



# Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News'

## June 2018

### COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Nigel Knowles**

Our apologies for the time it has passed since the last newsletter. However, as most of you will already know, we have, to use a fishing analogy, been 'grappling' with the two headed challenge of losing our concessionaire and the departure of our beloved Club Manager. I'd like to bring you all up to speed on the latest developments.

We have contracted with a new concessionaire who will deliver excellent food and beverage services at the club. Currently they operate "The Steak House" at Devon House in Kingston. However, in addition to their famous steaks, they plan to offer the club a wide and delicious range of quality food selections that will be in harmony with our seaside location. I hope you will all welcome and support them as they find their 'sea legs' and build their business and our club into the social hub we all want it to be; a social home for our members, visiting guests, venue hosts, boaters, and new members.

Our concessionaire will be offering a 10% discount to all members on food and beverages (excluding happy hour drinks) and promise to work with us to host regular events, functions and social gatherings to make us all want to keep coming back for more. It is hoped that they will be able to offer a limited service of drinks and bar food from Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a full range of offerings being rolled out over the coming weeks and months.

You may also be aware that there have been changes regarding our club manager. Our beloved Taddy Tavares has moved on to new adventures after devoting 3 years to the management of our club. We will miss him and remember him with great fondness, and we wish him all the very best. We look forward to seeing him socially back at the club soon. In the spirit of filling Taddy's very big shoes, our long standing, well known, and very capable club administrator and bookkeeper stalwart, Heather Vernon, has agreed to taking on the challenges of acting club manager. We hope to be able to make this position permanent once Heather has had some time to adjust to the additional challenges. Please join the committee in welcoming her to her new role.



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Heather, your feet may not be as big as Taddy's, but your skills, experience, love of the club, and determination, will support us in making great strides in our new adventure.

Heather knows more about the club and how it operates more than almost anyone else. She recently completed a management qualification at night school to enhance her knowledge of the management role, and now feels more confident and capable of running the club on a day-to-day basis. Heather has always been the go-to person to get things done promptly and efficiently at MBYC. That experience will greatly assist her in transitioning to her new role. I am sure that together we will all support her in her new position of steering our club on the path of a bright future for all. Well done Heather.

### YOUTH SAILING

#### Zoe Knowles

Although there will be no Youth Sailing Camp this summer, I will be offering private sailing lessons for 2 weeks! Lessons run from 9am-5pm, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost for instruction is \$1200 J per hour per child. I can take up to 3 children at a time! To schedule a lesson please email: [zoe.sail.knowles@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.sail.knowles@gmail.com) or whatsapp (813)514-7929 and I'll be happy to make arrangements to suit.

Have fun and sail fast!

### MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



**Heather Vernon, Club Manager**

The months of May and June brought many changes to the club - new Manager, new Concessionaire, and a new financial year. With all this 'newness' we are hoping to make the Club a place where all members want to be. Please drop by to visit, check out the changes, hang out, go sailing or fishing, or just take a dip in the pool.

Twenty visiting boats stopped by the Club to enjoy our hospitality during the month and we're looking forward to seeing many more after the hurricane season.



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Speaking of which, boating members are being asked to remember to be prepared. Please ensure that your lines are secure and in good condition. Please also make sure that your contact information is current here at the club office and be alert for approaching weather conditions that will affect your boat either on land or at sea. To be prepared is to be responsible.

We offer our sincere condolences to Tanya and Howard Martin who lost their Father/Father in Law.

### INTERNATIONAL MARLIN FISHING TOURNAMENT October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Stay tuned for more details of this exciting annual event over the coming months.



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### MBYC SAILING NEWS

#### 2019 Pineapple Cup



#### 2017 Pineapple Cup Winners

The 2019 Pineapple Cup and Cuba Cup Race dates have now been announced. The biennial Pineapple Cup race, from Miami to Montego Bay, will start in Miami on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For some history of the race and past race results and photos, follow this link: <http://www.pineapplecup.com/>. The club is proud to host this event and everyone is invited to come by and join in the excitement, and to participate as a volunteer in helping out with organizing and hosting. Race entries are already coming in and further details will be announced in the months to come.

#### J22 and Cruiser Sailing

Regular J22 races and cruiser sailing events are held monthly. Check with the MBYC office for upcoming race dates.

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