

Commodore's Report

Nigel Knowles

October has been a very busy month for me and the Committee. We've been working on a number of plans we have for improving the club for our members and visitors, as well as for increasing revenue so we can make key investments in the fabric of the building and the dock.

Sadly, in October, our Dock Master, David Lewis, decided to tender his resignation after over 2 years of working at MBYC. We thank David for his efforts during his time with us and wish him all the best for the future.

David's resignation has given us the opportunity of promoting Dawson Morrison from Assistant Dock Master to Acting Dock Master while we offer him training and support. In time, we will want to evaluate his performance with a view to making a decision to offer him the full time role of Dock Master and recruit an assistant to work with him. We are hoping Dawson will rise to this new challenge and that we can all support him as he grows into the role and its added responsibilities.

This month has also seen MBYC represent ourselves at RJYC on a couple of occasions. Firstly with our Youth Commodore and I meeting with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) CEO, Sarah Treseder when she visited Jamaica for discussions with Government bodies on youth sailing, Olympic participation and importation options for sailing equipment. Sarah was here with her colleague Claire from UK Sport to hold a seminar on child safety in sport. Zoe and I were very pleased to spend some time with them both and to present Sarah with a MBYC Burgee as well as support her and Claire in lobbying for more opportunities for the youngsters to get involved with sailing in Jamaica. We thank RJYC for hosting this gathering and making us feel so welcome.



MBYC's second outing to our capital was for some exciting J22 racing that saw us sail away on 'Renegade' with a clear win under the skillful and careful helmsmanship of Richard Hamilton. RJYC threw an excellent and hugely enjoyable party on Lime Cay on the Saturday night which was a blast, although they somehow roped me into judging who the best Pirates and Wenches were, not an easy task with that crew believe me! Thank you to them all and to Steven Cooke especially for finding a spare berth for me to sleep on. Otherwise I would have been under a tree on the sand for the night like Tom Hanks in that film where he was castaway...what was that film called?

November looks like it will be exciting too with an exhibition of some stunning photography by Edward Downer being showcased on Friday 7th November to coincide with our monthly "Meet your Committee and Commodore" at happy hour, which is becoming a great gathering and socialising opportunity for members, new and old, to meet and make new acquaintances. We also have a raft of new privileges for our members to enjoy which we are launching in this Newsletter. Our new photo ID membership cards will be coming into effect too.

MBYC is taking a couple of our J22 crews along with six youth sailors to Kingston on the 15th of November to go head to head against RJYC teams at the Latvian regatta. We have very high hopes for our youngsters in the Pico classes as they enter their first competitive event. Please do come to town and support us all as we try to bring the prizes back to Montego Bay.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club, on the water, and often at the bar.

Edward Downer Photography Exhibition

Friday, November 7th



Montego Bay Yacht Club is delighted to be hosting a Photographic Exhibition by Edward Downer on Friday 7th November 2014. Edward has been selected to exhibit in the Biennial Show at the National Gallery of Jamaica opening on December 6th 2014, so we are very privileged to be able to preview Edwards work in Montego Bay. You may view more of Edward's images at <http://photography.edowner.net>

Please come and join the Commodore and the MBYC Committee for Happy Hour on Friday to view and celebrate Edward's work.

Hot Off the Press!!!

MBYC Commodore and Committee

MBYC Membership has its Privileges - Members Benefits, effective 1st November 2014

Since being elected, the new MBYC Committee has been working very hard to try to find ways of adding additional benefits for our members. There has never been a better time to be a Member of Montego Bay Yacht Club. We are pleased to announce exciting new MBYC Membership Privileges effective 1st November 2014:

- 20% Discount on all food and beverages at the **Seahorse Grill**
- Unlimited use of **two floodlit tennis courts** (additional fee for lights at night) plus Resident Tennis Pro (additional fee) at **MBYC**
- Free Access to **Seawind Club**
- 20% discount on food at the **Calypso Restaurant** located at Seawind Club (Dinner only)

