



## Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News'

### October 2017

#### COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Nigel Knowles**

September and October have flown by and so much has been happening, with the big ticket item being our annual high profile International Marlin Tournament. I hope many of you were able to enjoy the 4 day event. Please see Bobby Stewart's great article and photos which appear later in this newsletter.

Your committee has also been working on a number of projects, including pool refurbishment, adding lighting and security notices in the boat yard, improving the front fence plantings. All of these projects, repairs and improvements keep the club moving forward for the benefit of our members.

Speaking of members, you should all be aware that we have our club AGM at 3pm on November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Almond room at MBYC. We need as many members to attend as possible so you can all hear the details of what your elected committee and Commodore have achieved and what the plans are for the next year. I will be standing for re-election as your Commodore and am keen to know what our members feel the priorities for the next 12 months should be. Remember that your voices count at MBYC.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the outgoing committee members, and am pleased that many of them are standing for re-election with me. I feel that we have a very able and dedicated team. Thank you to all of them. I must single out Bryan Langford as he will not be standing for another term due to his many other work commitments, but he has agreed to assist on specific dock related projects in future. This is excellent news for us. His depth of knowledge and abilities in this area are invaluable to us. Thank you Bryan for all you have done and continue to do.

Christmas will be the next big social event at the club and we are looking at having our annual members' lunch on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. However, we can't confirm the date until we hear back from Santa to make sure he can attend and distribute gifts to the children. Stay tuned for confirmation being posted soon. Once this date is set, please book your tables early as this is normally a near sell out gathering and a great deal of fun too.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> !



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### YOUTH SAILING

We are planning to offer a Youth Sailing Camp, with Instructor Zoe Knowles, over the Christmas vacation. The Camp would run from December 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a possible second camp from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, depending on the level of interest and demand. Please contact the office and let them know as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

### MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



**Taddy Tavares, Club Manager**

### PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES

- Car spaces in the parking lot were painted in mid-September allowing for organized parking and less confusion.
- Thanks to committee members Denise (Taylor) and Lyn (Langford) for painting the ladies' bathroom and fitting new shower curtains.
- General electrical, plumbing and structural repairs were rendered to sections of the compound and the building and an additional light was installed in the dry dock area. The lamp at the beginning of the dock was re-wired and is again operational as too is the one at the end on the T-section.
- The settee by the pool table had to be removed due to infestation of termites. Some base moldings were also replaced on the patio and in the bar area.
- An additional flow meter and pump were installed at the hardstand beside the crane for dispensing diesel. This has been met with great approval and proven very convenient for boaters who were not always able to be accommodated at the T-section of the dock.
- Thanks to Buckley, our security officer, Anthony and Gilbert from Grounds who have been gradually using excess marl to try and fill the driveway to the dry dock to ease the flooding after heavy rain.



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- Speaking of heavy rain, as October started, we experienced many days of heavy downpours due to weather systems, storms and tail-ends of hurricanes. Thankfully, we were spared the onslaught of hurricanes this year but were very mindful of our Caribbean neighbours who did not fare well at all.

### EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, EXHIBITIONS

On Monday Sept. 25th, prior to the official Marlin Tournament, local fishermen participated in the Canoe Tournament organised by Cathy & David Charley. A total of 25 boats participated and included here are photos of Capt. Steven Maxwell with crew member Nicholas Harwood posing with the prize trophy for capturing the largest blue marlin in their winning boat, **lenna**. Steven and Nicholas received the cash prize, a large screen flat T.V. (compliments of David Charley) amongst other prizes. Organisers ensured that all participants were winners as all received cash envelopes.





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Manuel 'Manny' Martinez, Sail Captain of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club in Port Ludow, Washington visited Montego Bay with his wife Christie in early October. Seen pictured below are Manny & Taddy exchanging their respective club burgees.



Restaurant Week will be held November 10-18 and the Seahorse Grill will be participating as usual. An article written by Restaurant Week Ambassador, Miss Jamaica Universe 2009, Carolyn Yapp appeared recently in the Daily Gleaner detailing her great experience at the Seahorse Grill. See link below.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/food/20171026/daddy-daughter-takeover-robbie-josephs-seahorse-grill>

The JAMIN Race series will be held Dec. 8-10 with sailors coming from Cayman, Canada, U.S. and of course crew from RJYC and our own MBYC with special guest Mike Marshall, the 2016 J22 Champion. The event kicks off with registration and Welcome Cocktails on Dec. 8 and the first 4 races on Sat. Dec. 9th. The final day will see three more races before a debriefing session with Mike after which there will be the prize giving event. Watch closely for more details as arrangements are confirmed.

### NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome new members – Israel Carmet, Dr. Roberto Ledo & Family, Rainer Schellhas and Family and Canute McFarlane.

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### Montego Bay Yacht Club International Marlin Tournament Bobby Stewart



The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Montego Bay Yacht Club International Marlin Tournament got underway on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, with 28 boats competing, a smaller field than has become the norm in recent years, and due to a late-hour relaunch of the event to the angling community.

