



Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News' August 2017

MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES

The Club recently had a massive clean-up with the removal of the over-grown hedge that was located beside the new fence that was erected early last year. Many trees, shrubs and wild bush have been cut and trimmed to give the property more appeal. Other aspects to be completed are the annual treatment of the grounds for termites and mosquitoes.



We welcome member donations of plants, trees and/or other appropriate foliage for planting against the main road fence to lend more security and privacy to the dry dock.

Part of the dock also had needed repairs completed on the T-section in early July. Completion of the south side will commence shortly. New and heavy-duty moorings are now under construction to be placed at the T-section.

Our re-cycling programme got off to a slow, but positive start. Denise Taylor, and member operators' dock crews, are all to be highly commended for their efforts to separate paper, foam and plastic products and dispose of them into the appropriate bins. We thank you for your efforts and encourage all to continue this practice.



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EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, EXHIBITIONS

The Committee of Management and volunteer members will this year be organizing the MBYC 56th Annual International Marlin Tournament scheduled for Sept. 26-29, 2017. The proposed schedule of events will see the Canoe Tournament on Mon. 25th with the Captains' Briefing on the 26th and main fishing tournament on the days of Wed. Sept. 27 to Fri. Sept. 29, when the event will culminate in a prize giving and buffet on the terrace.

The MBYC generously donated over \$549,000 to the We Care Foundation at the Cornwall Regional Hospital. Proceeds of this donation were derived from the MBYC 55th Annual International Marlin Tournament. The Vice Commodore of the RJYC has officially invited MBYC members to their Independence Regatta in Kingston to be held August 7-13 to not only participate, but to 'party' as well. Attached at the end of the newsletter is a schedule of their Class races and Social Events.

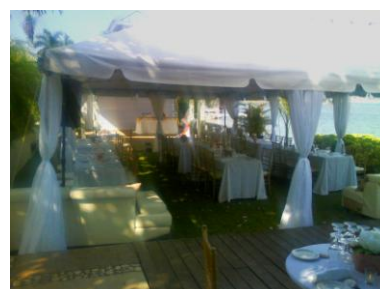
The Summer Youth Sailing Camp ended on July 21 after a fun and successful programme. It was well attended by over 32 entrants for the duration of the two week camp. Although our summer camp is now finished, our resident instructor, Zoe Knowles, is offering private lessons until August 15. The lessons are open to all levels from beginners to advanced. New members are always welcome! Please contact Zoe on Whatsapp- 8135147929 for more information.

Congratulations to the Montego Bay Marine Park Trust in celebrating their 25th Anniversary. Their accomplishments have been many over the years as they worked to monitor activities within the park, conduct scientific research and execute educational outreach programmes.

The Club welcomed thirteen visiting boats in June and six in July with an unusually high number of catamarans in the mix.

We bid farewell to Miss Dorothy (Ramsay) who worked with the Club in the house-keeping department for 17 years. Miss Dorothy resigned in July and we now welcome Miss Dawn Campbell who will fill the position.

The MBYC is a great location with a tranquil setting for weddings, functions and private parties, catered for by Robbie Joseph's Seahorse Grill. Call the club office to plan or schedule your next meeting or event.





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YOUTH SAILING CAMP SUMMER 2017



Zoe Knowles

The 2017 Youth Sailing Camp was once again a huge success. With a total of 32 avid sailors for the 2 weeks running July 10-14 and 17-21, every child received their RYA level 1, and several others went on to receive their level 2! Due to the lack of adequate winds, the first week's activities were highlighted by several games of "Pirates", an on-the-water game where the children man the Picos and attempt to capsize their friends on other Picos. Despite the lack of good winds that week, the youth sailors were still able to practice their sailing and master several skills- including tacking, gibing, capsizing and points of sail.

In contrast, the second week brought much stronger winds which limited the amount of on-water time. Everyone had trouble keeping their boats flat and this resulted in several unforeseen capsizes and even some turtles. However, with their newly acquired knowledge of dry-capsizing, the sailors were much faster in executing capsizing recoveries. During this week the youth sailors were able to learn fun tricks like dry capsizing, hiking, and backwards sailing, whilst continuing to master their skills. Yet, the highlight, as always, was the weekly trip to Margaritaville.

These two weeks would not have been possible without the MBYC staff- Dock Master Dawson, Heather and Zeirain in the office, and Manager Taddy. Special thanks to the J22 captains, Mike, Nigel, and Paul who helped us complete our Friday trips to Margaritaville. Special big-ups to my aspiring assistants; Shiv Ramchandani and Roshan Bharwani. Congrats once again to all the kids who came out this year! See you all on the water next time!



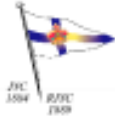
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Royal Jamaica Yacht Club - Independence Regatta 2017 Schedule of Cruiser-Class & Dinghy-Class Races and Social Events

Independence Regatta will be held over five days (Racing only on four days) as follows:

Monday August 7th

Dinghy Practice day
16:00 RACE # 1 – Cruisers

Wednesday August 9th

17:00 RACE # 2 – Cruisers
16:30 RACE # 1, 2, 3 – Dinghy PICO-Class
18:00 Dinner & After Party - Music by DJ Jiggy

Friday August 11th

18:00 Fleet Inspection – The Governor General (or his designate)
18:00 Independence Regatta Cocktail Party on the Quarterdeck – Music by Rupert Bent Senior

Saturday August 12th

9:30 RACE # 4, 5, 6 - Dinghy PICO-Class
10:50 RACE # 3 – Cruisers

12:30 LUNCH

14:50 RACE # 4 – Cruisers
16:30 RACE # 7, 8, 9 – Dinghy PICO-Class

18:00 North Beach Party & BBQ (on the North side of the Marina) - Music by Sparkles Disco

Sunday August 13th

10:50 ALLCOMERS RACE / RACE # 5 – Cruisers and Dinghies (All-Comers)
1:00 Lunch, Games & Pool Party – Music by DJ JIGGY
15:00 Prize Giving
16:30 After Party – DJ Jiggy