

MBYC Manager's Report

Judith Dear, Club Manager

MBYC 2014 AGM MEETING

DATE CHANGE

VENUE:	MBYC
DATE:	23 AUGUST 2014
DAY:	SATURDAY
TIME:	2.00 PM

MBYC Tennis

MBYC membership is required to play on the courts free of charge. Single membership allows that person to book the court and he/she must be **present** and **playing** to have guests/family play with the member. Family membership will allow each member the same benefits.

The MBYC tennis instructor may only give lessons to fully paid up members. Members may **not** book the court on behalf of their friends or family without the member being **present** and **playing**. Bookings are to be made on a daily basis with the administrative department. Night playing attracts a charge for the electricity usage. This is a members club and we would like to ensure that only our members enjoy this facility and not persons who are non-members. Floyd does a great job in ensuring that all persons who he instructs are members and not guests/family of members. Once the second court has been completed one of the courts will be available for members from 3.00PM onwards for members continued use.

MBYC Squash Courts

Commodore Ian Chandley has advised the construction of the squash courts will commence shortly. Trailers and boats in the dry dock will be relocated to make way for the construction. Marl has been donated by Mr. Mrs. Gregory Lindo to even the surface of the dry dock yard. Thanks so much Mrs. Lindo.

MBYC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A simple programme has been designed on our computer which will print MBYC membership cards and also incorporate members' photographs. Members can either send us their photos or we can take photos in our office.

These cards will be printed on sheets of paper similar to calling cards. They will be cut to size and laminated. We plan to eventually use this system to ensure all workers who enter the compound will be in possession of a temporary MBYC ID card as per the bye laws. The cost would be borne by the persons or businesses that contract with the workers. A similar system is being used by Doctor's Cave Beach Club.

MBYC Fishing Tournament Report – September 16-19, 2014

To All Interested Anglers, we are pleased to invite you to participate in our



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at the Montego Bay Yacht Club September 16th - 19th, 2014.

Tuesday, September 16 Captains Briefing / Welcome Cocktails	Friday, September 19 Prize Giving at Montego Bay Yacht Club & Uber-Cool After Party at Blue Beat featuring Special Guest DJ
Wednesday, September 17 Canoe Tournament	Saturday, September 20 Boaters Raft-Up Beach Day at Biggs BBQ
Wednesday, September 17 – Friday, September 19 The "Big" Boat Tournament	
Thursday, September 18 Exclusive MBFT Gaming Night at Mosino	

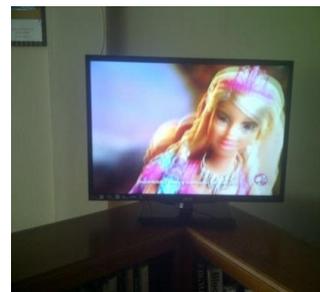
Early Bird Discount Before July 15, 2014 (USD\$12 per foot), USD\$16 per foot After (Fully Refundable)*

Great Fishing - Great Entertainment - Great Food - Great Company
THE MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB
Montego Freeport, P.O. Box 1133, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica W.I.
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Registered Boats	17
Fully Paid	9
Outstanding	8

MBYC Children's Corner



MBYC thanks the MBYC Youth Sailing Club for donating this beautiful TV to the kids' corner. It is greatly appreciated, especially as we have stopped the children under 16 from viewing the TV in the bar and lounge areas. Two wall fans have been installed to make the area cooler for the young people.

MBYC Entrance and Guard Facility – The Transformation

Then:

- The roof leaked
- The windows were smashed
- The rain poured through the front section, the roof and the windows
- It was extremely hot
- There was a lack of security



Now:

- Sliding windows have been installed – A discount was arranged by Mr. Floyd Logan
- Front Half Doors with glass fittings have been installed to ensure the guards can remain dry when it rains, but still see outside
- The roof has been repaired
- A wall fan has been installed
- A proper desk that facilitates the writing of reports is in place
- A key rack has been installed to ensure that the members keys are secured
- The lockers for the guards have been repaired and painted
- The guard house has been repaired and painted
- Flower beds with spiky plants are planted around the three sides of the guard house for esthetics and safety. Top soil was donated by Mr. Mark Kerr-Jarrett. Plants donated by Mr. Winston Dear

The funding for this project was derived from venue bookings. The much improved security and appearance to the club entrance, which is what everyone first encounters when they drive or walk into the club, will convey a more professional and esthetically pleasing first impression to both visitors and members.

