

**Barbados Advocate – Letters To The Editor**  
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**The Schooner Race**

To The Editor

Dear Sir

After hearing and reading the views of the good men over the Schooner Island Race on New Year's Day, and seeing in the weekly Advocate the picture displaying the easy winner of the race, I would like to state, as one of the Masters who assisted in the schooner, Lucille Smith that in my opinion the winner would not have gained such an easy victory, if taking the vessels by their class and construction, the schooners had been given a time allowance, vis one hour in advance of the Sea Fox.

The position of the compass aboard the Fox allows bearings of the land to be taken in all directions, more so than in the Schooners where the compasses are jammed in a small hole in the cabin.

A stake boat or buoy placed off Ragged Point, or Cobbler's Reed in about 5 or 6 fathoms of water for the contending vessels to steer for in weathering the land is essential.

And if the Fox had vessels to encounter with captains like those who have passed on, vis, Schooner Offsprey, John Parker and Lasca, I assure you a different account of the race would have been written.

Thanking you for space