across the turquoise waters of the Sea of Abaco. The five-race series began on a stunning Monday morning in ideal 12–14 knot conditions and concluded under light, variable winds that tested even the most seasoned sailors.

Over the course of the event, the fleet visited four different race locations: Marsh Harbour and three of the Abaco Cays. Each stop offered its own set of challenges and breathtaking scenery — from tight mark roundings off Hope Town to strategic tacking in the lee of Green Turtle Cay.



Taking home top honours for the third year running was *Rockstar* (C&C 115), representing the St. Augustine Yacht Club and helmed by Tim Tucker. Tucker and his crew's consistent performance earned him the overall title and the coveted winner's trophy: a one-of-a-kind painting by acclaimed local artist Lori Thompson.



The multihull division saw fierce competition between *Third Tri* (Corsair 750MK2), helmed by Larry Geller of Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, and Abaco's own *Formula 40*, sailed by Joey Gale of the Hope

Town Sailing Club. The two teams traded wins throughout the week, thrilling spectators with their speed and close finishes.

Also proudly representing local sailing traditions was *The Lonesome Dove*, a classic Bahamian B-Class sloop from Hope Town, skippered by Richard Cook. This wooden vessel, rich with heritage, offered visitors a taste of authentic Bahamian craftsmanship and culture.



The regatta welcomed both seasoned competitors and newcomers alike. Among the first-time entrants was *Kuujjuaq*, a sleek Tofinou 9.7 from Lyford Cay Yacht Club, skippered by Ludovic de Saint Jean. “Thanks to all the kind people we met — see you next year!” he said following the awards ceremony.

That ceremony and the regatta’s opening party were held in the vibrant community park in New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay, with remarks from the Hon. MP Kirk Cornish. The week of racing capped off at Hope Town Inn & Marina with appearance and remarks from Hon. MP John Pinder who stated with confidence that “The Abacos are the best place to regatta in the whole world” while also commenting on the camaraderie, competition, and unforgettable island hospitality.



Commodore Dwayne Wallas commented, “We almost hit our target — 29 boats registered this year, just shy of the 30 we were aiming for. Unfortunately, four boats couldn’t make the trip due to mechanical issues, but the fleet that did show up made it a fantastic regatta.”

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Plans are already underway for 2026, and if this year's enthusiasm is anything to go by, next year will be bigger, better, and way more fun! To learn more and see photos from this year's event, visit [www.RegattasInTheAbacos.com](http://www.RegattasInTheAbacos.com) or follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/RegattasinTheAbacos](https://facebook.com/RegattasinTheAbacos).

