



The First Salty Dawg (Rescheduled) Thanksgiving Day Regatta was held in Falmouth Harbour, Antigua, and was a smashing success. Nine determined cruisers, ages 8 - 80, tried their hands at small boat sailing in Pico sailboats from the Antigua Yacht Club. There were spills, for sure, and massive equipment failures, but once the initial issues were worked out there was fierce competition in the single elimination competition. In the end, it came down to one boat and a husband-and-wife head-to-head. Congratulations to Hermione Pattison of sv Alisara for beating Douglas over the line in the closest competition of the day.

The first heat was plagued by a dismasting and the loss of a center board. The second heat went smoothly but there were tip-overs and broken glasses in the third. The fourth heat was a father-son head-to-head as Douglas Pattison outpaced his 10-year-old son, Arthur and in the fifth heat 8-year-old Alice Pattison joined her mother as they beat out Bill Wheary by a good margin.

The competition was fun and fair and a good time was had by all.

[Watch the fun here](#) .