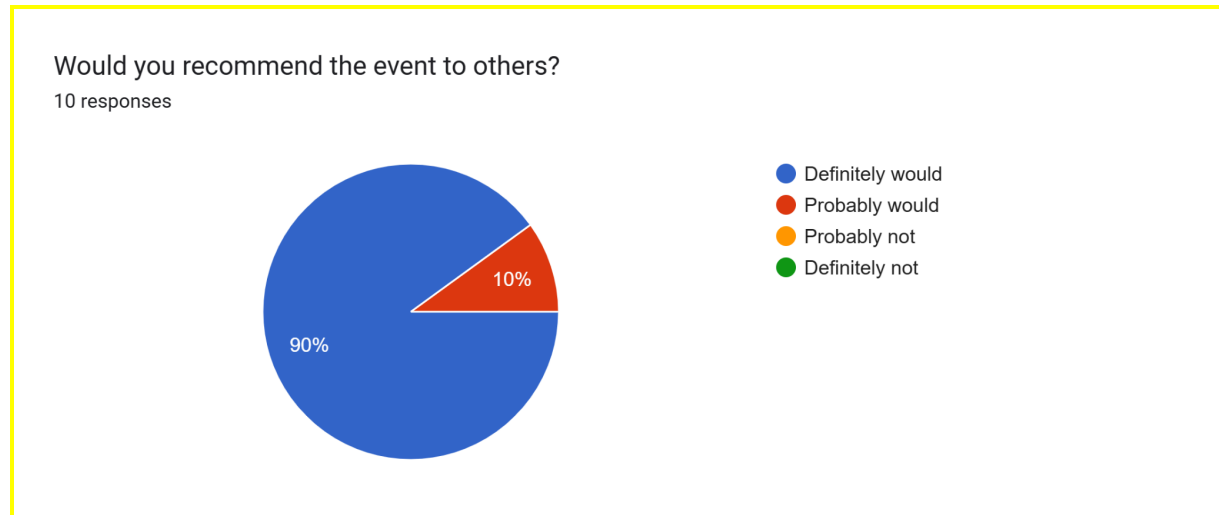


## 2024 Black Spot Rum Regatta – What a success!

The event wasn't the first of its kind but we did expand it from a one day event to a two day event and LBYC delivered one of the best events in the Wellington sailing programme for 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event a success. There were 12 boats with 60 sailors competing in two divisions in 5 scheduled races in one day (unfortunately the second day was blown out due to adverse weather conditions). We had 4 visiting boats from EBYMBC and RPNYC. Multiple clubs were represented, with visitors from as far as Gulf Harbour.



Race management was a slick affair, despite some challenges with adverse conditions for day two. Saturday offered up perfect sailing conditions. A big thank you and well done to Bob Rowell (Race Officer) who was assisted by Lynn Porter.

Brent Porter, on the support boat Trader laying (and relaying) marks. We are also very grateful to Peter Jackson for the use of Wavelength and Oli Muller for the use of Shariba as race committee vessels for the event.

The event was an opportunity to showcase the club and our poster featured original artwork by Blair Arthur. Our big screen was illuminated with sponsor images. Thanks to Sam McDermott who also created a great looking website for the event. Build a burger was popular on Saturday night making a very busy night for our House Committee. Lynn Porter and Debbie-Anne Benton kept the bar flowing.

We extend a huge thank you to our sponsors who supported us all the way and made it that much easier to look after our visitors and create a great experience for everyone: **Walkerswood Caribbean Foods, West Indies Spice Traders, Royal Jamaican Ginger Beer and Black Spot Rum.**

The winner of the 2024 Black Spot Rum Regatta Spinnaker Division 1 was Laissez Faire II ( LBYC). Runner-up was Fine Entry (EBYMBC), and third was High Society (LBYC).

Winner of division 2 was Synfinity (LBYC). Runner up was Sika II (LBYC), and third was True Blue (LBYC).

First on PHRF was Fine Entry (EBMBYC). Runner up was Zimmerframe Racing II (RPNYC) and third was Laissez Faire II (LBYC)

We have the support of our sponsor for 2025 and look forward to a successful event.

If you want to be part of the organising committee, please get in touch!

Irene Muirhead

*Regatta Director – 2024 Black Spot Rum Regatta*

*Vice Commodore*