

MBYC Manager's Report

Judith Dear, Club Manager

MBYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The results of the August AGM election for Executive and Committee Members are as follows:

Commodore	Nigel Knowles
Vice Commodore	Lyn Langford
1st Rear Commodore	Michael Morse
2nd Rear Commodore	Robert Stewart
Honourary Treasurer	Josephine Meany
Committee Members	Denton Campbell
	Bryan Langford
	Julie Knowles

We would like to welcome Commodore Nigel Knowles and his new Executive and Committee Members, and also thank the outgoing Commodore, Ian Chandley, for the help and advice he gave to the club. Ian was instrumental in the completion of many projects.

MBYC Dock Repairs

Part of the Tee Section of the dock is undergoing repairs.



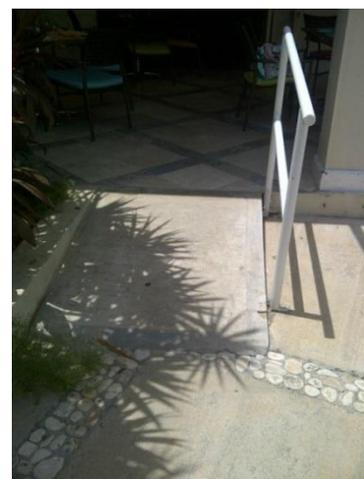
MBYC – CLEANING THE FLOORS

The floors in the bar, lobby, veranda and the passage to the rest rooms have been descaled and are now in a much more fitting condition to enhance the prestigious Montego Bay Yacht Club. The staff members were out from five o'clock in the morning and finished cleaning in time for the opening of the club at nine.



MBYC – WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS

The club is well equipped to handle challenged and injured persons with the addition of a portable ramp for the front door step.



MBYC – Members' Dues

In order for us to undertake and complete the many repairs to the club's aging buildings and dock we would appreciate your settlement with the accounts department of any outstanding dues and amounts. In addition, these monies are used to pay salaries, insurance, JPS, NWC, and the many other services that are essential in keeping our club running effectively. So please members, we really need your kind attention to this pressing matter.

New MBYC Executive and Committee Members

The new MBYC Executive and Committee Members would like to introduce themselves to the MBYC Members. Read on and learn out about the team that will be leading our club.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW COMMODORE NIGEL KNOWLES



Firstly, I would like to thank the Members for putting their faith in me and electing me as your new Commodore at the recent AGM. I would also like to thank our Past Commodore Ian Chandley and the Committee for the efforts made during the last year.

For those of you who do not know me, I thought I should tell you a little bit about myself.

I was bought up in Jamaica from 1 month old (I was taken away from Jamaica to be born in UK, no-one thought to ask my opinion of this at the time!). My family and I lived in Stony Hill, Kingston. Some of you may remember my father, Harry Knowles, who worked for the Jamaica Tourist Board. I attended Hill Top primary school in Kingston until I was 8 years old when my mother and my two older brothers and I moved to England to complete our education.

I returned to Jamaica at every opportunity and at the age of 19 I brought with me a lovely young girlfriend for a holiday. My father, step mother and sisters were now living in Montego Bay so this became my new Jamaica home. Since then, I have been in Jamaica for at least one month every year until moving home to Jamaica in 2009 with that same girlfriend, Julie, who is now my wife, and the mother of our two lovely daughters, Hannah (age 17) and Zoe (age 16). Both girls have taken part in the Youth Sailing programmes at MBYC over the years and Zoe is now a certified RYA Dingy Sailing Instructor.

I trained as a Mechanical Engineer and later moved into sales. I formed my own company in the UK in 1998 and this company has become one of Europe's leading independent providers of Underground Mapping and

Geophysical Surveys. I am now focussing on establishing a business in Jamaica and looking to enhance the environment.

I try to be a very active sportsman. I am a keen sailor, swimmer, runner, cyclist, tri-athlete, water-skier, and scuba and breath-hold diver. I am built for endurance and have great stamina, which at times, I believe the role of Commodore may well require! I was proud to be a crew member for Jamaica's last Pineapple Cup entry in 2011 and I am looking forward to participating in the 2015 Pineapple Cup. I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of putting together a crew from MBYC and representing Jamaica once again in this historic long distance boat race from Fort Lauderdale to Montego Bay. I am an active J22 sailor and I crew and occasionally helm on Defender for our J22 races. I am always keen to learn more about sailing, mainly so I can stop my 16 year old daughter Zoe from beating me in races!

