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Your 2011 Sailing Madness Champion: The Dark 'n Stormy

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Wow. We have to say that we are a little bit surprised. But our readers have spoken, and by a very wide margin, the Dark 'n Stormy beat out the venerable America's Cup to take the title of 2011 Ultimate Sailing Champion.



We contacted Gosling's Rum to notify them of the honor, and they responded, "We are very pleased to hear that the Dark 'n Stormy, the National Drink of Bermuda, has won this year's Sailing Madness Tournament. It seems to reinforce that this unique cocktail is taking America by stormy."

A big thank you to everyone who voted in this year's competition, as well as to the people and organizations who helped promote the contest. As a reward, the recipe for the Dark 'n Stormy:

1.5 oz Gosling's Black Seal Rum
3 oz ginger beer
Mix over ice in a highball glass and serve with a twist of lime.

(Personally, we like to add a dash of bitters to top it off.)

According to a Gosling's Rum tale, this drink was invented more than 100 years ago when members of Bermuda's Royal Naval Officer's Club added a splash of the local rum to their spicy homemade ginger beer. They described its ominous hue as "the color of a cloud only a fool or dead man would sail under."

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