



Montego Bay Yacht Club 'Sloop News'

August 2016

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Nigel Knowles

Fellow MBYC Members, first and foremost I wish to thank you all for your support, encouragement, and the vote of confidence in all that I and my Committee are trying to achieve for MBYC by re-electing me as your Commodore for a third term. I am also extremely pleased to have the support of an excellent Committee and our new Vice Commodore, Andrew Smith, to help me keep moving our club forward to bigger and better results.

I am pleased that my long serving, dedicated and hard working past Vice Commodore Lyn Langford (along with most of the past members) is remaining on our Committee to offer her advice and guidance. I know that Andrew and I will work well together. We share a focus, an energy and common vision for the club. With William Craig and Bobby Stewart remaining as 1st and 2nd rear Commodores, Jo Meany as Honorary Secretary, and stalwarts like Bryan Langford, Mike Morse and Andrew Chalmers continuing to work so hard for our club, we should see even greater improvements to our facilities and programs in the coming 12 months. Along with Andrew Smith as Vice Commodore, we have two other new additions to our committee of management. Karen Hookalyo and Denise Taylor will be well known to regular visitors at the club. The skills and knowledge they will bring to our committee on social, dock, facilities and management issues in particular will be a great asset to us.

At our AGM on the 19th of July I summarized our achievements for last year and also our plans for the upcoming year. One area that still requires more energy and focus is that of club social events. For this as yet unmet challenge I apologise and take full responsibility. It is an area that I will focus on and improve over the coming term. To this end, and with the help of key committee members, we will be forming a specific sub-committee of members to focus on social events. This is a great opportunity for members to get involved and focus on one aspect of club life, without having to spend time on all the other areas that the committee works on in the larger meetings. If you want to help us achieve this goal by being a part of this sub-committee, please let me or our club manager Taddy know so that we can get you signed up and involved as soon as possible.



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Finally, I want to update you on three other key items of interest. One is the dock electrics (which are mostly on island now) and the raising of the dock surface, both of which projects should be underway very soon. It will mean a few weeks of inconvenience for the boaters, but by September we hope to have a great new raised dock with a smooth running power supply for our boat owners and visitors to enjoy. Secondly I want to inform you that our Marlin Tournament is moving forward very well. Reservations are sold out already and a growing waiting list has been created. We will announce other exciting features of this event soon. Thirdly I want to tell you that the Pineapple Cup and new Cuba Cup promotions are well underway and that we have pulled together with other yacht clubs and events to promote our two races as a part of an exciting winter of racing in the western Caribbean. The flyer below will explain all.

Thank you once again for your votes of confidence. I and the Committee look forward, with your support, involvement and encouragement, to another exciting year at our club.

Cheers, Nige

WINTER ESCAPE 2017

Florida

#1 Wirth Munroe
Miami - Palm Beach
Dec 2, 2016

#2 Fort Lauderdale to Key West
Jan. 11, 2017

#3 Key West Race Week
Jan 15-20, 2017

Cuba

#4 Pineapple Cup
Miami - Montego Bay
Feb 4, 2017

#5 Cuba Cup
Montego Bay - Havana
Feb 17, 2017

Jamaica

Sailing in the Sun, Easy Schedule, Tropical Locations, Historic Races!

#1 #2 #3 #4 #5

Dec. 2, 2016 Jan. 11, 2017 Jan. 15-20, 2017 Feb. 4, 2017 Feb. 17, 2017

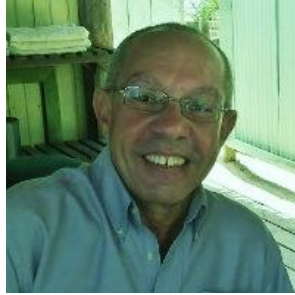
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MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE!

PROGRESS OF CLUB UPGRADES

The most recent improvement undertaken was the reupholstering of the sofa & chairs in the pool room. Thanks to Julie Knowles for making and negotiating the arrangements. Other upgrades and improvements are underway, due for completion soon.



The Club recently received six lights for the tennis courts, through the kind donation of Tony Hart. Once we have acquired the appropriate poles to erect them, both courts will be sufficiently lit for members to enjoy play in the evening.

EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, EXHIBITIONS

The Youth Sailing Camp kicked off on July 18 and wound up on the 25th. Our Youth Sail Camp Instructor, Zoe Knowles has contributed a commentary of the event in this newsletter.

The month of July saw only 3 visiting boats; this to be expected as it is traditionally not a prime time for boats from overseas to visit the Island.



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This August, the J22 Class series will see activities every Tuesday evening commencing August 16th.

LIST OF NEW CLUB MEMBERS

The Club has approved and welcomes the most recent members - Adahlia Lennox; Stefan Prohaska; Youth sailors: Zuri Assam, Joshua Gomes and Rebecca Martin.

YOUTH SAILING 'Camp Capsizing' Zoe Knowles

After a year long hiatus, the summer of 2016 brought the return of MBYC's Youth Sailing Camp. We succeeded in rounding up the usual suspects for this event, including fan favorites Alan Harris, Charlie Kennedy-Holland, Lily and Grace Farquharson, and honorary guest Evan Langford. Somehow we managed to avoid disastrous sunburns and semi-awkward tans for the third year in a row.

Unlike previous camps, this year we had to adjust our strategically planned days to accommodate an even younger group of pikney, consisting of 5 six-year-olds! To put it in the wise words of our instructors- it was more of a 'capsizing' camp than a sailing camp. Nonetheless, every single pikney received their level one, with the exception of Lucas who received both his level one and level two and helmed Renegade to victory during the youth skipper series!

Congrats and thanks to all the kids who participated in the camp. Without your endless capsizing, we would never have known that even Pico's can sink! Big ups to all the instructors whose dry capsizing skills are now better than those of the sailors competing in this year's Olympic Games (I'm betting that we could give the athletes a run for their money). Also special thanks to Julie Knowles, Heather and Zerain, and Taddy - nothing would be possible without you.

August Quiz Question

The answer to July's quiz question (How old is Nigel Knowles) is 52! Who knew? Well, nobody apparently, so give this one a try.

August quiz question: In what town and parish was Usain Bolt born?

Responses to carolesmall@shaw.ca.

PS. Nigel's 53rd is coming up next month so give him a hug.

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