MBYC sincerely thanks all the members, the ground staff, the administrative staff and the guards who were involved in making this transformation happen.

MBYC Slip Contracts

Information was resent requesting new applications be completed and submitted . Please, all boat owners, would you be so kind as to have these applications completed and returned to the MBYC administrative office **as soon as possible.**

MBYC Back Dining Room

We have now installed the two ceiling fans donated by Mr. Winston Dear in the back dining/conference room. It has made the area so much cooler and much more rentable. Thanks so much.

MBYC Administrative Offices

We would like to say a special “Thank You” to CPJ who donated a second hand desk for Heather. Such donations are so appreciated by staff members.

Seahorse Restaurant

The Seahorse Restaurant administrative, accounts and sales departments have been relocated in Fairview.

Chikungunya

The MBYC is a collection site for the Ministry of Health and as such their representatives check our premises weekly. Please ensure that boats are kept clear of stagnant water.

- Chikungunya is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. It causes fever and severe joint pain. Other symptoms include muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash.
- The disease shares some clinical signs with dengue, and can be misdiagnosed in areas where dengue is common.
- There is no cure or vaccine for the disease. Treatment is focused on relieving the symptoms.

The *Aedes aegypti* is a **day-biting mosquito** that will almost always be found in and around areas where people live, work and play. The mosquito breeds in water that settles around homes, **dock yards** and schools, churches, workplaces, and playgrounds. Persons are urged to search for and destroy mosquito-breeding sites by:

- disposing of old tires and containers in which water can settle;
- disposing of or turning over unused boats or similar structures;
- punching holes in metal receptacles before disposing of or storing them;
- covering large water holding containers such as drums, barrels and tanks.

Health officials in Cayman have reported the first case of locally contracted chikungunya, in the Savannah area of Bodden Town.

CONGRATULATIONS

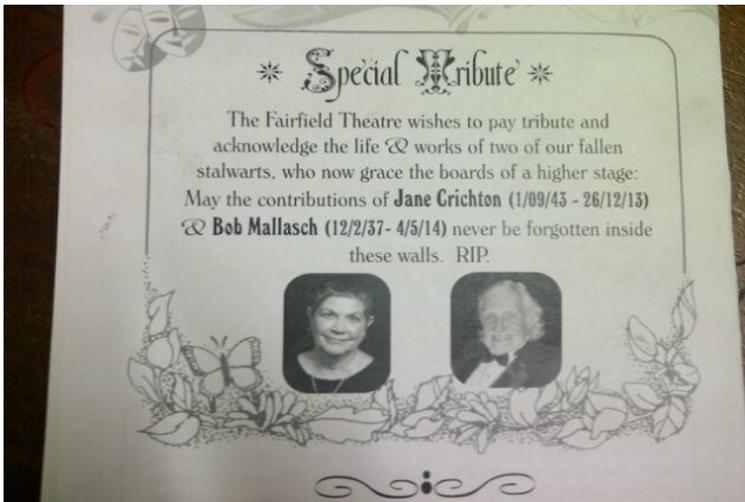
The MBYC wishes to congratulate Davia Powell, MBYC Administrative Assistant, and Athol Monteith of The Montego Bay Marine Park, on their engagement.

CONDOLENCES

The MBYC wishes to convey to our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

- David and Anne Marie Bell and their family on the passing of Anne Marie's mother, Olga DeQuesnay;
- Mr. Wyley Sweeney and his family on the passing of his wife Frances;
- Caeren Shirley (Seahorse Grill), Gordon Shirley and their families on the passing of their father and uncle, Gerald Shirley, affectionately known as 'Gerry'.

