



Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

January 2015

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Nigel Knowles

New Year 2015

The Committee, my family, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes for the New Year to all our members, our staff and all your families. May you enjoy good health, happiness, and prosperity in the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you all at the Club and on the water in 2015.

Our Newest Member Celebrates a Birthday at MBYC



December 2014 saw our club visited by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Portia Simpson-Miller, who came to celebrate her birthday with a large crowd of around 200 friends and supporters. Our Prime Minister was most charming and gracious throughout her visit at the club and made time to meet many of our staff and club officers. The Committee offered Mrs. Simpson-Miller some Club merchandise as a birthday gift, along with a 6 month individual membership. She was overjoyed with her gifts and actually did a little happy dance when I handed over her new membership card!

Other Ministers of our Government, MP's, Senator, and Mayors were also in attendance, including Ministers Robert Pickersgill, Wykeham McNeill, Richard Azan, Noel Arscott, Andre Hylton, Dr Donald (DK) Duncan and Glendon Harris, to name but a few. Everybody looked to be having a very enjoyable time at this large function.

The Prime Minister said she had a wonderful time and hoped to return to enjoy her member benefits soon.



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Santa Visits MBYC

On the 21st December, during the Members Christmas Lunch, the club was delighted to have another very special guest visit. This time it was Santa Claus himself! The children who had come to the club for lunch with their parents were thrilled to see him arrive on the club boat with a sack full of gifts for each child there. How he knew which children would be there on that particular day is a mystery to us all, but the children were all very pleased and excited that they were there to see him. Luckily, nearly all of those youngsters were on his “good” list too (Santa would not reveal the names of the naughty ones when asked).



The turnout for the lunch was large and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Sea Horse Grill laid on a very fine buffet indeed. The drinks flowed freely that afternoon too, which helped to establish a real party atmosphere amongst the large number of members and guests present.

Club Refurbishment

As you must have noticed we are undertaking a much needed refurbishment of the Clubhouse interior; new upholstery, painting, repairs etc. This has also involved roof and structural repairs to ensure the work we are doing is long lasting. So far, the bar, the hall towards the rest rooms, and furniture makeovers have been completed. In January we move to phase two and undertake the refurbishment of the main lobby to make this fresh and attractive as well.

All this work is much needed and is being carried out whilst scheduling the dock upgrades we plan to commence soon. We hope our members value and enjoy the improvements.

Thanks should go to many people who have invested and volunteered their time and skills in making this project happen. Our committee, with help from Sea Horse Grill, has been the driving force behind this initiative. Please enjoy the improvements and the investment in our Clubhouse.



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Judith Dear Resignation

On a less cheerful note, our valued Club Manager, Judith Dear, has decided that the time to pass the reins to someone else has arrived. Judith will be stepping down from her post later this month. Judith has worked hard over the past couple of years to aid the three separate Commodores and Committees in their work, as well as establishing systems and a true team spirit amongst our staff. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Judith well and allowing her to enjoy time at the club without the stresses of having the day-to-day running of it to distract her. The Committee are now looking for a new Club Manager and will inform the members of our progress on this front.

MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT

Judith Dear, Club Manager

MBYC Venue Booking

The Prime Minister, The Hon. Mrs. Portia Simpson-Miller celebrated her birthday at the MBYC. Even though it rained, the Hon. Prime Minister and guests complimented the club on the execution of the venue arrangements. The Seahorse Grill, as usual, excelled in their presentation of a wonderful buffet for our guests. The management of the club wishes to thank the MBYC and the Seahorse staff members for the level of service which was accorded for this event.

The club staff was diligent in ensuring the dock was barricaded to stop any intruders from entering that area.

MBYC Members Christmas Luncheon

The Annual Christmas Luncheon was a delightful affair with our club members enjoying the day with their families and friends. Then of course Santa arrived on the Club boat and both the children and parents were enthralled with him. Thank you Santa, see you next year!!!!





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MBYC Tennis Court

The second phase of the tennis court project will commence in early January 2015. The Tennis Court Committee will be organizing an in-house raffle to garner funds for the completion of the court.