- **VIP Lounges at MBJ and KGN Airports** are giving members 20% off the access fee for up to 4 people to their magnificent departure lounges
- Double Reward Points at **Fontana Pharmacy** if you hold a Fontana Rewards Card
- Discounts off movie tickets at **Palace Multiplex** Montego Bay
- **The Skin Bar**, the newly opened beauty spa based at Freeport Shopping Centre offering an array of great treatments and products in a beautiful, relaxing environment is offering reductions on selected treatments
- **Budget Jamaica** is offering discounts of 10% off their published car rental rates.
- **Budget Jamaica** is offering 10% discount on labour charges for servicing Mitsubishi and Suzuki vehicles at their Ironshore Service Centre
- **Boomerang Tyre Sales** are offering discounts on their various products (discount varies depending on the product purchased)
- Members will receive 12% off the cost of dental work undertaken by **Dr Charles Eyles** at his Freeport practice
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To receive these fantastic benefits Members will need to be in possession of and present the new MBYC Photo ID Membership Card which can be obtained from the MBYC office.

MBYC Club Boat

Nigel Knowles, Commodore

At our AGM this summer, Bryan Langford very kindly raised his hand and offered to overhaul our club boat to bring it back to good, serviceable condition. This amazing refurbishment is now complete, although I fear that in hindsight, Bryan may not have put his hand up so fast if he had known what he was offering and taking on!

The Club Boat had been poorly maintained and become very dilapidated. It didn't handle correctly, was semi waterlogged and the engine was underpowered because the weight of the boat had increased so much due to the water retention and lack of engine servicing. Not a very good advertisement for our club and facilities.

Mr Langford very kindly took the boat away to his marina and over the past few weeks spent a vast amount of money and man hours in overhauling her totally, all at his own expense. She had to stand on the land, bow in the air, and drain for a number of days just to get the saturated foam lining to dry out prior to any work being

undertaken. Then, as Bryan's team began their restoration it very quickly became clear that this was going to be a much bigger task than they had thought they were taking on. The work they ended up having to complete included;

- Full engine servicing and re-tuning by Yamaha Jamaica
- A new lower oil unit for engine
- Hull stripping, preparing and re-spraying with antifungal paint and a new blue top colour on sides, white at waterline and black below waterline
- New Decals
- Steering hydraulics overhaul
- Installation of completely new benches with new stringers and supports for added strength
- Rewiring of the boat throughout
- New battery
- New bilge pump
- Full termite treatment
- The deck is now painted grey with all the underside supports replaced with fibreglass supports

This is not the full list of work undertaken at all, as there were numerous other items that cropped up during the refurbishment and were dealt with as they arose. It turned into a mammoth task.

Our Acting Dock Master, along with Captain Billy, collected the boat back from Bryan Langford's Marina last week and we were all amazed at the transformation; not just in boat's appearance, but its handling, functionality and performance. Dawson said "It was like driving a different boat altogether. This feels like a new boat that can really help the club. It even planes now!" Dawson is committed to ensuring that the launch remains in excellent condition and is properly maintained and cared for so she can give us many more years of service.

MBYC Club Boat After Photos



Correction.....at the start of this piece I said Bryan planned to bring the boat back to “good, serviceable condition”. In reality, he did far more than that. He has returned to us a shiny, almost new boat that we can be proud of, that can offer great service and be the “pin-up” boat for our club for many years to come.

As Commodore, along with all of the Committee, we wish to personally and publicly thank Bryan for his all he has done on the boat and our club. The cost that he alone undertook was far more than the club could have found for this refurbishment. That cost, along with the quality of the finish, the skill and care his team put into the work and the fact that he volunteered to take this job on in the first place, demonstrates what an outstanding individual and caring club and Committee member Bryan Langford truly is. He has all of the committee’s and my heartfelt thanks for his very remarkable generosity. Thank you Bryan. Nige

Dawson Morrison

Acting Dock Master



Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Dawson Morrison and I am your new Acting Dock Master.

I was born in St. James and raised in Hanover in the small town of Hopewell. I was brought up very close to the sea where a love for the sea and boating became a part of me from a very young age.

I was schooled in Hanover and initially went to work in the restaurant business once I completed my education. Although I enjoyed the interaction with

the customers and meeting new people, I realised that I missed the sea too much, so decided to move on.