A TRIBUTE TO TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM THE FAIRFIELD THEATRE



Summer Holidays - Children

A reminder to parents to please ensure that their children under sixteen are not permitted in the lounge and bar areas. The only exception to this is to purchase non-alcoholic drinks. We also require that children are supervised by a parent or guardian at and in the pool and on the play set.

MBYC Youth Sailing Camp – August 11 to 22, 2014

The club is again offering sailing classes to young people between the ages of 7 and 15 years during the period of 11 – 22 August 2014. Please contact the MBYC office for additional information and to list your children on our files.

The Sailing Camp will offer youths the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of sailing. We provide the lunch, the boats, the instructors, the wind and the water. Together we create fun and excitement in a safe and supervised environment. The only conditions are that campers must bring their own life jacket and they must be able to swim.

Campers have the choice of participating for one week or two. The cost is \$9000 JMD per week for MBYC members and \$10,800 JMD for non-members. Lunch is included in the price. If parents are non family members, campers may become junior members. This will assist in their being able to participate in future sailing practice sessions.

Veteran youth sailor, Zoe Knowles, is now a fully qualified Sailing Instructor. Congratulations Zoey from the MBYC family. We're very proud of you.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND INQUIRES PLEASE CALL
DAVIA POWELL- [876 - 979 8650](tel:876-979-8650) - davia@mobayyachtclub.com**

MBYC Youth Sailor – Dominic Coburn



A very warm and heartfelt congratulations to one of our intrepid youth sailors, Dominc Coburn. Dominic took top honours and achieved the highest GSAT score in his school this year. He came 2nd in the end of year exams and received the certificate for being the most outstanding boy. He got the highest GSAT score overall for his school - .97.4%.

MBYC wishes Dominic all the very best as he starts his new school year at the Munro College. We will miss him and look forward to his visits to Montego Bay.

J22 Racing – July 6th and 13th Results and Commentary

Richard Hamilton, Renegade

Short course, 12 to 20 knots.

Day 1 was postponed to July 13 as the race officer decided to go on a wind surfing weekend with his wife on the appointed day of July 6.

The same short course was used as the youth series - everything inside the harbour and mostly all in sight of the club - great for the RC and great for the huge spectator crowds.

Thanks to David for dropping the marks, Lyn for waving the flags and writing out the course.

Great to have Evan and his team on Awesome! And brand new sails to go with it!

Having a diligent race committee is a rare find in Montego Bay and hats off to Lyn for her patience and accuracy on the start line. Way to go! However, her course drawing skills may require some improvement, particularly as having waved a piece of paper, with the course hieroglyphed on it, in the direction of some passing strangers she then gives it to one of the captains (why this particular one we are not clear) who then proceeds to go sailing with it in his pocket!



Racing Course Map!

Anyway, score for the day – Race Results

Rank		1	2	3	4	pts
4*	AWESOME	3	1	4	4	10
1	ZIPPER	1	2	4	3	10
2	RENEGADE	2	3	3	2	9
5	AYAHSO	5	5	5	5	20
3*	DEFENDER	4	3	2	3	12

*Minor incident on downwind for 10
taking the penalty turn, resulting in 10 pts loss.*

Jim - this next part is for you

promptly
/'prom(p)tlɪ/ 

adverb

1. with little or no delay; immediately.
"he paid the fine promptly"
synonyms: punctually, on time, on the dot, on the nail; [More](#)
2. at exactly a specified time; punctually.
"Jamie arrived promptly at 8:30"

44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties
After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns **Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns** in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before *finishing*.

Crazy J/22 sailing in Jamaica

Here's a recipe for how to have fun on a J22. You get 3 sailors together, plop them down in a J22 and let 'er rip in 30 knots of breeze! Check out this video of intrepid sailors from the Royal Jamaica Yacht Club in Kingston Harbour on 'Geronimo' for a taste of sailing at its finest. It pretty much sums up the thrills, spills and sheer joy of J22 sailing in Jamaica. Sit yourself down with a Red Stripe, hang on to your hat, and click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Thc4S-pR5XI> Provided by Richard Hamilton. Thanks Richard.

