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AGIOS GEORGIOS SMILES ON REGATTA

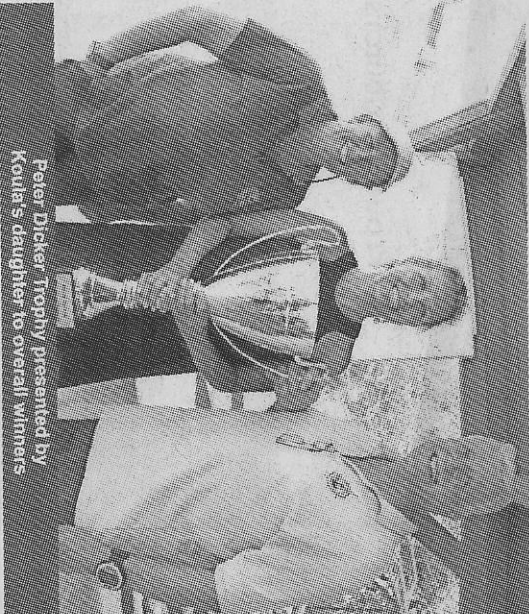
Was everyone at Agios Georgios happy? You bet they were. Two delightful days of fair winds and boatloads of fun at the recent Paphos International Sailing Club Autumn Regatta.

Nothing comes without sacrifice and it is with great thanks to the huge numbers of willing volunteers who gladly gave up their time to make this event special.

It is difficult to pick out people, but three people deserve special mention, namely our Commodore Paul Hutton-Ashkenny; Our Rear Commodore Sailing Tony Davenport and our Race Officer for the weekend, Bob Vart, all of whom gave up the chance of winning a trophy or two. Tony had the unenviable job of organising and "managing" the weekend and Bob played a blinder setting superb courses and waiting just long enough for the wind to pick up before starting some of the races.

Inevitably when the winds are light the more experienced sailors "just seem to get more from their boat" (sic Frustrating!). "Come on Alice we are falling behind (again). Do something!" exclaims Taylor PISC's youngest sailing member who wears a sailing cap on which OBEY is writ large. Alas, sailing is probably in the top five demanding sports for technical ability and awareness of surroundings. Practise really does make perfect and with junior members like Taylor pushing the envelope - things can only get better.

Twenty-one Beautiful Dinghies danced their "pallet of the sea" watched and enjoyed by many holidaymakers on the beach, or the Church on the headland whilst a more discerning group chose to dine at St. George Restaurant which provides panoramic views of the whole event.



Peter Dicker Trophy presented by Koula's daughter to overall winners



Rear Commodore Sailing presents bouquet to Koula

Photo credit: Chris Soover

Sunday afternoon came too quickly but hey it was time for the trophies. Paul HA who calculated the results commented that they were very close. In fact he had not experienced this in a long time.

It was with baited breath therefore that every sailor waited expectantly for the results. Koula's daughter Capi graciously agreed to present the prizes:-

Kestrel Series:

- 1st. Brian Layng and birthday girl Claire Lambert.
- 2nd. Robin Marsh and Cathy Lewis.
- 3rd. David Brown and Barry Levick.

Wayfarer Series:

- 1st. Lesley Anderson and Keith Guest.
- 2nd. John Palsler and Allen Barrow.
- 3rd. Rick and Carol Willey.

Handicap Series:

- (The first three were all "single handed boats").
- 1st. Sharon Kimber.
 - 2nd. Dave Stangroom.
 - 3rd. Bob Sheward.

From all the above it was declared that the winning boat overall and winner of the Peter Dicker Memorial Trophy was: Brian Lyng and Claire Lambert.

Well done everyone.

The event closed with a presentation, in Greek, of a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Koula our very own friend and benefactor.

For more information and photographs of this Regatta and lots of information about this great Club go to www.pisc.com.cy