



Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News' June 2017

MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES

During the next few weeks, with the hurricane season upon us, there will be an exercise to trim overgrown trees on the property. We ask all boating members to ensure that we have any updated contact information on file so that we can effectively contact you in case of an emergency. If there have been any recent changes in your contact information, please call our office to inform us.

With the roadwork approaching the club now complete, efforts are afoot to repaint the car park lot spaces.

For several months, we have been trying to minimize and curtail the presence of cats and kittens on the compound, particularly in the dining areas. We kindly ask that when dining patrons are eating on the terrace and in the club they do not encourage the felines by feeding them.

EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, EXHIBITIONS

The Offshore World Fishing Championship, the Paul Eldemire Series and the Bob Mallasch Series were three of the most recent boating and sailing events. Summaries of these events are included in the newsletter.

The Club welcomed thirteen visiting boats last month, arriving from USA, UK, Canada, Cayman, Germany, Austria, France, Croatia, Australia and New Zealand.

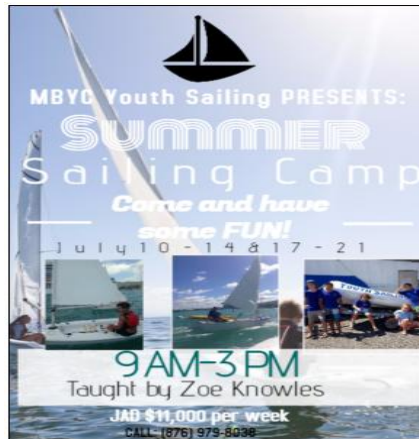
A reminder that June 1, 2017 is the date for renewal of your annual membership. The Admin office is now sending renewal invoices to all members. We welcome all members and thank you for your speedy remittances. Payment can be made with cash, cheques, and credit or debit cards.

Please join us in welcoming our most recent members: Frederik Moe, Christopher Pinto, Yoni Epstein, Grant Drummond and Christopher Thorpe.



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The Summer Youth Sailing Camp, taught by Zoe Knowles, will take place during the weeks of July 10-14 and July 17-21, from 9am – 3pm daily, five days each week. There will be no classes on the week-ends. The entrance fee is JA\$11,000.00 per person per week for fun training and a reminder that participants must be members to register. More details will be issued directly to our members' mailing list. Zoe is also available for private one on one sailing lessons during the summer. Contact the office to book a session.



We welcome your suggestions, comments, questions or other items that you would like us to include in future newsletters.

JAMAICA MUSIC CAMP



Registration is Now Open for our Fourth Annual Jamaica Music Camp!

Dates: July 5-15

Location: The Tryall Club - Private Villa

Music: Singing, Drumming, Instrumental, Performance Masterclasses, Music Appreciation & History, End-of-Camp Concert.

All musical levels welcome!



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Special Musical Guest: Tessanne Chin! Tessanne will be holding a masterclass for all campers.

Activities: Dancing, Beach Visits, Dolphin Cove Trip, Movie Nights, Pizza Making, Rainbow Loom, Soccer, Water Balloons, Jewelry Making, Comedy Improv, Awards Night, CPR class and much more!

Cost: Sleep-Away all-inclusive US\$1145 (ten days accommodation, meals and snacks, music classes and instruction, recreational activities and trip to Dolphin Cove)

Day-Camp US\$675 (ten days lunches and snacks, music classes and instruction, recreational activities, trip to Dolphin Cove and awards night dinner).

End-of-Camp Concert: July 15th will include a performance from the award-winning movie *LaLa Land*.

Details and online registration can be found at www.jamaicamusiccamp.com. Space is very limited! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Musically,

Leora O'Carroll Downer

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TEAM 'INSATIABLE' 2017 OFFSHORE WORLD FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP Contributed by Richard Bourke



Richard Bourke, David Muschett, Greg Shirley, Denis Seiveright and Michael Muschett on *"Insatiable"* placed second in the standing of the **55th Montego Bay Yacht Club International Marlin Tournament**. The first placed team *"Trading Time"* was an automatic qualifier to attend the 2017 Offshore World Fishing Championship in Costa Rica, which is an invitational tournament. Due to a conflict with their own Cayman annual tournament they opted to not accept the invitation. We received a call from Bobbie Stewart earlier this year to advise us that based on the Cayman team not accepting the invitation, we had the option to accept and represent in their place. None of us had planned for this, and certainly hadn't budgeted for it, but we unanimously decided that this was a bucket list opportunity and we had to go one way or the other. The team's total attendance costs were in excess of US\$25000.00 so each of us found a way to pay for our share.



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Bobbie Stewart asked to join us and we accepted him as a team member for this tournament. In the end, due to other commitments, he was only able to join us for one day of fishing, despite contributing his share of the entry fees. We all wore the Marlin 55th shirts on multiple occasions while in Costa Rica to ensure that the Mo Bay tournament and its sponsors received exposure on the international stage.

The Tournament, which ran from April 22nd to April 28th, was held in Quepos, Costa Rica. Quepos is a town about the size of Port Maria with a feel similar to old Negril, with lots of bars, restaurants, small hotels and villas. It is, however, also home to the best marina facilities I have seen anywhere in the world.

The tournament rules stipulate that you must fish on a different boat each day of the tournament. This arrangement is determined by a wild draw at the registration. Thanks to David we got a good draw. Although fishing is from 7:30 to 3:30 each day, it's a minimum of an hour and a half from the dock to the fishing ground, so you still have a 6:00am to 5:30pm day on the boat.