PS. If you're interested in becoming a J22 sailing addict, check out the racing schedule on the MBYC link and just show up early on a Sunday race day. Someone will find a seat for you. And there's Red Stripe afterwards.

MBYC J/22 Racing

Start Committee Urgently Needed

A reliable start committee is critical in helping the racing sailors find their way on the race course. Our J/22 sailors are looking to enlist a start committee roster of 8 to 10 volunteers. The committee members will take turns helping the sailors to determine the course and racing starts for the rest of the sailing calendar year. It's a fun time and a great way to get involved in the sailing community. Lyn Langford will provide a training session for volunteers. If you're interested, please contact Lyn at 322-3601. To see the sailing schedule for the balance of 2014 go to this site: <http://www.mobayyachtclub.com/Home/j22-results-2014>

Pineapple Cup – February 6th, 2015

The official Notice of Race for next year's Pineapple Cup has now been posted. For details, go to the Montego Bay Race website: <http://www.montegobayrace.com/>

Evelyn Harrington is once again the Race Coordinator and Frank May is the Co-Chair of the Race, with Ken Batzer in Miami. We'll keep you updated on developments in upcoming issues.

Blue Planet Odyssey



Photo from the Blue Planet Odyssey website

The Blue Planet Odyssey is a round-the-world sailing rally, aimed at raising awareness of the global effects of climate change and the most urgent issues facing our ocean. This important sailing event was organized by Jimmy Cornell, an accomplished sailor, writer, journalist and event planner who is also concerned about climate change and its effect. Here's what he has to say.

"On a personal level, the start of the Blue Planet Odyssey will mark 40 years of my cruising life. My first Aventura was launched in London in July 1974 and the Blue Planet Odyssey will start from London in July 2014. During these four eventful decades I have not only realised my childhood dream of sailing the oceans, but have also managed to combine it with my professional life, as a journalist, writer and event organiser. I have sailed to some of the remotest parts of the globe and have been privileged to encounter some of the most isolated communities. Therefore I have decided that for me the Blue Planet Odyssey will be payback time. I want to show my gratitude to those people all over the world who have welcomed me, as well as countless other sailors, with warmth, friendship and generosity. As this Odyssey calls at places where people's lives are already affected by climate change, we want them to know that cruising sailors care for them and empathise with their concerns."

Read more about this amazing rally on their website: <http://cornellsailing.com/sail-the-odyssey/blue-planet-odyssey/>

Planning is underway to host some of the participants of the Miami to Jamaica leg of the rally at our own Montego Bay Yacht Club in early January of 2015. The Event Director of this organization, John Ellis, recalls

the warm welcome they received at the club when they visited on their Expo '98 rally and he wanted to return and enjoy our famous hospitality once again.

The current ETA is January 12th with a fleet of 10 to 12 boats ranging from 40' to 60' expected, so our club staff will be working hard to make this event a success. The BPO organization is supported by UNESCO (United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization) and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Some of the yachts are taking part in a number of scientific and research projects. What a great opportunity for us here in Jamaica to meet these adventurous people and learn about their voyage.

Thanks to Judith for being proactive in bringing the rally to our club. Stay tuned for further details. We'll provide updates in future newsletters.

Jamaica's Coral Reefs

Much is currently being written and discussed, both in science journals and in the media, about the degradation and destruction of not only Jamaica's coral reefs, but reefs around the world. Some of you may know Andrew Ross, PhD. Andrew is a scientist based in Montego Bay whose specialty is coral. I asked Andrew to write an article for the newsletter about coral reefs, why their health is important to all of us and what we can do to stop and reverse their degradation and destruction. I've organized the article in a question and answer format and hope you'll enjoy and learn as much from Andrews article as I did.

What is a coral reef and how is it formed?