I enjoy socialising and spending time with my family (many of whom live in Mobay), friends and especially my amazing wife of 28 years, Julie. We have a blast together. I am a very easy going person and always interested in meeting new people and having new experiences, so please say hi when you see me at the club or out and about.

I would like to briefly share some initial thoughts and aspirations for the Club that I and the Committee are hoping to achieve for the future. One of my principal goals is to enhance the Club through improving facilities in the clubhouse and offering enhanced benefits and privileges to our Members with the introduction of a dedicated Members' Area. I also wish to concentrate on providing better amenities for our boating/sailing community and attracting more visiting boats by upgrading and improving our dock facilities. I aim to increase the involvement of children by getting them and their families invested in the Club and onto the water or utilizing the tennis courts and other facilities. I was reminded recently that MBYC was one big family and my hope is that our Members will all feel they have a home and family at the Club. Obviously, to make these and other improvements will take sound financial planning and I plan to work closely with fellow Committee Members to increase revenues so that MBYC can be on a strong financial footing and offer an even better environment for Members and future Members.

I hope I am able to honour your trust in me as I work with my excellent Committee to make the Montego Bay Yacht Club a vibrant and fun place where Members wish to socialise, get involved on and off the water, and share many memorable and enjoyable times together.

Vice Commodore

Lyn Langford



I am originally from Chicago, but in 1989 I came here to work and never left! I am married to Capt. Bryan Langford and we have 2 boys (Deryck age 20 and Evan age 16). The yacht club has been an integral part of our family since day one! Our boys grew (literally) up at the club as Bryan and I would sail with Alice Fletcher on her J22, 'Slipaway', and then later we sailed our own 'Stoshus' a lovely 36' S2. MBYC is a very special place to us and as Life Members since 1997 we are committed to seeing her succeed. I have served on the Committee for the past four years and this is my second year as Vice Commodore.

First Rear Commodore

Mike Morse

I arrived in Jamaica in 1996, and became a Member of the Montego Bay Yacht Club in 2001. An avid dingy sailor from childhood, I transitioned into the local J/22 fleet shortly after becoming a Member, and developed a close friendship with past Commodore Bob Mallasch, crewing for him until his passing. I wish to honour the legacy of Bob in service to the club, and in particular to the local sailing program, as its First Rear Commodore.

Second Rear Commodore

Bobby Stewart

Bobby Stewart was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and now calls MoBay home. After graduating from the University of Miami, he took on marketing and sales for a computer company, before joining Sandals Resorts, where he has worked for 25 years. During his 12 years as director of Information Technology, he designed and co-wrote the Oracle-based central reservations system still used 20 years later, as well as creating the company's first websites and presence. During his 5 year term as Managing Director of the UK and Europe, he was responsible for tripling sales from the region. Bobby loves a challenge!

Committee Member/Past Commodore

Bryan Langford



I was born and raised in Kingston but left home at the age of 17 to attend Warsash School of Navigation in Southampton, England. I worked on several ships and travelled the world, but in 1983 I decided to come home to Jamaica. In 1985 I moved to Montego Bay where I started my own business; 'Calico Sailing Cruises'. At present, I own and operate Captains Watersports Ltd., where I offer water sports to several hotels in Montego Bay and along the North Coast.

I am a past member of RJYC (20 years), Past Commodore of MBYC (1993-1995), Committee Member for several years - and now I'm back! I am married to Lyn (your Vice Commodore) and we have two boys who are avid sailors, fishermen and scuba divers! As an FYI – Rum is my drink of choice!

Committee Member

Denton Campbell



I am a retired Senior Vice President of the Airports Authority of Jamaica and was responsible for the management of the Sangster International Airport. I am an aviation/airport consultant (retired) and a former part owner of the ground handling company, Jamaica Dispatch Services.

