



CHASING THE BUCKET

A long, thick white cloud spreads out and observes us indifferently from an high. It's just capital city of the island samed by Christopher Columbus in honour of his brother in 1493, is guil seven square kliemetre Island home as it and its 9,000 residents prepare to celebrate the 13th edition of a sensational regulta which started out as a bit of fun for four or five genera of 100 foot plus boots at Nantucket in showcase. This year, in fact, a total of 29 yessels gathered in the U-shaped little port, all

stunning stanning sight. These were, after all, some of the most smassal and unique craft built by the world's most thoroughbreds of the sea. The fields wind decided to grace us with her regal presence for

The 800 participants were warmed by a gentle sun, the sea ruffled by a steady 15- to 24-knot Trade Wind

It was a ley to beheld these big, beautiful to dies spreading their thousands of metres of And battle they did. The grand finals came on the Sunday when a total of 11 boats crossed the finish line in the space of just three minstes and five seconds - breathtaking stuff! Gorgeous, superlative masterpieces every one

and all skippered to perfection by their owners. Twenty-nine highly successful men who've turned dreams into powerful reality. The owners who race in the Bucket tend to be people of action who also know how to sit down in sileave and reflect deasily as where the next his apportunity is going to come from People prepared to put a lot of hard work and determinatice into reaching their goals. These are the kind of individuals for whom the main battle is with themselves and with challenging their own skills and limits time and time again. They definite set of moral values. But then they would never have chosen sailing - a physical yet also highly psychological sport that demands subtlety as well as courses - had they been otherwise. But now the pretagonists of the sound of the sea clearing under the power

of their boats' keels. And all they have to do now is enjoy, as a group, these precious, wonderful moments of cele-







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and 32 costs are allowed to participate in years addise of 38 metres in length (though a few exceptions have been made for cost of particularly executors quality). The result of stanning blood of tradition and technology. This year the powned partic Period Raid (Impresented by Persons, Sedenary beloate fast schooner launched in 2005, task the overall ahead of the ever-green J Clinto Ranger.

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