Congratulations to Karan Chatani and Nikolai Azan who won prizes at the tennis tournament which was held at the Aqua Sol Tennis Complex. The club had seven entries in the tournament.



Nikolai Azan



Karan Chatani

MBYC- Administrative Assistant

Davia Powell has resigned her position at the Montego Bay Yacht Club. We wish her well in her new job and are assured she will be successful in her new venture.

Zeirain Shaw is the club's new Administrative Assistant. Zeirain brings to the club a work experience in the areas of customer service, shop supervision and tourism. She has been trained for the Administrative Assistant position with an emphasis on the collection of accounts receivable and will report directly to Heather Vernon, MBYC Accounts Assistant. Please join me in welcoming Zeirain to the MBYC family.

MBYC – Exhibitions

The club is endeavoring to promote the lobby for exhibitions on Friday evenings. It has been our pleasure to have hosted The CUMI Artists, Summer Eldemire, Edward Downer and Ky-Ann Walker, all of whom mounted exhibitions last year. They all expressed their appreciation of the venue. We also provided space for the ladies at our Christmas Luncheon who were selling their wonderful goodies. In February, there will be a jewelry exhibition in time for Valentine's Day. If you know of artists/persons who you think might like to use our venue, please ask them to be in contact with the MBYC.



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Sunset Beach Hotel

Unfortunately the beautiful trees on the Hotel's verge had to be removed for security reasons. We had contacted the General Manager and he assured us that the hotel would be undertaking landscaping work in short order to enhance the aesthetics of our community. This project should have commenced already. The club has written again to the GM for an update.

Sandals at the MBYC



It was beautiful New Year's afternoon at the Club and what made it even nicer was that we were honored to have been chosen to entertain an elite group of special guests from Sandals.

Many persons in this group have been visiting the Sandals properties for over twenty five years. They knew just about everything about Jamaica, but it was their first time at our yacht club. They were absolutely impressed with the ambiance and were so excited to have visited with us. Kwashie Gbedemah, Sandals Operation Manager, told them that they were just going for a boat ride but they were so thrilled to have had the opportunity to visit the Montego Bay Yacht Club. We certainly look forward to many more such visits from Sandals.

MBYC Club Manager

On behalf of the MBYC staff members, I would like to wish our valued members and friends a Prosperous and Happy 2015 New Year.

It is with regret that I am resigning from the position of MBYC club manager effective 23 January 2015. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those club and staff members who have made my two year tenure at the club enjoyable and worthwhile. I depended so much on the advice of so many persons and I truly thank them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Montego Bay Yacht Club every success in its future endeavors.



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Condolences

Mrs. Margo McPherson, wife of Ripton McPherson (former Speaker of the House of Representatives) passed in December 2014. Margo was a very quiet person, but she loved entertaining her family and friends. Both were members of the Montego Bay Yacht Club and we certainly missed her presence at the Christmas Luncheon this year. The MBYC club and staff members wish to express their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

YOUTH SAILING

Zoe Knowles, RYA Sailing Instructor
MBYC Youth Commodore

Christmas Youth Sailing Camp

During this special season for family, we managed to reunite our youth sailing 'family' with an exceptionally exciting Christmas camp. The camp consisted for a total of 5 days from December 18th to 20th and then the 22nd to 23rd, with a break for the Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 21st. This camp was once again a great success for the 20 Youth Sailors, the Club, and myself.



Along with the triumphant return of my assistants, Jacob Moyston and Lily and Grace Farquharson from foreign, we had a lot of familiar faces drastically improving their sailing and developing new skills whilst on the water and on land. Plus, I believe it is safe to say that all the kids had a blast and are excited for the next series!

Big-ups to all my youth sailors, assistants, and Dock-Master Dawson! Y'all are RAD! Shout out to Tanique Ventura, Julie Knowles, Heather Vernon and Zeirain Shaw for organizing the camp.

Please like the MBYC Youth Sailing Facebook page for more

pictures and videos!

