



# Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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### COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Nigel Knowles**

I am very excited for what 2016 has in store for Montego Bay Yacht Club and its members.

The committee and I have been working assiduously to continue the improvements and enhancements to the club, dock and facilities. Our hope is that the improvements will continue at a faster pace this year, but everything depends on our revenue streams, timing, and work scheduling. We also plan to organize more social and member activities so we can all come together and enjoy our club and its facilities to the fullest.

We already have dates pencilled in for 2016 around J22 sailing, youth Pico sailing and camps, and our next fishing tournament. Work continues in the organizing of the 2017 Pineapple Cup race.

Tony Hart has very generously and kindly donated his J22, "Awesome". This donation will help us to realize our sailing goals of furthering the skill development and love of sailing for our younger club members. Thank you Tony.

It was great to see so many people at the Christmas members' lunch. Thanks to all of you who attended. We really want to have more opportunities to repeat this kind and size of gathering in 2016.

I wish one and all the very best in 2016. May you and your families prosper and be well.



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### MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



**Taddy Tavares, Club Manager**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

There was much activity following the successful staging of the Jamin Series in the beginning of December and the Club was host to many functions and wedding receptions leading up to the festive season. A wide variety of local companies, churches, schools and charity organizations hosted their staff functions with appreciation parties and general end of year celebrations.

Perhaps one of the most memorable occasions was the Members' Christmas Lunch staged on December 20<sup>th</sup>. While interest initially seemed lukewarm, plans rapidly increased to a fever pitch when it was confirmed that Santa Claus would be visiting on that day. Featured also were stalls operated by Amuse/Gallery of West Indian Art with their variety of clothing and unusual jewelry, Marjorie McDonald's homemade jams & preserves, Norma (Stanley's) famous plum puddings plus more Jewelry by Monique. Kathy Dear featured her sweet potato hummus, garlic herb hummus and homemade chocolate fudge, while Sharon Feanny displayed her health snacks. The Seahorse Grill catered a sumptuous buffet enjoyed by over 150 patrons who came to feast on the terrace under tents, after which Santa arrived by boat bearing gifts for all the children who came to welcome him. The Gazebo was the hot spot for the unwrapping of presents and children and adults alike thoroughly enjoyed the humorous festivities. A little 4 year old boy quite bluntly told Santa..."I really don't like you!!" Nick and Tom Byrne were not to be left out, even at their adult stage, by getting to sit on Mrs. Claus' lap to receive their gifts as well. A warm thank you to our very special guest, Joe McDonald, guest of Jo Meany. Joe travelled all the way from the frozen north of Canada to join us at the luncheon. But I can't help thinking that Joe reminds me of someone I know; I just can't think who it is.....

**Please click on the following link for lots of photos, generously shared by our member Lisa Lake. There are some great shots of the kids getting their gifts from Santa. Many thanks Lisa.**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wj4piyprkrodqni/AACVmDn5v82NvJAxCd3wgSmta?dl=0>



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**Please also go to the end of the newsletter to see more photos of this well attended and much enjoyed event.**

And so, after a very active and fun-filled Xmas & New Year, focus again returns to the completion and spearheading of various projects to upgrade the Club. Thankfully the contractors spread marl on the roadway before Christmas. This was an enormous and most welcome help in reducing the potholes, mud and dust. The work on the sidewalks and the roads is again moving at a rapid pace and we're sure it will be a relief to many once completed.

There is now an ice merchandiser located on the J22 dock and the Club sells 10lb bags of ice for \$300 per bag. For your convenience, ice can be purchased either through the Admin office or from the security on duty at the entrance after hours.

Palace Amusement has updated the price specials afforded MBYC members who frequent the Montego Bay Palace Multiplex. With MBYC picture ID cards, members can see current movies at special members' prices. Following is a summary effective January 7<sup>th</sup>, but a flyer with more details will be published shortly.

### Montego Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) Members

Multiplex \$850.00 per person for regular admission

\$1010.00 per person for box admission

**\$1100.00 per person for Sky box admission**

\$1200.00 per person for 3D admission

\$1410.00 per person for 3D box admission

**\$1500.00 per person for 3D Sky box admission**

**MBYC MEMBERS DISCOUNT IS VALID FOR BOTH SHOW TIMES. MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB DISCOUNT IS APPLICABLE AT PALACE MULTIPLEX**



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### Visitors



Towards the end of November, Doris and Bob Ferry of the Southwest Florida Yacht Club, on a cruise ship to Montego Bay, booked a snorkeling trip and requested a visit to the Club to have lunch and exchange club burgees. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the snorkeling trip had to be cancelled, but Bob & Doris took time for a brief visit to have refreshments before the burgee exchange.

### Condolences

We extend condolences to Jane Harper and her family on the passing of her mother, Helen Aitken, on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Aitken suffered a broken hip as a result of a fall and experienced subsequent complications. Funeral arrangements have been delayed to allow relatives from overseas to attend.

