

**2nd ANNUAL  
RENAISSANCE REINSURANCE CHALLENGE CUP  
2006**

A large J105 flag flew proudly over the 92-foot motor yacht “Bravo Zulu”– the elegant race committee boat for the second annual Renaissance Reinsurance Challenge Cup, held on Bermuda’s Great Sound on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. All five J105s in Fleet 21 participated in the popular event.

**Not Mine** led the fleet after the fourth of five races but when the wind died to zero during the final contest of the day, places were given according to the positions of each boat on the course without completing the race. This gave **Monkeyshines** her second bullet of the day and a 12-point total for first place on retrogression in the regatta. In the Corinthian spirit of the occasion, however, it was agreed to award **Not Mine** (who also had 12 points) joint first place. Both names will be engraved on the new J105 half model which will hang in the Bermuda offices of RenRe.

The RenRe Challenge Cup format is this: an experienced skipper and one crew on each boat are joined by RenRe brokers or clients, many of them non-sailors. In fact, a number of the guest crew this year had never been on a boat before. In spite of the inexperience of the majority of participants, the boats set spinnakers and jibbed without fault throughout the regatta. Crew members rotated tasks and many got a chance to helm – even at the surprisingly aggressive starts.

Former Fleet 21 Captain JT Thompson, as Race Committee Chairman, had his hands full adjusting the course on a regular basis as the dying breeze shifted from south to west during the four-hour event. JT was assisted by **Monkeyshines** owner Marlee Robinson and RenRe employees who relished the opportunity to learn some basics of race committee duty, blowing horns and waving flags with gusto.

At the end of the day, **Addiction** earned 14 points, **Passion** received 16 and **Joji** (who blew her main spinnaker last week so had to manage with a small reaching spinnaker) gained 21 points. In the very light breeze **Joji** was pleased to cross the line first in the third race.

Colour-coded crew shirts, RenRe branded jackets and other gifts will ensure 20 new sailors will continue to remember both Renaissance Reinsurance and the pleasures of sailing a J105.

Marlee Robinson  
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