<https://www.facebook.com/MBYCYouthSailing>



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Christmas Youth Sailing Camp Photos



BLUE PLANET ODYSSEY

In August 2014 we ran an article on the Blue Planet Odyssey. They're expecting 7 boats to take the start on January 10th from Key West, Fla, with an ETA at Montego Bay around 14/15 January. Keep a lookout for the BPO boats and sailors on the dock and at the Club, and extend a warm Jamaican welcome.

Here's an excerpt from the Blue Planet Log:

"On 8 January [Atlantic Odyssey II](#) will leave from the lush island of La Palma in the Canary Islands bound for Martinique. Only two days later, on 10 January, [Blue Planet Odyssey](#) yachts will depart Key West bound for Jamaica, the San Blas and the Panama Canal. Here they will join up with the remainder of the fleet, which leaves from Martinique on 18 January. Yachts from the Pacific Odyssey will also be part of the fleet, as far as the Marquesas."

Here's the BPO website link if you'd like to follow them in their journeys:
<http://cornellsailing.com/sail-the-odyssey/blue-planet-odyssey/>

And here is a list of boats on this leg of the trip.



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Boat name	Boat type	LOA
Chapter Two	Lagoon 45	45'10"
Gusto	Custom Chuck Paine 44	44
Imagine	Beneteau First 47	48
Joyful	Wauquiez	41'8"
No Regrets	Atlantic 42	42
Ransom	Hinckley 49	49.5
Tahawus	Amel 54	54

2014 JAMIN JAMAICA J/22 INVITATIONAL REGATTA



**Jamin Regatta Overall Winning Boat Crew
Stuart Johnstone (US), Julia Langford (US) and Mike Morse (JA) sailed on Defender**

This year's Jamin Regatta was a riotous success with competitive, skilled visiting crews from Canada, Cayman, Kingston and the US giving the MBYC sailors a run for their money.



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Jamin 2014 Overall Results

2014 JAM-IN

		RACE				#OF PTS	PLACE
		1	2	3	4		
DEFENDER	USA					9	1
RENEGADE	-MBJA					23	2
ZIPPER	-CAY					24	3
AWESOME	-CAY					26	4
GERONIMO	-KNG					27	5
TSUNAMI	-KNG					39	6
NINJA	-MBJ					49	7
CALYPSO	-CA					59	8
AYAHSO	-CAY					62	9

Following is an excerpt from a brilliant recap of the 3 day Jamin event written by Jamin winner, Stuart Johnstone, and reproduced here with his permission. The entire article can be found in the online **J Boats News** at this link:

<http://us1.campaign-rchive1.com/?u=1efe1999a3cf99000c29f8528&id=40ffe15d22&e=8237b8b5b7>

Could This Be Love? Grow Sailing Jamaica Style!

The Silver Anniversary J/22 Jamin' Jamaica

(Montego Bay, Jamaica)- You bet mon! Since 1983, J/22s have been part of the sailing landscape in Jamaica; a beautiful, rugged, jungle festooned island in the middle of the Caribbean, renowned for "Bob Marley and the Wailers" and their unique form of reggae music. While Marley and friends like Peter Tosh continued to attract a worldwide audience for their metaphorical "chill", relaxing rhythms and stories of life in 'da hood in Jamaica, the J/22 also expanded as a fleet at Montego Bay Yacht Club.

Not soon after the arrival of the first J/22s, many local sailors fell in love with their little boats and continued to champion their use to the local school kids and local population, encouraging one and all to enjoy sailing off the spectacular coastline along the north shore of the island. For over a quarter century, the "Jamaica, No Problem Mon" family of J/22 sailors have hosted their Jamin' Jamaica Invitational since 1989, a wildly popular event for those "in the know".



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The format was simple. The local fleet of around a dozen boats would have their Jamaican J/22 Nationals 2-3 weeks prior to the Jamin' Regatta, with the top two teams from each fleet "qualifying" to sail their own boats in the Jamin' event to represent the homeland of Jamaica (MoBay and Kingston). The rest of the boats would be offered to "international" teams from around the Americas, Europe and South Africa— just about anywhere there were J/22 teams. Boats would be "drawn" out of a hat and teams of 3-4 crews could show up, use their own sails if they wished, and even enjoy local host accommodations in some of the coolest places you could ever dream about.



