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## **Tortola to Bermuda Rally Set to Depart May 3**

### **Nanny Cay To Be Host Marina for Caribbean 1500, Atlantic Cup**

HAMPTON, VA (January 28, 2009) – The Cruising Rally Association announced today that Nanny Cay Resort & Marina, the British Virgin Islands' flagship marina, will be the Caribbean Host Marina for its sailing events.

The first Cruising Rally Association event to be hosted by Nanny Cay will be the Atlantic Cup Rally departing from the Nanny Cay Marina on Tortola, May 3, and finishing in Bermuda 4-5 days later. The Atlantic Cup is the companion rally to November's Caribbean 1500 and offers the opportunity for returning cruisers to enjoy the camaraderie, competition, and adventure of an 850-mile rally. Pre-start festivities and skipper briefings will begin on May 1 at Nanny Cay.

The Atlantic Cup is open to sailors with well founded offshore boats at least 38 feet long and crews of two or more. It is not limited to veterans of other Cruising Rally Association events.

The second event to be hosted by Nanny Cay is the Caribbean 1500 slated to start November 2, 2009. The 2009 Caribbean 1500 Rally will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual running of this event making it the largest and longest-running offshore cruising event in the Americas. Steve Black, President and Founder of the Cruising Rally Association, anticipates a record entry of returning Ralliers for the anniversary activities.

"We are very pleased to be part of the Cruising Rally Association events. The fact that we are attracting high quality events, shows that we are creating a world-class

marina here in the British Virgin Islands. We're extremely well suited to attend to the needs of the skippers, crew, and guests associated with these events," said Miles Sutherland-Pilch, general manager of Nanny Cay.

"Nanny Cay, with its marina, hotel and boat yard offers a broad range of facilities, services, and amenities which will be popular choice with our Atlantic Cup and Caribbean 1500 participants," said Steve Black. "This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Caribbean 1500 and we believe that Nanny Cay will be a particularly fine place to celebrate."

Nanny Cay Resort & Marina is located between Road Town and West End on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. Its fully equipped marina and boat repair facility has berths for 180 motor cruisers and yachts and two boat lifts of 50 and 70 tons capacity. Nanny Cay also includes a 40-room hotel and new waterfront townhouses for purchase and rental, two restaurants, a chandlery, a small supermarket, shops and boutiques, a dive shop, a water sports center, free WiFi service, and a gym and spa.

The Cruising Rally Association rallies retain some of the competitive elements of traditional sailboat races, but offer social, educational and technological enhancements that broaden the appeal of the event to couples and families, as well as racers – both experienced and first-timers.

The Cruising Rally Association is widely supported by leading companies in the marine, tourism, and financial industries. In addition to the Nanny Cay Resort & Marina, sponsors include Davenport & Company LLC, West Marine, Blue Water Sailing, World Cruising Ltd., Switlik, ICOM, Quantum Sail Design, Gill, OCENS, Bluewater Yachting Center, Hampton's Towne Bank and Towne Mortgage, Hampton Roads Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mount Gay Rum, and Reed's Almanac.

For full information on future Cruising Rally Association events, visit [www.carib1500.com](http://www.carib1500.com). For more information on Nanny Cay, visit: [www.nannycay.com](http://www.nannycay.com).

**About the Cruising Rally Association:** The Cruising Rally Association, founded in 1990 by Steve Black, manages a year-round calendar of offshore cruising rallies and seminars. Over 1300 boats with 5000 ralliers aboard have met the challenge of the CRA sailing events in its 20 year history. Tens of thousands of armchair sailors from over 50 countries come to the web site each year to watch each satellite-tracked event in

progress. Black has sailed in all parts of the Atlantic, including three solo transatlantic races and more than 40 rallies. He served as executive director of the US Sailing Association before founding the Cruising Rally Association.

**About Nanny Cay Resort & Marina:** Nanny Cay, on the south side of Tortola, is the British Virgin Islands' flagship marina. Nanny Cay offers a naturally sheltered 180-slip marina and boat yard with comprehensive service and shore side facilities for long and short-term visitors with over 40 independent businesses on-site. The complex has a 40-room hotel and new waterfront townhouses for purchase and rental. Nanny Cay Resort and Marina is the host and presenting sponsor of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, the Nanny Cay Nations Cup, the KATS (Kids and the Sea) Swim Program and the KATS Premiers Cup, a Caribbean youth regatta. Nanny Cay also hosts ARC Europe and the Caribbean Oyster Regatta.

For more information on Nanny Cay Marina and its services visit: [www.nannycay.com](http://www.nannycay.com). For information about Nanny Cay Resort & Marina, press releases, photography and general media requests, please contact:

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