



## Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News'

### October/November 2016

#### COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Nigel Knowles**

The first thing I must do this month is thank our staff, members and dock helpers who have done so much to help make the Montego Bay Yacht Club's 55<sup>th</sup> international fishing tournament such a success, and to prepare for Hurricane Matthew. Thank you to everyone who did their part in these two key events over the past two months. Without your help and efforts MBYC would not have been so welcoming for our visitors or as protected from the threat of Matthew, if he had chosen to come our way. Thank you all.

The fishing tournament was very well received by our visitors and thankfully our upgraded dock was ready just in time. I was pleased to be able to undertake a dedication for the dock in honour of John McConnell who had bequeathed to the club the funds for much of this work. The dedication involved pouring a large quantity of rum onto the dock, followed by the supporting 3 cheers and toast to John by all the members and visiting boats present. It was a great moment.

The new dock is certainly a great improvement and an asset that we can promote in offering excellent berthing to our members and visitors alike. As mentioned above, John McConnell was a major contributor to this upgrade, but so was our own 2<sup>nd</sup> Rear Commodore, Bobby Stewart, to whom we must say thank you for his generous donations on this project.

With the fishing tournament behind us we now have Jamin, Christmas and the Pineapple Cup and Cuba Cup races to look forward to next February. The organising for all of these events is moving along quickly. Qualifying races for Jamin will be held next week and many overseas entrants are already confirmed. As for the Pineapple and Cuba Cup events, we are seeing more boats signing up each week. This promises to be an exciting pair of races. I am pleased to say that we now have a local entry from MBYC in the form of Fredrik Moe's brand new and very fast boat, "Moementum". The rating for this boat should encourage other Gunboat catamarans to take part in the races and ramp up the competition. Maybe a new multihull fastest



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time can be set too? To keep up-to-date with all that is happening on these fantastic MBYC races, please visit the our club website, Pineapple Cup web site and face book pages.

<http://www.mobayyachtclub.com>

<http://www.pineapplecup.com> or

<https://www.facebook.com/PineappleCupMontegoBayRace>

The club recently held a wine tasting and teaching course from Select Brands. The event was over-subscribed and a great deal of fun. Thanks to Karen Hookaylo for organising the evening, and to Jamie Bicknell and Erin Mitchell from Select Brands for making it such an informative session. I hope we can do more of these events in future. If any members have any suggestions for fun social events that we can organise, please let us know.

This month we plan to continue painting and updating the club house and grounds. You will soon start to see the transformation resulting from these efforts.

All the Best, Nige

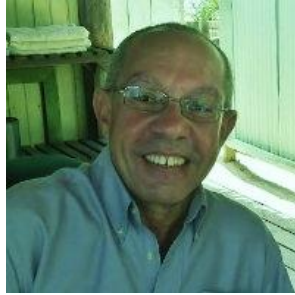
### Wine Tasting and Teaching – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016





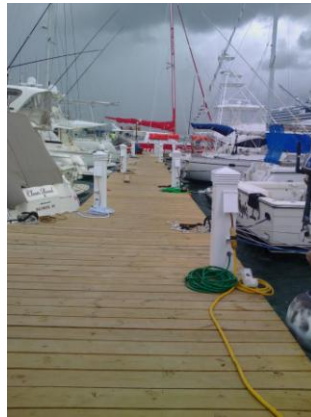
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### MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



**Taddy Tavares, Club Manager**

### PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES



With recent improvements for a wider, sturdier dock now complete, upgraded electrical supply to the pedestals in place (installed just in time for the fishing tournament), we are proud to offer much enhanced facilities for resident boat members.

The major set-back was the threat of Hurricane Matthew. The new dock was mostly dismantled shortly after the tournament to minimize the storm surge and all boats had to seek safe harbour in the lagoons. Efforts to re-construct as quickly as possible after the non-event of Matthew (for which we're very grateful) were a little slow in the beginning but all returned to normal by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

All projects (both never-ending and on-going) mentioned in previous Sloop News are being addressed and attended to as finances permit.

A reminder to boat members that there is a sample of a 1 kg marine fire suppressant in my office for anyone interested in acquiring such a product for their vessel. This extinguisher is available at Acvark in Montego Bay.



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### EVENTS

There were only 2 venue functions at the Club in October. However, we should see a fair increase in our November and December numbers when we cater to corporate, medical and banking institutions. There will also be a few birthday celebrations.

Starting this month, Karen Hookaylo, who chairs the social committee, is planning a series of events. The first event, a wine tasting with Select Brands, took place on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stay tuned and look out for notices of future events. We encourage members to offer suggestions and ideas for themes, topics or fun-related activities you would like to see arranged.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the J22 Class Series will see boats compete in the Nationals/Qualifiers for the upcoming **JAMIN International** slated for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Competitive races will take place on the last 2 days. Teams participating will be from Cayman, Canada, Kingston and, of course, Montego Bay. Details of this event can be found on our website. The schedule appears below.

### **Jamin Schedule of Events**

#### **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

1300 - Skippers' Briefing/Meeting

1400 – Races 1, 2 and 3

Party to follow

#### **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

1100 – Races 4, 5 and 6

Prize Giving

Party



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Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> has been ear-marked for the annual Members' Christmas Luncheon. Please note this date in your calendars to welcome Santa who, as always, will be bearing gifts for the children. It's a wonderful opportunity to mingle with friends and enjoy a sumptuous luncheon to celebrate the Yuletide Season. Tickets will be available at the office.

### LIST OF NEW CLUB MEMBERS

The MBYC would like to welcome most recent members Samuel Wedderburn and Christine Rickman.

### CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Danny Huber, popularly known as 'Mack', a former member and very regular patron of the Club. Earlier this year, he returned to the U.S. to receive intensive treatment for cancer and was recovering remarkably well. Sadly, in early September, his illness took a turn for the worse and he died on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Although a somewhat quiet individual, 'Mack' was famous for his straight-forward (occasional) outbursts and an unwavering persistence that his Red Stripe be "piping cold". Without a doubt he was a character, a Club fixture, and a great guy who will be sadly missed by many.

### COMPLIMENTS and ACCOLADES

The Committee of Management would like to wholeheartedly thank and acknowledge the unstinting assistance of the staff who laboured so hard to move boats from the Club to the lagoons and back, both during and after the threat of the hurricane. Dawson (Dock), Anthony & Gilbert (Grounds) who, as capable as they were, could not have accomplished this herculean task without the competent support of Mighty Mike, Billy and Catfish. Gentlemen, THANK YOU! We all sincerely hope that we won't have another occurrence of this nature for a very long time!

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