In the early days, the first long-time J/22 Class President, Galen Freeman from Tennessee, sailed in that first event and fell in love with the club, the parties, the sailing and, most of all, the people. It's not hard to imagine why anyone wouldn't want to go. To say that the membership of Montego Bay YC throws down the red carpet for visiting crews and welcomes everyone in one big warm hug as "family mon!" is a bit of an understatement. After four days or more of sailing and experiencing the island, you'd swear you just picked up several new "brothers & sisters" along the way.

No question, the Jamaica J/22 sailors love to have fun and love sharing it even more with their friends. A highlight of the regatta is the Saturday evening "Jamaica Stylee" Party hosted by the most amazingly sweet couple, Bryan and Lyn Langford. Dressed in 70s "stylee style", the sailors enjoy what has to be one of the nicest potluck dinner parties you'd ever attend. With a superb "DJ playlist" of awesome reggae tunes, the sailors often leave with bellies full of the best "jerk chicken", "pepper fish (snapper)", "pepper shrimp" and other local delicacies while being plied with gallons of the favorite local rum--- Appleton's! Many happy faces (sometimes goofy) are seen leaving in the wee hours of the morning. That Sunday's racing ever gets going by 11am in the morning for the last three races is often a miracle."

You can check out an amazing video of the race events filmed by Kingston crew member Steven Cooke from RJYC: <http://youtu.be/2005cNigUC4>

And more on our club webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/mobayyachtclub.com/home/Home/j22-results-2014?pli=1>



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Jamin 2015 Photos (courtesy of Nigel Lord, Photographer)





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Happy New Year from Those Crazy Canucks

The intrepid **Jamin** sailing crew from Canada sails year round. Here they are in their 'snowsuits' heading out for a sail at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Club in Canada on New Year's day. Brrrrrrr!



"Happy New Year greetings from 44.6478° N, 63.5714° W (aka 44 North . . . Jeff we had to get a substitute for you today!!!) I bet we are the only Jamin'ers to put on the snow suits and hit the water today! Blessings for 2015!"

PINEAPPLE CUP – FEBRUARY 6TH, 2015



February 2013 Pineapple Cup – Boats on the MBYC Dock



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MoBay Rolls Out Hospitality for the Pineapple Cup

The excitement is mounting and planning is well underway for the upcoming 32nd biennial Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race. The Pineapple Cup-Montego Bay Race has a special place in the hearts of sailors, both for the unique challenges of the course and for the warm Jamaica hospitality waiting at the finish. There is a local host for every boat, somebody to be a familiar face in a strange place, a person the crew can call on if they need help or advice.

The Yacht Club will host a series of parties and special events, all featuring music and good food. Anyone interested in sailing – or just in having a good time – is welcome to attend. The fun will begin on Tuesday, February 10th, with an Early Bird party at the Club for the first arrivals, race fans and their friends. Wednesday is theme party night, also at the Club – ‘White with a splash of Jello Shot’, and Thursday will be ‘Host Night’ where host families can plan something with their adopted boat.

Friday’s Awards Night is regularly attended by Jamaican Government ministers and officials, an ambassador or two, and ocean racers from around the world. Tickets are required and reservations strongly recommended. For both, call The Montego Bay Race Center at 979-8038.

“Jamaican hospitality is what sets Pineapple Cup apart from most other great yacht races”, says Race Coordinator Evelyn Harrington. “Now that we are part of something bigger – the Atlantic Ocean Racing Series – we have a great chance to showcase that hospitality on the world stage.”

It’s worth noting that Pineapple Cup hospitality brings a lot of money into Montego Bay. When all the boats have finished, a total value of about J\$1.7 billion will be docked or moored at the Yacht Club. The owners, the crews, their families and their friends will all spend at least part of Race Week in Montego Bay, together with other visitors who make a point of coming to Jamaica during the race. While they are here, they will spend an estimated J\$4.5 to \$7 million on accommodation, food and drink, local services, fuel and re-provisioning for the boats. Not a bad week’s work!