Committee Member

Julie Knowles



I have been married to Nigel, my wonderful husband, for 28 glorious years. We have two daughters, Hannah (17) and Zoe (16) and have been living permanently in Montego Bay for over 5 years, having moved from the UK. I first came to Jamaica over 30 years ago when my then boyfriend brought me to meet his family. The Island was love at first sight and we continued to return as often as was possible until we eventually made this our home in 2009.

I have been a Member of MBYC for nearly 10 years and was privileged to serve on the Committee last year. I have been actively involved in the Pineapple Cup since 2011, assisting with the Nerve Centre operations based at the Club, and I have enjoyed working with Lyn and Tanique in the Youth Sailing Programme. I came to the club a non sailor but the enthusiasm was so infectious that I can now sometimes be seen participating in J22 racing. I am also proud to have taken part in the J22 Nationals last year on board Defender where we were placed a very respectable 3rd.

I have established my own business as a Property Stylist/Interior Designer and enjoy working closely with Suki MacDonald Kapahi at many of Jamaica's beautiful vacation villas.

I look forward to working with my fellow Committee Members to help enhance the Club and its facilities for the future.

MBYC Fishing Tournament Report – September 16-19, 2014

Bobby Stewart will be sending out more Fishing Tournament updates to members shortly, including information about special members-only pricing on a dramatic and new party at Doctors Cave Beach, to celebrate the completion of the tournament, on September 20th.

MBYC Youth Sailing Camp – August 11 to 22, 2014

Zoe Knowles

RYA Sailing Instructor

The summer sailing camp began on August 11th and ran for two weeks until August 22nd. The camp was an amazing success. As a newly qualified RYA sailing instructor, I managed to teach a total of 33 youth sailors (which is the largest number we've ever had!). Over the two-week camp I provided instruction on four levels (Level 1,2,3 and Seamanship) to a wide range of experienced, and non experienced sailors. All the children developed new skills whilst on the water and on land. They also had fun whilst learning and sailing, which caused several children from the first week of camp, to join the second week!



However, I was not single handed in this accomplishment. I had the help of five dedicated and wonderful assistants: Jacob Moyston, Evan Langford, Lily Farquharson, Alan Harris, who traveled all the way from QCYC Toronto to be with us, and Grace Farquharson. All were keen and dedicated to helping develop the youth

sailing program that they helped to start. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped organize everything- Tanique Ventura- the lovely ladies in the office- Heather, Davia, and Judith- Dock master David, and Jim Wilson for upkeep and maintenance of the boats. Also a special thanks to our J/22 Captains for helping out on the Fridays- Nigel Knowles, Mike Morse, Jim Wilson, and Evan Langford. This camp was an incredible experience for me and I definitely intend to be around for a long time instructing new youth sailors!



J22 Racing – August 19th Results and Commentary

Jim Wilson, Defender

Great racing today in light and fluky winds. Race one started in a light southwesterly that had been shifting for the last hour or two. When was the last time the ring buoy in the harbour was a windward mark?

By the time we got around the windward mark we could see that a light sea breeze was filling from the north east so everyone elected not to try the chute for what was to be a run to the inner red but which turned into a second windward mark (sorry Nige for making you and Hamish re-run the chute before the start for naught). Fortunately the new breeze was stable (but light) and the next two races could be sailed on the same course, in reverse.

Ayahso, with a sterling start in race one and getting to the windward mark just before the crowd, was able to round and keep clear air and led the field around the course. I thought I heard a chuckle from "somewhere".

Zipper, without its star crew Jeff, and notwithstanding plentiful supporting commentary by Shiv, was undercrewed to fly the chute. Although leading at two windward marks, they were unable to hold off the smartly sailed Defender, crewed by the amazing NIGEL (Commodore wannabe) and Hamish, recently of Doctor's Cave water balloon fame.

Awesome, as last week, had flashes of speed, occasionally on the right tack, but sometimes fell into the trap that so many do. Even the vaunted ZOE Knowles has fallen for it. (I suppose you would like to know what that is?).

Anyway, it's certainly a horserace for second in the series. And since next Tuesday is the last day for the juniors, Monday is a MUST, with Tuesday as alternate. Weather or not. Bring your FWG and lightning rods.