It was through the Yacht Club I got my first boat job with David Lindo at the Montego Pirate Cruise. Here I learned a about sailing, working as a deck hand and many other new skills. After my job at Montego Bay Pirate Cruise ended I was lucky enough to be offered a part time job with the Montego Bay Yacht Club as a Dock Assistant in September of 2013. I was in the position for a year, until being asked to become the “Acting Dock Master” after Mr Lewis resigned his position last month. I felt very honoured to be given this opportunity and willingly accepted the role.

I know I still have much more to learn in my new position and I plan to improve my skills, knowledge, understanding of our members and visitors more and more each day. I want to do all I can to manage our dock professionally, look after our boaters and their guests and do so with good manners and a helpful heart. I have been offered a chance at furthering my career at MBYC and I plan to make my best efforts to demonstrate that the faith that the Commodore and the Committee have placed in me is well founded.

I am sure that with the support of the members, all the staff and the guys on the dock, I can help the Yacht club to move forward and be even better tomorrow than it is today.

I am grateful for the platform which was laid for the members to get to know me more and am open for questions and suggestions to improve my job as well as for the betterment of the Montego Bay Yacht Club, so please say hi and I will welcome your support whenever you see me.

MBYC Manager's Report

Judith Dear, Club Manager

The Gleaner Restaurant Week

November 14th to 27th, 2014

The Seahorse Grill, our favorite restaurant, is as usual participating in the restaurant week- Please remember to make your bookings early to avoid any disappointment.

MBYC – Membership Dues

The administrative department is appealing to our valued members who have not yet paid their memberships dues to do so as quickly as possible. Our beautiful club can only exist with your contributions.

MBYC Membership Cards

We will be commencing the printing of the long awaited MBYC Membership Cards. Would members who have not yet sent photographs please do so as quickly as possible. Please be reminded that the club also has the facility to take your photographs.

MBYC Tennis Court

The Tennis court have been filled and leveled and the new surface of the court has to settle for another few weeks. We wish to thank all the persons who have so generously contributed to this project.

MBYC – BACK DINING ROOM



The back dining room floor has been cleaned. Proposals to air condition this area have been solicited and hopefully we will soon be able to market it as a conference center for small groups.

Youth Sailing

Zoe Knowles, RYA Sailing Instructor
MBYC Youth Commodore

We have finally started our Youth Sailing Saturday Racing Series! It started on October 25th and will continue until November 8th in preparation for Latvian Regatta in Kingston on November 15th. Our youth racing team will be able to sail in local and, hopefully, International regattas! Woohoo!

I'm so proud of the Youth Sailors for their ability to pick up so much information in a short period of time, and to work so hard in practicing everything they have learned. From playing pirates to serious race lessons, these kids are always smiling and always having fun!



Our MBYC team is working very hard to prepare for Latvian Regatta in Kingston.

Our under 11s are:

Jonah Pastureau
Regina Fitch
Santiago Fitch

Our under 17s are:

Luke Pastureau
Roshan Bharwani
Shiv Ramshandani



I'm extremely excited about Latvian Regatta and predict that our sailors will rip it up in Kingston! Wish us luck!

Latvian Regatta

Richard Hamilton

MBYC sailors are invited to participate in the 4th Latvian Independence Regatta at the RJYC, taking place on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16, with the Awards Reception taking place at 1700hrs on the Sunday afternoon. Participation is open to all classes of sail boats and the Awards Reception is open to all members.

The agenda for the weekend is as follows:

Saturday, November 15

- 0700hrs Rowing heats (2KM stretch approximately from D to I)
- 1030hrs Picos (2 classes under 11 and Under 17)
- 1400hrs Prize Giving - Picos
- 1430hrs J-22 Races