Below is a list of the thirteen boats that are already signed up for the race. **‘Sunset Child’** will be of special interest to our club members. The crew of seven will include four sailors from MBYC – **Richard Hamilton, Nigel Knowles, Peter Harper** and **Jim Wilson**. Let’s wish them luck and swift sailing!



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<u>Sail Number</u>	<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Home Port</u>	<u>Home Port</u>	<u>Yacht Type</u>	<u>Length</u>	
1.	USA 127	AMHAS	MacKenzie Davis	Mill Valley, CA, USA		Class 40	40
2.	USA 54	Dragon	Michael Hennessy	New York, NY, USA	Stonington Harbor Yacht Club	Class 40	40
3.	USA 37	First Light	FK Day	Chicago, IL, USA	Columbia Yacht Club	Class 40	40
4.	USA 52956	Hot Ticket	Jim Hightower	Temple, TX, USA	GBCA	King 40	40
5.	USA 1	Miss Maris	Mark Jordan	Mount Pleasant, SC, USA	Carolina Yacht Club	J 122	40
6.	USA 118	Oakcliff Racing Boat Dream	Oakcliff Sailing	Oyster Bay, NY, USA	Oakcliff Sailing	Class 40	40
7.	USA 39	Pleiad Racing	Edward Cesare	Norwalk, CT, USA	Storm Trysail/NYYC	Class 40	40
8.	USA 61125	Raisin' Cane!	Frank Atkinson	West Palm Beach, FL, USA	CGSC	J 125	41
9.	USA 39509	Senara	Eamonn deLisser/ Jim bill	Miami, FL, USA	CRYC	Farr 395	39.4
10.	USA 60272	Shockwave	George Sakellaris	Framingham, MA, USA	NYYC	Mini Maxi	72
11.	USA 28920	Sunset Child	Marcus Cholerton-Brown	New York, NY, USA	Performance Yacht Racing USA	J 120	40
12.	US 7145	Vortices	Chris Saxton	Plymouth, MI, USA	Bayview	J 145	48



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13. US Tampa Girl William Terry Tampa, FL, USA DIYC J120 40
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How to Become Involved with the Race

We are counting on you, our members and friends to help us with this event. We have several categories of event duties.

Home Hosting: Hospitality contact, personal local contact for each boat

Nerve Center: info & merchandise

Duty Officers: collect immigration documents and assist with Customs & Immigration process

Radio Officers: listen for boats to give 12 mile warning of approaching the finish line

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jo Meany, Evelyn Harrington, Julie Knowles or Heather at the club. heather@mobayyachtclub.com

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the notice board at the club.

For more race details, go to the Montego Bay Race website:

<http://www.montegobayrace.com/>.

JANUARY QUIZ

The correct answer to the December Quiz question was 'Lego'. And the winner is Jeff Brame. Apparently he and his lovely daughter, Lexi, play with 'Lego' all the time. It's one of her favorite pastimes. Congratulations Jeff!

January Quiz Question: In what year was Bob Marley's 'Uprising' LP released?

Responses to: carolesmall@shaw.ca.

'CROSSDOUBT'

No doubt you have seen these puzzles in the Gleaner. The idea is to make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given. One letter will be used in both words where they overlap. First correct solution (just

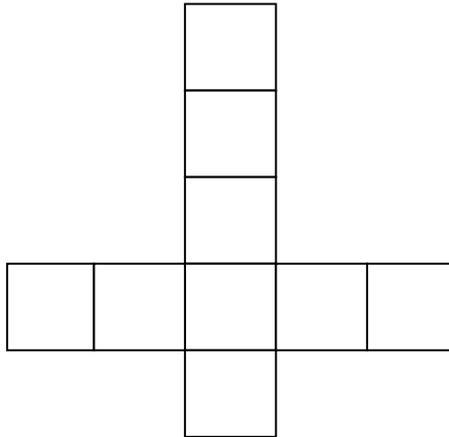


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send me the two words) to the puzzle will be mentioned in next month's newsletter and can submit their own puzzle for publication in that edition. Responses to carolesmall@shaw.ca

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SAILING QUOTE

"A boat is like a magic world, like a little island."

Renzo Piano