This year, we have a new Headline Sponsor in West Indies Petroleum, who contributed greatly in support of making it another excellent event. We had a record number of sponsors this year, all of whom assisted in various ways, from financial support, down to the provision of high quality food for the event, or staff for various functions. We are eternally grateful for their support, and invite you to look at who helped, in the list below.

Once again, 5 team boats from Cayman came to town for the event, including MoBay son, Guy Harvey. Anglers were present from Jamaica, Cayman, the US, Canada, Haiti, Trinidad – and there was even a Team Boat fishing under the Barbados flag!

While the 2017 event was set for some very auspicious dates, a hot water “gyre” moved in from off the western end of Jamaica in the three days before the event, and pushed away the cold water that hosted the fast-feeding marlin. In fact, day one of the tournament, on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, was the only day where remnants of the cool water could be found near Montego Bay. This meant a reduction in the catch overall – a total of 10 Marlin released for the event.

Wednesday morning started off with a fantastic breakfast spread by Robbie Joseph and the Sea Horse Grill. Anglers were unanimous in their opinion that the breakfast was the best provision on the fishing circuit, something that the club and the Sea Horse Grill can be proud of. This was followed by the traditional Bimini flare start, and the first Marlin fight was reported at 11:31 am by team **Sashimo** – angler Fredrik Mo successfully released that marlin, the first of the tournament, at 12:59 pm. A blue marlin was also released at 4:06 pm by Alec Henderson, fishing on Guy Harvey’s boat, **Makaira**.

Thursday morning got started in the morning with Dayne Chuck on **Big Wahoo** releasing a blue marlin at 10:50 am. Omar Johnson on Cayman boat, **Island Bwoy**, followed suit with another release at 11:38 am. Local legend Gordon Shirley made his mark on the scorecard with another release at 1:20 pm, fishing from boat **Wassi**. However, it was **Island Bwoy** that became the first boat of the day to release a second blue marlin, and take the lead in the tournament, with their release at 4:26 pm, by female angler Annette Stallmach.



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The docks were abuzz with music and laughter for the first two nights of the event, leading into an exciting final day on Friday. Friday was to be the "short day", with lines out at 3:30pm, instead of the usual 5pm – in order to prepare for prize giving.

Friday morning started out with an early "hot bite" as anglers learned to explore the cooler water near shore, in order to beat the hot water system that had driven the bite deep for much of the event. At just 8:27 am, Barbados angler Teddy Williams, fishing on boat **Oh Reely**, released the first blue marlin of the morning. This was followed in rapid succession by Courtney Wilkinson on **Persistence**, with a release at 9:03 am. Not to be outdone, team **Safe Passage** followed with two releases in a row at 9:35 am and 10:14 am, by anglers Patrick Sleem and Mark Berry, respectively.

On returning to the dock and completing wash down and clean up, the team boats proceeded to enjoy the club hospitality in preparation for the awards ceremony.

This year, for the first time, the Game Fish Events tournament committee laid out a proper dinner for the awards ceremony, catered excellently, again, by the Sea Horse Grill. The awards ceremony was completed in record time, under 40 minutes, and **Island Bwoy** was crowned champion of the 56<sup>th</sup> running, with Annette Stallmach also taking top female angler. Second place boat was **Safe Passage**, and third place team was MoBay favorite, **Sashimo**.

Also a first, this year's awards ceremony was followed by a live performance by Jamaican Great, Sizzla - This was very much enjoyed by all in attendance!

The following morning, Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, saw the 4<sup>th</sup> annual staging of the Tight Lines beach party and marlin team boat raft up at Biggs beach and Doctors Cave. This was a well attended event and much appreciated by the anglers, as well as visitors and local Montegonians.

The next running of the Montego Bay Yacht Club International Marlin Tournament (the 57<sup>th</sup>!), is set for September 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Mark it on your calendar now!

Please recognize and thank the incredibly important sponsors who helped make this event another great MoBay event! They are - Headline Sponsor, West Indies Petroleum! Presenting Sponsors: NCB Capital Markets, Select Brands, ATL Automotive / Porsche, Proven REIT Real Estate, and FFK Insurance. Associate Sponsors: Guy Harvey, Sandals Resorts, Viking Yacht Company, John Swaby, Yamaha Jamaica, Caribbean Airlines. And Product/Support Sponsors: Rainforest Seafoods, Megamart, Pure National Ice, Connley Fishing Custom Rods, Soundworks/JL Audio, The Meat Experts, The Best Dressed Chicken, Orijin Juices, Good Life Water, JPS.

We thank everyone involved with the event at every level, for all your help and sweat, and look forward to another successful staging next year! See you then!

Bobby Stewart, Director  
Game Fish Events Limited

**Marlin Points from MoBay tournament:**



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**Island Bwoy** - 2 marlin released - 800 Points  
**Safe Passage** - 2 marlin released - 800 Points  
**Sashimo** - 1 marlin released - 400 Points  
**Makaira** - 1 marlin released - 400 Points  
**Big Wahoo** - 1 marlin released - 400 Points  
**Wassi** - 1 marlin released - 400 points  
**Oh Reely** - 1 marlin released - 400 points  
**Persistence** - 1 marlin released - 400 points





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