



Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News'

April 2017

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Nigel Knowles

With so much going on over the past few months it seems like a long time since the last official Newsletter was issued in January. Although other important news bulletins and communications of club activities have been communicated by the office, we are happy to be back with an April Newsletter.

February and March were very busy with the Pineapple and Cuba Cup races standing out as the major events that engaged our efforts. The Pineapple Cup race was expertly run and, although we were hoping for and expecting more entries, the quality of the entrants this year was excellent. As always, the crew members of visiting boats were a pleasure to host. The club was a busy and exciting place to be throughout the week and culminated in an awards dinner that was very well attended by members, visitors and many dignitaries. I must say thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. The Pineapple Cup is a tremendous logistical and physical undertaking. Please join me in extending our sincere thanks to the hard working members who not only volunteered their time and efforts, but also warmly welcomed and hosted the competitors. If you missed the action, you can check it out at any time either via our website or the Pineapple Cup website. I am already looking forward to 2019's races.

This month saw more racing on the schedule with an excellent Easter Regatta featuring J22 racing action. We also hosted the great race and annual club awards which feature member recognition and awards for the various contributions they make to the club. The highlight of the awards ceremony was the unveiling of the newly installed plaque in honour of our beloved Gene Drummond. I must thank Bryan Langford for doing such a great job in mounting the plaque on the massive rock he found and installing it where Gene would have most liked us to enjoy the view out to sea from our club. Plenty of pictures can be seen later in this newsletter.

Now we start looking forward to the summer and all the fun that will bring. Let's all continue to be, or get involved and make our amazing club the centre of socializing it is so good at being.

Cheers, Nige



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EASTER REGATTA APRIL 2017 AWARDS

RANGER TROPHY - OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB

Presented by: Commodore Nigel Knowles

Keeper: Certificate & Wine

Winner: **BRYAN & LYN LANGFORD**

SILVER TOP TROPHY – SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Presented by: Commodore Nigel Knowles

Keeper: Certificate & Smatt's Rum

Winner: **GEORGE 'BILLY' THOMPSON**

JOCK LINDSAY TROPHY – MOST IMPROVED SAILOR

Presented by: Mike Morse

Keeper: Certificate & T-Shirt

Winner: **SHIV RAMCHANDANI**

HENRIQUES CUP – 3RD ACROSS THE LINE – ALL COMERS

Presented by: Julie Knowles

Keeper: Certificates, Wine & Smatt's Rum

Winner: **RENEGADE**

LAURIE SCOTT TROPHY – 2ND ACROSS THE LINE – ALL COMERS

Presented by: Peter Harper

Keeper: Certificates, Wine & Coffee Traders Coffee

Winner: **AYAHSO**

CRICHTON CUP – 1ST ACROSS THE LINE – ALL COMERS

Presented by: Commodore Nigel Knowles

Keeper: Certificates, Wine & Appleton VX

Winner: **GERONIMO**

GARGOYLE CUP – WINNERS J22 CLASS RACES

3rd Place: **RENEGADE**

2ND Place: **GERONIMO**

1st Place: **AYAHSO**

MISCHIEF MASTER - Awarded for stirring up Mischief

Winner – Richard Hamilton



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EASTER REGATTA 2017 PHOTOS

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To see more of Richard's photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskT9EJez>





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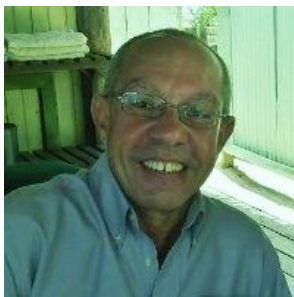




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MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES

The staff's building, inside and out, has been given a much needed facelift. Repairs have been completed to the facilities to make it more comfortable for the staff and crew to use. Crew members will now have a proper bathroom in this building. Much gratitude to Denise Taylor who offered her time, labour and funds for paint supplies and supervision so that this could be accomplished.

Many projects are on the table to upkeep and maintain the club property. As time and funds allow, we will endeavour to complete them as soon as possible.

Paving on Sunset Road is currently underway and is expected to be completed in the coming week. The paving will bring an end to the relentless dust and muck, and much welcome relief to local residents, hotel guests, staff and club visitors at our end of the peninsula.





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EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, EXHIBITIONS

The Pineapple Cup, after weeks of preparation kicked off in Miami on Friday, February 3rd with boats arriving at the club as early as the Monday, Feb. 6th. There were hearty 'welcomes' on the dock for the crew of participating boats and numerous festivities and receptions to fill the week's schedule, culminating with the prize-giving on Friday, Feb. 10th. Details, photos and videos of the event can be seen on the Montego Bay Yacht Club's website www.mobayyachtclub.com and on the Pineapple Cup Facebook page (link on the club's website).

A touching send-off took place on the shores off Walter Fletcher Beach where Gene Drummond's ashes were scattered near her childhood home. Afterwards, a cocktail reception, arranged by her son Grant, was held on the lawns by the Gazebo and the gathering of relatives and scores of long time friends from near and far converged to offer memories of their relationship with her. Hard to believe she was not with us to present her Ranger Trophy at the Easter Regatta prize-giving.

The MBYC Easter Regatta was held April 15 -16, 2017 with four races on day 1 and the All Comers race on day 2, followed by a jovial prize-giving. The Club took the opportunity to unveil the Gene Drummond memorial plaque which is temporarily located on the corner of the Gazebo, with the intention of permanently locating it very close by. Congratulations to Mike Morse and his crew on 'Ayahso', the overall Regatta Champions.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit with the little ones. Twenty children signed up for this annual fun hunt on Easter Sunday. After racing, parents were able to join and watch as their kids scampered around, rummaging through the gardens and trees for eggs filled with sweets. Thanks to Julie Chalmers for spearheading the interest with other Moms and Karen Hookaylo for running a cheerful, much anticipated occasion.

A short time ago, George 'Billy' Thompson (Dragon Billy) sustained damage to his boat as a result of taking on water during the last bout of bad weather. But with helping hands he was able to salvage her. To date, ten people have contributed to Billy's 'Repair Fund' and over the last few weeks they've been busy getting her back in shape. 'Vanessa' is now back in the water!



After the storm



After rehab and ready to launch!



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The Studio in Bogue City Centre will host internationally renowned ceramic artists David Pinto, Chris Gustin and Doug Casebeer. The exhibition will be held on Sunday, April 30th, starting with welcome cocktails at 4:00 pm. The Exhibition continues through to May 1 from 10 am – 4 pm. This will be an amazing display of ceramics for all art lovers.

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