Tournament Day 1

Day 1 was 'learn how to fish' day on *Reel Escape*, a Cabo 35, which is the same kind of boat we fish on in Jamaica. None of us had ever fished in Costa Rica and only one person had used circle hooks for bill fishing in the past. The end result was 6 fish raised and zero caught, but we each had our lesson. The boat did its part, but we did not deliver.

Tournament Day 2

We were fortunate to join one of the top boats on this day. *Spanish Fly*, of Maverick sport fishing, was by far the best equipped and best organized boat we fished with. We raised 5 fish and landed 4. The first fish, a nice blue marlin, was fought by David on 30lb test line and though we got the first leader touch in less than 15 minutes we were not sure of the video so he had to continue to fight the fish for 40 minutes. We got a lesson in boat handling that day. In the afternoon we hit a school of Sailfish and got 3 out of 3 in the space of 40 minutes. All landed in less than 10 minutes each on 30lb test line. At the end of the day we were sitting 9th.

Tournament Day 3

We joined a remodeled Bertram 31 called *Straight Up w/a Twist*. We fished a combination of lures and ballyhoo on circle hooks on this boat and this proved effective. Greg landed and released a lovely Blue early in the day on 50lb test gear which took a lure. We got another sail during the day on 30lb test. Then a big bull dolphin rushed the spread and piled onto the 50 lb rig again. Dennis fought him and there was a perfect gaff shot to the head by yours truly. This effort resulted in the heaviest fish landed for the tournament, champion dorado and dinner for the next two days. After the first marlin we were sitting 3rd, and at the end of the day we were 4th overall. Bobby fished with us today and spent most of his time directing the captain to where the fish were supposed to be and providing excellent tunes. A great day was had by all.

Tournament Day 4

ABSOLUTE FIASCO! We arrived to be told the boat we had drawn was broken down so we were assigned an alternate boat. When we arrived at the slip we see the boat pulling away from the dock. We called out and boarded, only to find out that the captain had not fueled, cleaned or provisioned the boat yet. We



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accompanied the boat to the fuel dock and proceeded to purchase ice and other essentials. We therefore left the dock at least 40 minutes behind most of the fleet. While heading out we noted that we were on a single engine boat with extremely limited equipment available. This boat was capable of a top speed of only 17 knots. Most boats cruised the 30 miles to the fishing ground at 22 to 25 knots. While travelling we noticed on the control panel the oil light was flashing and the water in fuel light was blinking. I then requested that the mate show me the life vests for the boat. He couldn't find them. The captain eventually came and found 5 vests for the 7 persons on board. At this point we told them to carry us back to shore as we were not going to sea on this boat, another 45 minutes wasted.

We finally found an acceptable boat which had good speed and got us out to the grounds. Unfortunately we only raised one fish for the day, which we lost. Had we landed that fish we would have been 4th overall in the tournament.

Results for **Team Insatiable** were:

- 9th place team overall from 50 teams and 28 countries
- biggest Dorado prize, and
- 4 anglers in the top 100 out of 258 anglers.

This was the trip of dreams. Despite that everyone said this was the WORST fishing they have had in 15 years, it was certainly better that we were accustomed to. We had many disappointments and many "If we had only" moments. Overall it was a worthwhile experience. We learned a lot, we represented to the best of our ability and are thankful to have been able to do it. We look forward to earning the right to return to this tournament as with what we have learned we are sure we can improve on our performance. If we are not so lucky we will be happy to provide a coaching session to whichever team qualifies for next year.

BOB MALLASCH MEMORIAL SERIES May 20th and 21st 2017



Photos courtesy of Terresa Kelly



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Five J22s registered for this year's Bob Mallasch Memorial Series held in May. The participating boats were: **Ayahso**, **Defender**, **Geronimo**, **Renegade** and **Zipper**. The Knowles family managed to go for a refreshing, mid race dip, courtesy of **Defender's** skipper. **Zipper's** crew worked up a raging thirst and consumed most of Bob's beer. And **Ayahso** sailed with great skill, energy and focus, but was inched out by **Renegade**. A glorious time on and off the water was had by all, especially the visiting Kingston crew on **Geronimo**. Thanks to all the participants for making this race series so successful.

Many thanks also to our Start Committee members: Lyn and Deryck Langford, Anthony Carty, Dawson Morrison, Robin Delisser and Lori.

Final Results:

First Place: **Renegade**

Second Place: **Ayahso**

Third Place: **Defender**

Fourth Place: **Geronimo**

Fifth Place: **Zipper**

Congratulations to Renegade, winner of the Bob Mallasch Memorial Trophy. The trophy has no repeat winners thus far.

Complete sailing results can be seen here: <http://www.mobayyachtclub.com/2017-sailing-results>

Race Video, courtesy of Steven Ventura can be viewed here: <http://www.mobayyachtclub.com/j22-sailing>

PAUL ELDEMIRE TROPHY SERIES June 10th and 11th, 2017



Photo Courtesy of Lyn Langford

Six intrepid entrants participated in this challenging two day race series.



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Final Results

First Place: ***Renegade***
Second Place: ***Zipper***
Third Place: ***Ayahso***
Fourth Place: ***Geronimo***
Fifth Place: ***Nina***
Sixth Place: ***Defender.***



Photo Courtesy of Kami Rangeloff

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Photo race review, courtesy of Kami Rangeloff:

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