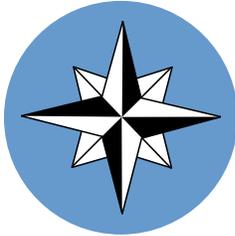


MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



PINEAPPLE CUP UPDATE...

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Special points of interest:

- Pineapple Cup Dinner and Awards (Friday Feb 11th)
- Valentine's Dinner (Feb 14th)

The Race starts on Saturday, February 5th, which is just around the corner. Everything is coming together now. We have 22 boats and still a few days left to register. We have many volunteers (thanks to all you super people) and need lots more. Please sign up this weekend so we know how hard to beat the bushes.

Lots of old friends are returning including our last race winner *Privateer* and long time race veterans, *Renegade* and *Sjambok*. The full Entry List is posted on the club notice board and on the web site www.montegobayrace.com. During the race, you can follow all the boats on the web site, and on the "big board" at the Club. Don't forget to cheer for our local entry, Andrew



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McGlone and Peter Harper and crew in *Hark*. They will be sending live reports during the race, and we will make them available as soon as possible.

The notice board also has a list of all the parties. There is one every night, all featuring live 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 8, with a Hot Wings and Red Stripe Special for the first arrivals, race

fans and their friends. Wednesday's Early Bird Cocktail Party will be sponsored by Appleton, and followed by a two-for-one lobster dinner special. Thursday will be Steak Night, featuring a local jazz band with a reggae flavor and super saxophonist Fitzroy Minott.

Friday's Awards Night will feature a steel band, and an "Oldies & Goodies" Specialist DJ for dancing after dinner. Tickets are required and reservations strongly recommended. For both, call MBYC Race Center at 979-8650 or 979-8038 Party can't done 'til it done!

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A Word from our Club Manager....

As we are preparing to host the PINEAPPLE CUP, I would like to take this opportunity to invite our members to assist in making this event a big success. There are specific areas that will require additional help to perform such as hosting the boats, assisting in the nerve center and duty officers. The list is posted on our NOTICE BOARD.

Tickets for the Friday Night Buffet on the 11th of February will be on sale only at the Nerve Center at the Club. Pre sold JA \$2500/US\$30

On the night JA\$2800/US\$35

January was a quiet month after a busy December but we continue to enjoy the Friday night buffet and of course our games night with kalooki & canasta. Why don't you join us?

We have installed a new solar water heater in response to complaints about the existing one not being able to supply the showers with adequate hot water.

There have been reports of unauthorized persons visiting the dock at nights either for fishing or visiting crew members. Such persons are disturbing our members who live on their boats and I have instructed the security to patrol the dock more often at nights to ensure that any visitors on the dock are accompanied by a member. It has been revealed that they are accessing the dock through Seawind on the Bay next door; I have subsequently spoken to the manager regarding this.

We regret the passing of our long standing member Ripton McPherson, who died on January 27, 2011 leaving his wife Margot and children. Ripton served on our Management Committee for years and we could always rely on him for any legal matter. He was also an avid sailor. Funeral service will be held on Saturday February 5th at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Montego Bay.

Pineapple Cup 2011 Update con't...

This year, Pineapple Cup becomes part of something bigger. It will be the first of seven high-profile races in the Atlantic Ocean Racing Series for 2011. These races include the RORC 600 (around the Caribbean, starting in Antigua), a transatlantic race and the legendary Rolex Fastnet Race. For more details, follow the link on the Club web site.

Yachts competing for the Atlantic Ocean Racing Trophy must finish at least three events including the Transatlantic Race. So far, three Pineapple Cup racers – *Bella PITA* and *Rambler 100* from the U.S. and *Beau Geste* from Hong Kong -- are among the 22 firm entries for the Transatlantic. These three plus four other Pineapple Cup entries will go from Montego Bay to Antigua to run the RORC Caribbean 600 later in February.

Our Uncle `Raph' is promoted to Lead Instructor at the Cayman Island Sailing Club.

The MBYC Youth Sailing Programme congratulates Raph on his promotion. Raph has run three of our past sailing camps. And we look forward his continued involvement in our programme. Please see Cayman Compass Article on his promotion below.

Harvey takes over the helm.

The Cayman Islands Sailing Club is preparing for 2011 by ramping up its staff in preparation for another busy sailing season.

Sadly for the club, Mike Weber, who spearheaded the growth of the youth sailing programme, has decided not to renew his contract and will be moving on to new opportunities.

Denis Murphy the vice commodore at the Sailing Club said: "Mike's enthusiasm and direction led to increased activity and use of the club, and over the last five years we have given thousands of children the experience of sailing in Cayman. Mike has been instrumental in building the youth programme and we would like to thank him for all his efforts." Raph Harvey, who has been coaching at the club for almost two years, has accepted a promotion to the position of lead instructor and he, together with two new coaches will continue to provide a top class youth sailing pro-



gramme in 2011.

Murphy said: "We would like to welcome Raph into his new role at the club. Raph has shown outstanding dedication to the club since he started coaching and has built a great rapport with both students and parents. He is already coming up with some great new ideas on how to further develop the youth programme and we are excited about its future."

Significant events in January were the J22 Commodores Cup over the weekend and the annual East End regatta on 22-23 January, which is an extremely popular dinghy racing event that grows every year.

For more information about the 2011 sailing programme please contact the CISC manager, Rick Caley at admin@sailing.ky.
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