A coral is a colony of very tiny animals called polyps. They look like stubby flowers; a short, tubular body capped with a ring of tentacles. Sea anemones are of the same group, as are jellyfish. Unlike anemones, the coral polyp produces its own internal skeleton of limestone. The colony grows by one polyp budding into two, then four, then sixteen etc, each producing its own skeleton.

Corals feed in two ways: i) they use their tentacles to capture tiny food items like zooplankton, organic bits, tiny shrimps and fish-eggs from the seawater, mainly at night, and ii) they hold and care for tiny single-celled algae within the coral tissues which, when provided safety and light through the coral's transparent tissues and fertilizers in the corals natural metabolic wastes, provide food-sugars to the coral polyp in a positive, symbiotic relationship.

As individual coral colonies grow and die and new ones grow on top of the dead skeletons, a (coral) reef grows up from the bottom towards the surface. This reef is habitat to the many, many, plant, bacteria, sponges, invertebrates and fish that together form an ecosystem that, in turn, cleans and feeds the coral polyps to keep them healthy and the reef growing. The coral reef is a complicated, tight knit, productive system of polyps, plants and animals all working together in balance.



Elkhorn Coral



Staghorn Coral at 10 days

Where are coral reefs found?

Corals may be found in most shallow, clean tropical seas where the water is neither too cold nor too hot. In the Caribbean, every island has some coral and coral reef. There are even very deep-water corals in the tropics as well as in colder seas that live on captured food only. These corals provide vital habitat to commercial fish and shellfish; however, they do not tend to grow into the tall reefs we find in shallow waters where the corals may be powered by the sun.

What benefits do coral reefs confer?

The corals and the coral reefs are integral to the health of viable fishing and food industries because they provide habitat and nourishment for fish, algae and other aquatic life. Their solid structure reduces wave energy, thereby protecting our shoreline beaches, roads and buildings. The reefs also provide us with recreation and beauty through protected bathing, snorkeling and water sports. Reefs, with their fantastic diversity of life, also provide chemicals, treatments, painkillers, proteins and medicines to treat ailments from sunburn to cancer.

What natural and human activities are or have been taking place over time that are degrading/destroying our reefs and what are the impacts of those changes on our industries and environment.

Corals have been in decline over the last 30 years all over the world and particularly in the Caribbean.

Following are some factors that are breaking down the supporting coral ecosystem:

Overharvesting of the fish and shellfish that keep coral-predators in check and maintain balance;

Apparently new diseases in the corals, and in urchins other animals that contribute to the ecosystem;

Agriculture, drainage and sewage-based fertilization of boring sponges and algae on the reef which quickly overgrow or undermine the coral reef to out-compete and kill the corals;

Forest, land clearance and construction that allow sediments to wash from drains and rivers into the sea and smother the corals;

Untreated sewage – one of the primary coral diseases is a bacterium from the human gut.

More recently, increases in air and sea temperature coupled with increased atmospheric Carbon dioxide (CO₂) have caused seasonal temperature stress to corals. Excessively warm water causes them to expel their

symbiotic algae and the coral loses its colour (provided by the algae). We then see through the transparent coral tissue to the bright-white skeleton below in a process called coral bleaching. When the bleached-state persists beyond a few weeks, the corals starve to death, and often on very large scales. This process has been happening more and more often in recent years and is exacerbated by increases in hurricane strength and frequency, also related to warming seas. Finally, increased CO₂ in the atmosphere drives down the pH of water, increasing its acidity. Limestone, as reef or as shell, reacts with acids and breaks down. This is expected to further degrade the ecosystem and reefs with further increases in atmospheric CO₂.

Corals of a healthy ecosystem, with healthy fish life and clean water, are less susceptible to bleaching and in particular death from bleaching. They heal and regenerate more readily after storms and physical damage and spawn with more vigor to repopulate damaged and degraded areas downstream. Furthermore, healthy corals are more able to protect shorelines and develop a more productive food web to provide incomes not only to recreational tourism, but also to empowered fishermen supporting properly regulated fisheries; catches of better tasting species are greater and each fish is bigger, thus more valuable per-kilogram.

What can be done to stop and reverse the destruction of the reefs?