But the kids are leaving. The series still has one more race, after next week, on September 2nd, but without the junior skippers, it might just be the "same old, same old".

Awesome might have to depend on the old folks to bring home the bacon.

Zipper and Renegade are not totally out of the picture yet.

The spirit of Ayahso is a powerful thing though. Watch out!

Defender - what can I say; magic? Or is it NIGEL?

Results for Tuesday Aug 19 racing

	Defender	Renegade	Ayahso	Awesome	Zipper
Race 1	2	5	1	4	3
Race 2	1	5	4	4	2
Race 3	1	5	4	3	2
Points	4	15	9	11	7

Results for Friday, Aug 15, 2014 racing

	Defender	Renegade	Ayahso	Awesome	Zipper
Race 1	2	1	3	4	5
Race 2	1	2	3	4	5
Race 3	1	4	3	2	5
Points	4	7	9	10	15

Results for Friday, Aug 26, 2014 racing

	Defender	Renegade	Ayahso	Awesome	Zipper
Race 1	1	5	4	2	3
Race 2	2	5	4	3	1
Race 3	2	5	3	1	4
Points	5	15	11	6	8
Totals	13	37	29	27	30

Post Script to J22 Racing Series:

Defender, with just our two (old) man crew, walked away with the summer evening sailing series. It was beautiful!

Crazy J/22 sailing in Jamaica

More thrills from the RJYC crew: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3oATL2ozuk>

MBYC J/22 Racing Start Committee Urgently Needed

A reliable start committee is critical in helping the racing sailors find their way on the race course. Our J/22 sailors are looking to enlist a start committee roster of 8 to 10 volunteers. The committee members will take turns helping the sailors to determine the course and racing starts for the rest of the sailing calendar year. It's a fun time and a great way to get involved in the sailing community. Lyn Langford will provide the first training session for volunteers on September 6th. If you're interested, please contact Lyn at 322-3601. To see the sailing schedule for the balance of 2014 go to this site: <http://www.mobayyachtclub.com/Home/j22-results-2014>

Pineapple Cup – February 6th, 2015

The official Notice of Race for next year's Pineapple Cup has now 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.

2014 Jamin Jamaica J/22 Invitational Regatta - Invitation to Compete and NOR

In the winter of 2014 anyone who would like to race a J/22 with no rental charge, be home hosted, enjoy the sun and fun in Jamaica, sail in 20 knot trade winds in the blue Caribbean sea, is welcome to attend the Jamin' Invitational **December 5 to 7, 2014**. Book now to avoid disappointment!

Jamin 2014 boats are still available for December. This year there will be a focus for land based fun for non-sailing visitors, schedule to be announced. [Notice of Race HERE](#)

See you on the water!

Jamaica's Coral Reefs

For those who enjoyed last month's article on this topic, check out this piece written by Jennifer Kay at AP that appeared in the Huffington Post and other news and media outlets this month.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/08/13/street-view-coral-reefs_n_5674370.html

September Quiz

We have a winner of the August Quiz, and it's Carolyn Barrett who beat all the speed records in sending her response just 30 minutes after the newsletter was sent out. Carolyn was the first correct responder, and Jo Meany was close on her heels in second place. Congratulations Carolyn, and enjoy your prize!

Don't forget about the prize for the first correct responder of each monthly Quiz. In order to claim the prize, the winner must be a fully paid up member of the club. The prize is a glass of house wine or beer from the MBYC bar, courtesy of Judith and me.

The correct answer to the August Quiz question and photo, submitted by Judith Dear, is Sabrina Park, in Kingston.

For the September Quiz we want you to identify this iconic Jamaican landmark and its location. Thanks once again to Judith for the photo. Responses to carolesmall@shaw.ca



Sailing Quote

My apologies for incorrectly spelling the name of the person associated with last month's quote. The correct name is 'Ellen MacArthur'. Thanks to Richard Hamilton's diligence and eagle eye for spotting it. What would I do without you Richard?

This month's quote:

*"I must down go to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying."*

John Masefield from 'Salt Water Ballads' 1902