



# Let's do it!

Majuro marked World Diabetes Day last Wednesday with activities at the former Weather Station in Delap. Following speeches and a short aerobics workout, participants took part in the Global Walk against diabetes. Because of the Marshall Islands' location in relation to the international dateline, last Wednesday's walkers led the global walk against diabetes.

One of the canoes in last Saturday's race.



## Namdrik's team takes out President's Cup

Despite blustery weather, a youthful Namdrik team sailed their way to victory in last Saturday's President's Day Canoe race.

A number of canoes were swamped by the bad weather. "The winning canoes were the survivors of the race," said race coordinator Alson Kelen.

"The wind, rain, and waves were a bit on the heavy side."

Namdrik's Neamon Beasha captained "K-Yo-Yo" to victory in the 14-18 foot canoe class. The vessel is owned by Jejak Juna. They defeated the canoe "NTC," a canoe built by the WAM program, that was captained by Kajuo Kejjo to second place.

It is owned by the WAM Program. Third place went to canoe "Wōla i Wōla o" captained by Tōñale Bunglik, and owned by Jidaal Alfred. The larger class of canoes, 19-24 foot length, was won by the Ailuk canoe "Kibed" captained by Aimbil Snight. It is also owned by Jidaal Alfred. In second place was "Kitlang II" from Majuro Atoll captained by Robert Sudght. The canoe is owned by Albert Alberttar.

The canoe race was funded by the President's Office and by the RMI National Olympic Committee. It was broadcast live on V7AB, with support from the NOC, WAM and Marshall Islands Resort.

## Preparing for the race season

Proving that the best of sailors will go out in any weather and brave the elements, the Mico Beach Yacht Club's annual Learn to Sail Day went ahead despite the continuing splash and dash of rain on the decks on Sunday.

Dozens of people attended the event, which began at RRE's Bokanake and ended on the many yachts that volunteered to take part.

Alongside the many teachers, college students and Australian volunteers were five youth from the Waan Aelon in Majel program, who were given 'scholarships' for the day by the club. These were Robert Katlong who crewed on the Aussie yacht Break Free, Handy Aisek who acted as a 'winch man' on De La Mer, Ranson Miller who was a 'handy man' on Seal, and Husaynali Tallur who crewed on French Kiss.

The club's next event will be the skippers' meeting for the first race of the 2012-13 season, which will be held at the clubhouse (a.k.a. the Marshall Islands Resort) at 6pm on Friday, November 30. At the meeting, potential crew will be paired with boats in readiness for the race on Sunday, December 2. Anyone wanting to crew on the yachts must attend the skippers' meeting.

Footnote: The skipper of the yacht French Kiss, Pete Allen, is one of the best sailors, but nevertheless he decided that sailing under sunny skies with a brisk breeze may be the way to go, so he deferred lessons on board his catamaran until this Sunday.



Above: WAM trainee Robert Katlong was energetically switching from one winch to another during a tack when, whoops, his head made contact with an overhang. He survived and, according to Break Free's Jane Evans "had a smile on his face for the whole day." Below: Ranson Miller takes the tiller of the yacht Seal.



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