Our first step in reversing this downward trend is to decide that we want living coral and the various services and products that they provide. We must then invest in coral and coral reefs through both strong fisheries management and our own personal choices at the market or at the holiday booking-agent to support the eco-efforts of resorts and nations. Go snorkeling and SCUBA diving and complain if you don't think the coral and ecosystem is up to scratch, not just to the guide or boat-captain, but to the hotel manager and beyond: Trip-Advisor™ can be a surprisingly powerful environmental tool. Furthermore and further afield, we must think about our use of energy, including the energy related to the things we use, buy and support. Even if we live far from a coral reef, our choices have an impact, either negative or positive.

Tell us about your work and experience in this fascinating and important field of study.

*I am a coral scientist based in Montego Bay, Jamaica. I have worked on the Great Barrier Reef and in the Pacific and have seen what a coral reef should look like, including the enormous economic values that a healthy reef may provide. My research is in the growth and propagation of staghorn corals in mid-water coral nurseries, then the planting of these cultured corals to the seafloor in reef and ecosystem restoration. In 2008 I started Seascape Caribbean, the first private firm to provide active coral and coastal ecosystem restoration to private clients, primarily tourism. With business development coaching as part of the inaugural cohort of the **Branson Centre for Entrepreneurship, Caribbean**, we are currently running two projects on Jamaica, one in partnership with the Oracabessa Bay Fish Sanctuary at the Goldeneye Resort in St. Mary, Jamaica, where we've grown and planted more than 3400 corals from a preliminary harvest of just two in 2009, and an experimental artificial reef for Sandals Resorts International in Negril, Jamaica, exploring the specific type of wave attenuating turbulence that the pre-1980 coral reef would have generated to accrete sandy beach. That project has shallowed the bathing area by 20cm and bolstered the beach through accumulation of sand and live seagrasses, as well as facilitating a functional near-shore ecosystem of conch, clams, abundant fish and various rays, all in less than one year. We help the fishing community and support academic projects from St. Lucia to Jamaica to Jordan, from the Maldives and The Marshal Islands to Belize.*

Be sure to visit Andrew's 'Seascape Caribbean' website for more great information about coral and his company's work in this area. <http://www.seascapecarib.com/>.

You can also view some great photos that he's taken over the years at these sites:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/25823463@N07/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Seascape-Caribbean/346524898685>

August Quiz

Our faithful readers of the Quiz section will be excited to hear that we have decided to offer an incentive prize to the first correct responder of each monthly Quiz. In order to claim the prize, the winner must be a fully paid up member of the club. The prize is a glass of house wine or beer from the MBYC bar, courtesy of Judith and I..

Last month's quiz question and photo, submitted by Judith Dear, generated a veritable avalanche of responses – four – and all of them correct! The correct answer is 'the Pitons, in St. Lucia'. The first correct answer was submitted by David Roper. Congratulations David, you'll receive the first incentive prize. In second place was Carolyn Barrett, and in third place was Charmaine Byrne. There was also a fourth correct response but I don't know the sender's name. Thanks to all of you for taking the time to answer.

Piggy backing on the success of last month's question, I asked Judith to contribute another photo. What is the name of this facility and where is it located? Responses to carolesmall@shaw.ca



Message from the Editor

Carole Small

carolesmall@shaw.ca

Although not physically present in Montego Bay these days, I am kept well abreast by our diligent Club Manager and intrepid reporter, Judith Dear, of all goings on at the Club. I am so impressed with all the news I get from her about improvements to the club grounds and structures, and from others who are involved in sailing activities and programs. The extent to which these members are involved in supporting projects and activities, whether through direct donations of time, labour, money or materials to management and executive committee work, special projects and odd jobs, is as remarkable as it is important. They exemplify

the member involvement that is really at the heart of what a club (especially one that is not awash in cash) is all about.

Thank you for all your time, efforts and contributions. They are very much appreciated by all of us.

Sailing Quote

"Never in my life before have I experienced such beauty, and fear at the same time"

Llen MacArthur, Sailor