Sunday, November 16

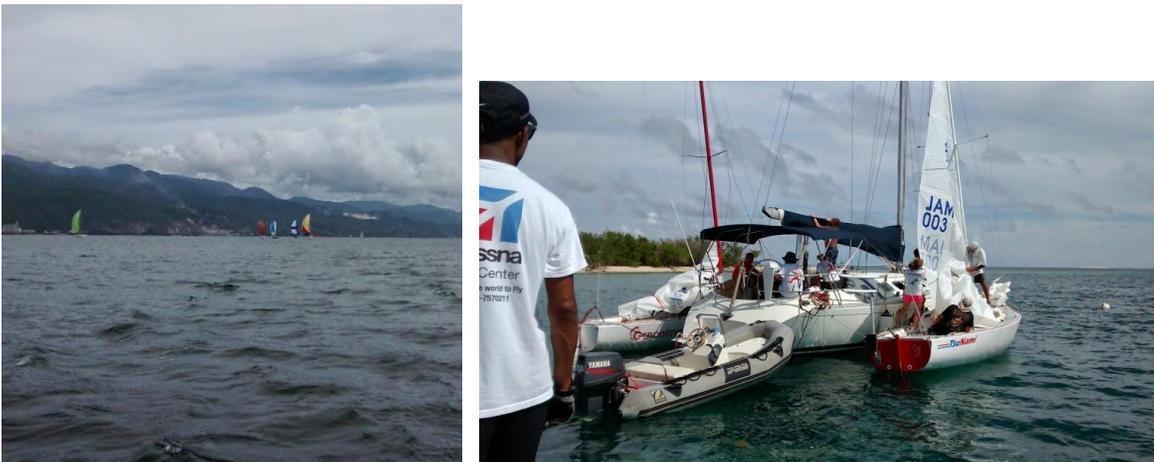
- 0700hrs Rowing finals
- 1030hrs Cruisers Race
- 1430hrs All Comers Race
- 1700hrs Awards Reception.

This year we are proud that the MBYC will be fully involved, participating in both the J-22 and Pico categories.

We're looking forward to an exciting weekend of sailing!

Drunken Man's Regatta Lime Cay

Richard Hamilton



RACE OFFICER – GERONIMO

WINDS – LIGHT

THE CONCEPT – A GOOD ONE

THE PARTY – EXCELLENT!

THE RACING – IT WAS A GOOD EXCUSE FOR THE PARTY!

Kudos to RJYC J22 promoters Rugie and Steven who staged this race with all of the logistical issues of operating from a desert island miles from civilization.

MBYC boats Zipper and Renegade represented MBYC making the long road trip to be in Kingston for this and the upcoming Latvian regatta. Unfortunately Zipper wasn't able to sail with Peter being busy (believe it or not!) The plan was for the cruisers to do the annual Cays Cup Race – out the big ships channel and around the cays to end up at Lime Cay for the night before a party on the beach and the reverse race in the morning. In the meantime the J22 cruise / tow out to Lime Cay for some short course around the can races each day.

MBYC's Renegade won the event with 6 out of the 7 races. Well done team!

2014 Jamin Jamaica J/22 Invitational Regatta

Jamin 2014 Schedule



Friday December 5th

17:30 - Happy Hour & Welcome Cocktail Party at MBYC

Saturday, December 6th

10:00 - Skippers Briefing at MBYC

12:00 - RACING

17:00 - Happy hour and Dinner at 'Landfall' – 'JAMAICAN STYLEE' PARTY - The home of Bryan & Lyn Langford - FOOD, BEER and MIXERS HAVE ALL BEEN DONATED for the evening: **If you have a Favourite tippie or would like to contribute with more food please do!** Ladies bring your cossies!

Sunday, December 7th

11:00 - RACING

After Racing Prize Giving

Volunteers for Start Committee are still desperately needed! Contact Lyn Langford or the office if you can help.

Pineapple Cup – February 6th, 2015

The official Notice of Race for the 2015 Pineapple Cup has been posted. For details, go to the Montego Bay Race website: <http://www.montegobayrace.com/>. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Committees are being organized to deal with race event planning and execution, both before and during the race.

Please contact Judith or Heather at the office if you'd like to help out/volunteer.

November Quiz

The correct answer to the October Quiz question, submitted by Judith Dear, was The Ward Theatre in Kingston, built in 1912 by Charles James Ward, Custos of Kingston. The winner of the October Quiz was Felix Hunter. Well done again Felix!

For the November Quiz we have something quite different. Can you name this majestic, migratory bird found in both Canada and the United States? Hint: A hugely popular Canadian clothing line (imagine lots of parkas filled with goose down) was named after this bird.

Responses to carolesmall@shaw.ca.



Sailing Quote

"A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor"

Unknown