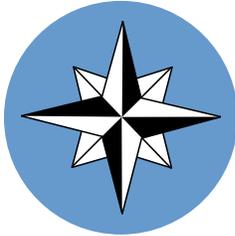


# MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...

### THE FIRST YACHT CLUB – May 12, 1938

Talk about excitement! With membership debentures, we owned a yacht club. Within a few months we had a burgee, cap badges and blazer patches. Also, M.B.Y.C. pins which were enamelled replicas of our club burgee. I wore mine for years; it gained me entry into some very (yes, there are some) snooty yacht clubs in Canada.

Our building was on Fort Street. It was the largest of three little wooden buildings. When the northers came, it was not much of an anchorage and we frequently scrambled to move the boats to Bogue. The plus side was that everyone from the east coming into or going from Montego Bay had to pass by the club's front door. It drew a lot of people ... even Prince Philip.

The building plan was very simple. From the door on the street, you entered to a small room where the telephone was located. There was a "feed-the-kitty" box un-



der it, and it was hoped you would put something in it if you were making a long-distance call. Believe it or not, most people did. Once in a while we actually made a profit.

The very small, but functional, wash rooms were next off the small hall that led from the "phone room," to the bar on the right and to the open verandah which ran the width of the building, facing the sea. To the left of this was a larger room which was used for dancing and committee meetings.

Needless to say, money was short, so furnishings and décor had to be creative. I am not sure, but I believe it was Freddy Mills (Anne's father) who said the magic word, "barrels." Ralston Grant, my uncle and then manager of the thriving Hamden Estates, donated them.

Some of these barrels were cut out to form chairs, and others were used as table bases. Hart & Son and Fletcher & Co. donated the paint ... blue and white like our burgee. It eventually gave the song "Roll out the Barrel" new meaning.

A three-sided concrete seawall was poured and a jetty was built. The enclosure made by the seawall was used for drying sails from the smaller boats, which took a while to do as the sails were honest-to-God canvas.

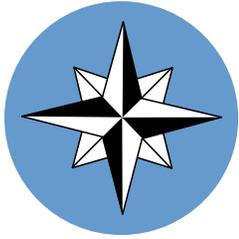
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## **50th Anniversary of the MBYC Fishing**

To All Interested Anglers 2011,

Due to overwhelming requests from prospective participants the Montego Bay Yacht Club Fishing Committee has met and decided to revert to the old dates, October 5 - 9, 2011, for our *50th Annual International Marlin Tournament*.

### **50th MBYC Fishing Tournament 2011**

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**October 5 - 9, 2011**

**Canoe Tournament - Wednesday, October 5**

**The "Big" Boat Tournament - Thurs Oct. 6, -  
Sat. Oct. 8**

**Prize Giving - Saturday, Oct. 8**

**Kids Tournament - Sunday, Oct. 9**

*Let us make the 50th Anniversary an event to re-  
member!*

**Great Fishing - Great Entertainment - Great Food**  
**10 % Discounted Entry Fee Prior to August 1, 2011**  
**(Fully Refundable)**

# ***NOTICES...***

## *RAMBLER NEWS....*

In 2011, RAMBLER won the Pinapple Cup Race from Ft. Lauderdale to Montego Bay. Since then RAMBLER has gone on to win many more transatlantic races. On behalf of the MBYC, we would like to wish them luck! For more information go to :

<http://www.transatlanticrace.org/>

## *J22 UPDATE...*

For J22 Race Updates go to

<https://sites.google.com/site/mobayj22/2011-race-reviews>

# **Falmouth Marlin Tournament 2011**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**October 12 - 14, 2011**

Captains Briefing - Caribatik - Wednesday, October 12

The Tournament: Thursday, October 13 + Friday, October 14

Prize Giving - Friday, October 14 - Caribatik

Contact: Alec Henderson (877-5979)      **...Let's Bring Falmouth back!**

## *HURRICANE SEASON...*

Please be reminded that the Hurricane Season starts June 1, 2011 and boat owners should take special care in securing their boats as the Yacht Club is not responsible for same.

Boat Owners should make an effort to update their records with the Club's office so as to effect ease in communication if needs be.

## **A WORD FROM OUR MANAGER...**

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

We are looking forward to a GREAT summer!!!! It's hot but we can still have a great time at MBYC.

### **Tennis Fun Day**

Our first "Tennis Fun Day" will be on August 12 and 13, 2011. It will be in two parts – the Children's game on Saturday August 12 and the Adult's game on Sunday August 13 which will be followed by presentation of trophies.

It promises to be loads of FUN!!!! So come out and support and cheer your favorites in this MBYC members only activity.

Cost for registration is \$1,500.00 per person

### **New Sign**

There have been a "Member's only" sign erected at the entrance of the Dock to restrict traffic from non-members.

### **Squash Court**

I am yet to receive volunteers for the Squash Court;

### **Vehicles**

All persons operating vehicles on the property are advised to exercise CAUTION and drive slowly as children are at play and we wish to avoid any accidents or fatalities. Therefore, we are urging you to please drive with care.

### **Acknowledgement**

I would like to thank the following persons for their contribution to the Club:-

Andrew McGlone – for taking those beautiful pictures of the MBYC staff

Josephine Meaney – for donation of camera

Dian Girvan - for the Type Writer and Camera

Gerald Giaria - donation of camera

### **Faces of MBYC**

I will be starting a new series for our monthly Newsletter called "Faces of MBYC" and therefore is requesting members to participate in this exciting series.

This will be in the form of an interview and picture taken of an individual or of a family.

I look forward to hearing from you!!!!



## ***A Trip Down Memory Lane Con't....***

At the verandah end of the larger room, we had a ping-pong table. Because of the many balls that flew out to the verandah – some going to sea and some hitting members in the head – a curtain was installed. This helped a little but created another problem. Often a member, well into his “Sundays”, would become entangled with the curtain. This often became loose and prevented the members from easy exit through our genuine western-style swinging doors to the street, and often preventing the club from recovering the curtain.

The ping-pong table was also used for the committee meetings. The committee at that time seemed to want “peace at any price.” There was a sign that read ‘NO DOGS”, which meant the four-legged type. I lived three houses away on the waterfront and I had a dog who loved to sail. On Sundays she would watch from our beach, and when she saw sails going up, she would swim to the start line and someone always gave her a berth.

Eventually she became regular crew on “Ranger”, and this then created another problem. “Ranger” at that time was the largest boat in the fleet and often took visitors out. It was customary after the sail for my Dad to buy the first round of drinks for guests and dog; the dog drank a “pony” whisky and water. The Black & White representative even presented her with an ashtray which made it easier for her to enjoy her tipple.

One day a guest offered to buy the second round, the waiter took the order but stood there for a long time. The guest said, “is there a problem?” and the waiter replied, “no sir, but I need to know if you’re ordering for Miss Puddles as well.” After that, the “peace-at-any-price” committee granted my dog honorary membership.

After the yacht club’s move to Freeport, it was decided to hire a manager. I believe that Herbie Round was the first, and then Ted Walker. Roy Reid became the head bartender, and after Uncle Ted resigned, he was made operations manager. He truly deserves the credit for holding the club together during its “hard times.”

Roy was behind the bar for all the Pineapple Cup Races until he became manager. He was so well thought of by visiting sailors that one started a “Roy Reid Fund.” The idea was that he was always there to greet them when the race ended and he should go to Miami to see them start. It worked. He went.

A trip down memory lane by Gene Drummond on Easter Sunday 2011.