### 2016 MBYC J/22 Racing Schedule

J/22 Racing will now be held on alternate Saturdays commencing January 16th until July. See the complete 2016 racing race schedule here.



MBYC 2016 J-22  
Racing Schedule.pdf

### Members' Profiles and the Proust Questionnaire (PQ)

Carole Small, Newsletter Editor and Publisher

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As your newsletter editor and publisher for the past 5 years, I've recently given some thought to including a regular monthly feature article that will offer club members an opportunity to get to know a bit more about their fellow members. While I have done interviews in the past of club staff and visitors, it occurred to me that members might also be interested in learning something about the folks they see regularly in and around the club.



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One of my ideas comes from a Canadian radio show that I often listen to. The show is called 'The Next Chapter'. The interviewer talks to authors about their books. However, at the end of each show they do what is called 'The Proust Questionnaire' where an author who is not on the program that week is asked a series of questions that relate more to their personality rather than the usual stuff – i.e., where were you born, where do you work, etc.

Here's a link to the Wikipedia background and explanation of 'Proust Questionnaire'. It gives you an idea as to the kind of questions that people are asked. It's an unusual, but very intriguing format.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proust\\_Questionnaire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proust_Questionnaire)

This month I'm testing the concept on myself – it only seems fair. I've done a brief backgrounder and then posed 5 PQ questions. Please let me know what you think (i.e. good idea or not). If there's an appetite for it, my plan then is to ask members to contact me (or I might contact them) if they're interested in participating and having me do an article on them, in this format, in a future issue. The beauty of it is that you can do it all by email, if you want.

OK, here goes...

### Member Profile and the PQ – Carole Small



I'm a retired Canadian living in Jamaica for about 5 months of each year. My lovely husband (Jim Wilson) and I live in a Seawinds apartment conveniently located next door to the club. I was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba (brrrrr) but escaped to Victoria, British Columbia in 1991. I have one daughter who has a theatre company (Atomic Vaudeville) in Victoria. In my pre-retirement life I was a teacher, a paralegal for the Department of Justice and a private sector law firm, a writer for the government and an operations manager for both government and the private sector. Now I enjoy travelling, painting, and life in general. I'm very physically active and swim every day (in Jamaica), and do the long walk up Freeport Road three times a week. You might even have seen me sprawled on the road and bleeding after one of my annual trip and falls, or even cycling to down downtown!



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### The PQ

1. What do you most value in a friend?

I value a great sense of humour (especially about him or herself), honesty and kindness. Really, it's the way I aspire to be.

2. What would you change about yourself if you could?

I'd like to be more confident about myself, and more relaxed about just about everything. I worry WAY too much, but then things usually work out in spite of all my worrying. I also wish that I had known my brothers and sister better when we were young. We were all born 4 years apart and by the time my parents got to the fourth (my one and only sister), I was off on another planet. Still, we're much closer now. I'm also a bit of a control freak. But I'm not sure if that's actually changeable.

3. What is your favorite food and drink?

I love a very fat Alberta beef prime rib steak done medium rare, or a filet of Atlantic salmon (also fat, and very tasty), along with a very full-bodied red wine. Roasted potatoes and arugula salad on the side, complete with feta cheese, pear/avocado, plummie tomatoes with an olive oil and balsamic dressing. And roasted beets!

4. Who are your heroes in real life?

Capable people who actually get things done, with dignity, humour and compassion, often under difficult circumstances. For instance, Brenton, our local driver and jack of all trades, has been a godsend to me (and loads of other people) on many occasions. And Mr. White on our gate who can point you in whatever direction you need to go to find anything or anyone. And our helper, Marlene, who has such a big personality that I feel lucky sometimes to be in her care. Or it could be the guy on the road who stops and helps me with a break down car or bicycle. In Jamaica and in Canada it's those people who spend at least some of their time giving others a leg up. I'm also really hoping that our new Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, will fit the bill.

5. What is your favorite motto?

'No good deed goes unpunished.'



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### December Quiz Question

The December 2015 quiz question was: **What is the name of Jamaica's current Poet Laureate and what distinguishes him from his predecessors?** The correct response is Mervyn Morris. Born in Kingston in 1937, Professor Morris is the third Poet Laureate to be appointed in Jamaica, the others being **Tom Redcam**, who was appointed posthumously in 1933, and **John Ebenezer Clare McFarlane** (in 1953).

The January quiz question is: **What is the name of Jamaica's Prime Minister's constituency, and what are her constituents begging her to do?** Responses to: [carolesmall@shaw.ca](mailto:carolesmall@shaw.ca)

### January Quote

*"When I was younger I made it a rule never to take strong drink before lunch. It is now my rule never to do so before breakfast."*

Winston Churchill

### Christmas Luncheon Photos

Submitted by Carole Small





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