

Mo Bay Now Has A Yacht Club

Walter Fletcher Elected
Commodore At In-
augural Meeting

REGATTA IN MARCH

Entertainment in Montego Bay will reach a peak, as that port stages its annual Regatta on March 4, 5, and 6. Yacht racing in Montego Bay has become a very popular sport within the past few years and now, as 1936 gets under way, the newly formed Yacht Club, with a membership of nearly 100 and a fleet of some twenty odd craft, will participate, to make one of the biggest events of the season.

It was only a short time ago that yachting enthusiasts saw the necessity for a club, and decided that this thriving and universally known holiday resort should have one, so, getting together the Montego Bay Yacht Club came into being.

OWN CLUB HOUSE

The first thing they acquired was a club house and, obtaining one on Fort Street, facing a natural yacht basin, they immediately went to work to put this in ship shape-fashion, and planned for a pier to be built. This pier, approximately forty feet long with a fifteen foot "L" head on the end of it, is being constructed and it is hoped that it will be ready when the regatta takes place. A cradle is also being constructed so that ships of the club can be easily taken out and overhauled.

A committee of twelve were elected at the inaugural meeting, and they are hard at work organising things, so that they will have smooth sailing when March comes around. Mr Walter Fletcher holds the post of Commodore whilst Messrs Boyd Morales and Laurie Scott are Rear Commodores, the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer being filled by Mr Robert Fletcher.

With the forming of the Montego Bay Yacht Club, boat building activities have increased and this year's regatta will see the racing debut of the following:

Mr. Allan Magnus's Snipe "Zip", Mr. F. Morales's Snipe "Kelpie" and "Dotty Mae," another Snipe which was formerly the "Yoland" and now is owned by Mr Robert Fletcher. Mr George O'Toole also is building another ship of this class.

THE CRUISEES

In the Cruiser Class, Mr Laurie Scott has just acquired a sloop rigged boat "Riptide." She has been built in Lucea by the same yard which turned out "Challenge," last year's Montego Bay champion of that class. Mr. Eric McFarlane has also just finished another yawl rigged vessel, while Mr Bill Wadsworth is now working on a ketch which he hopes to have ready for this year's sailing.

Motor boats will be well represented this year, for Messrs Thompson and Beardley's "Rambler," Mr Arthur Thompson's "Sezyou" and Mr. E. Wendens "Pisces," the latter formerly owned by Mr Eddie Jacobs, are all now registered at this port. Speed boats too will be in a special event, for the four owned by Harry Brown, L. B. Toussaint, Charles Ogilvie and Carmen Tringle, will race with the step-plane craft of David Grey and another runabout owned by Allan Magnus.

From reports received here this year's regatta will undoubtedly be the largest ever held, in Montego Bay, and the support from Kingston promises to be even larger than hitherto. Many have signified their intention of going over for the three days of racing, and apart from the boat owners who are making trip, there will be many interested non-sailors who will be taking the week end off to support the regatta.