



Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

June 2012

Montego Bay Yacht Club ... Sailing for 75 years

Text Excerpt from the Western Mirror article by Clinton Pickering dated May 26, 2012



“What better place for a yacht club to celebrate its 75th anniversary than by the seacoast with yachts dotting the shoreline and the lights of its home city dazzling in the azure watered with a mountainous backdrop?

That aptly describes the scene at Montego Freeport Saturday night when the Montego Bay Yacht Club celebrated its diamond jubilee with a ball that included a sumptuous dinner topped with HobNob red and white wines, witty seafaring speeches that climaxed with uninhibited, sweaty dancing to soca, disco and reggae music beyond the bewitching midnight hour.



Commodore Richard Hamilton and his mischievous cousin Andrew Ramos stood out fashion-wise, regally attired in Scottish kilts (which teasing friends kept referring to as ‘skirts’) while former Commodore Dr. Simon Clarke looked really ‘spiffy’ in his naval suit.



Those attending the milestone event journeyed from near and far – some sailing across the seas while others took to the skies or drove through winding roadways from Kingston and other Jamaican ports.

Chairman for the night, David Roper, got away with his sanitized sailor’s jokes, but he was outdone by Rear Commodore Lyn Langford who donned dark glasses while a group of young yachtsmen emerged from the shadows, also in shades, and stepping lively to the theme of ‘Mission Impossible’, brought her notes for the citations to awardees.

Founded with 22 members in 1937 by the late Walter Fletcher, who with his brother Leslie, operated Fletcher and Company - where the Montego Bay Crafts Market now sits - and who became Custos of St. James, the Montego Bay Yacht Club has served a pivotal role in enhancing the north coast resort city through its involvement in international sailing and fishing excursions.

Not surprising, members of the Fletcher family served as Commodores for 42 of those years and so far there has been 17 Commodores, among them only one female, Evelyn Harrington. While each Commodore has stamped his or her mark on the Yacht Club in one way or the other, the organization and its members owe much to the entrepreneurial spirit of Tony Hart, whose contribution includes a ‘marriage’ between the yacht club and Doctor’s Cave Bathing Club.

Some notable Montegonians were at the ball, among them St. James Custos, Ewen Corrodus and Mrs. Corrodus. The Custos lauded the part played by the yacht club in the development of Montego Bay. There were also some senior members, among them former Tourism Minister of State, Dr. H.A. ‘Marco’ Brown; retired publisher Emil Martin; businessman David Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher; Winston and Mrs. Dear, Robert and Mrs. Mallasch, retired pastor Rev. Tony Ottey and Mrs. Ottey, Mike Lyons and

Roy Reid who after 50 years of service, recently retired as an employee.”

To see the article in the Western Mirror, click on this link: [Western Mirror article here](#)

Thank you to Andrew McGlone for wonderful photos and videos of the Commodores' Ball.
Photo credits to Paul Blagrove / World Medi Photo.com
Thanks to DJ Murdock for the great music.

Jamaica J22 Clash 2 Report Montego Bay - May 26 and 27, 2012

History is Made!



For the first time in many, many years, 10 J22s graced the start lines of a great weekend of racing in the bay. Montego Bay was honoured by Kingstonsians who not only brought crews to race but boats to sail on too.

The race arena was from the end of the channel up to Gloucester Avenue and provided flat water screaming power legs to upwind shifts that had the whole fleet scratching their heads and saying “what the dickens!?” or certainly words to that effect. The timing was perfect to get 10 boats back.

The weekend of 10 came together with several events unwinding. The unofficial Jamaican J22 class is now official again, at least internationally. This weekend, the second in a six leg series throughout 2012 was the first one to be held in Montego Bay with its unmatched hospitality, clean waters and wonderful club house. And J22 “Nina” sailed her first race in 3 years following reconstruction work with three generations of Dears on board. Congratulations to all.

The six ‘clashes’ that alternate between Montego Bay and Kingston through the year 2012 are really the lead into the final and largest regatta for the overall National Jamaican J22 National Championship to be raced in November. The third and next race series is June 16 and 17 and as

Kingston boats remain we know that the race management will be just as good and the social calendar will be further inspired! Before the end of the year we will see a record 11 boats starting.

Happy Days!

Please go to the last page for race results.

Sailing Calendar for June and July <http://www.mobayyachtclub.com/>

June

Saturday, June 16th – MBYC RJYC Event 3 Montego Bay
Sunday, June 17th – MBYC RJYC Event 3 Montego Bay

July

Sunday, July 8th –MBYC J22 Now I am Feeling Ill Series Day 1 of 2
Saturday & Sunday, July 14th and 15th - J22 RJYC Event 4 at Kingston

A Word from Our Manager

Carline Porter

In a bowl to sea went wise men three,
On a brilliant night of June:
They carried a net, and their hearts were set
On fishing up the moon.”

Membership Renewal

Please be reminded that your annual membership renewals were due **June 1, 2012**. You can make payment via bank transfer, credit or debit card, cheque or cash. Please contact the office.

MBYC YUTES

The “MBCY YUTES” are continuing to organize games for the kids every other Friday evening, rather than every Friday evening. A contribution of J\$500.00 is required per child.

Kindly note that if you wish to order dinner for your child, you are responsible for purchasing it. Dinner can be ordered through the YUTES rep. Please give the YUTES your support and encouragement as they strive to enhance



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and uplift the young and the young at heart here at the club.

Contributions to our Newsletter

As part of the way forward to have our Members more involved in the Club, you are invited to submit a poem or an inspiring story to form part of the content of our Newsletter.

Tennis Fun Day in August

We had a great time last year and we are looking to having even more FUN this year with our “Tennis Fun Day”. This event will be in August and we are seeking organizational assistance. The day will be divided into two parts – the Children’s game on Saturday and the Adult’s game on Sunday followed by presentation of trophies.

It promises to be loads of FUN for the entire family. So please pledge your support by registering. Come out and cheer on your favorites in this MBYC members’ only activity.

Hurricane Season

With the start of the hurricane season approaching, I am asking all Boating members to ensure that we have updated contact information on record so we can contact you if necessary. Kindly contact the office to confirm your email address and phone numbers or to provide a contact number or email for a next of kin.

Membership Has Its Rewards

We invite and encourage all our visitors to become members of our lovely club. Recognized for its spectacular layout and view, Montego Bay Yacht Club has earned numerous accolades and a reputation as the finest Yacht Club in the region.

Through the privileges of membership you will be able to enjoy:

- 20% discount off food and beverage
- Comfortable lounges for your relaxation
- Wireless internet facilities
- Tennis court for day and night playing

- Badminton Court
- Preferential rates to keep yachts at the dock or on the hard standing
- Marine friendly unleaded gasoline at the fuel dock
- Newsletters and invitations to special events
- Children’s play areas (indoor and outdoor)
- Swimming pool and terrace
- Private meeting room
- Venue rental discounts for your functions or events

This Month’s Sailing Quote

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.”

William A. Ward