



Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Nigel Knowles

Firstly please let me express my gratitude to all of you for re-electing me as Commodore of MBYC for a second term. Your trust in me is humbling. Thank you. I will try my best to live up to and exceed your expectations.

I feel sure, with the committee you elected to work with me, that we can achieve great things for the Club and keep moving it forward over the next year. I wish to welcome William Craig as our new 1st Rear Commodore and Andrew Chalmers as a new Committee member too, I am sure they will fit in well and bring a new perspective to our team. I wish to thank Elizabeth Scotton for all she has done over the past year and wish her well for her new future overseas, we will miss her greatly. A special thanks also to Denton Campbell and Julie Knowles for all their efforts, and for offering to help on selected committee projects when called upon in the coming year.

At the AGM we highlighted our improving financials and the fact that we now have no delinquent boats on our dock. We also outlined some plans for the coming year. We will continue to invest in the dock and the Clubhouse and are looking forward to major Club events, such as the Fishing Tournament and the Pineapple Cup in 2017. And of course we'll continue to organize a social calendar with a focus on attracting new members and on youth engagement and involvement. All very exciting activities, but we have a lot of work to do. Please help and support us in making the next year a success.

It was also highlighted that although there is a management committee, this does not stop other members from becoming involved in making our club better and working on new events and objectives, so please let Taddy in the office know if you wish to volunteer to assist in specific areas such as; Web design, social events, race start committee, youth events, etc. We need and welcome additional bodies with key skill sets to help us achieve our goals.



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Together we can all make our club simply wonderful, with a strong and active membership. I am looking forward to working with and for you all.

MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

2015 Annual General Meeting

We offer a sincere welcome to the new Committee of Management nominated at the AGM on Sunday, June 28. Congratulations to Commodore Nigel Knowles, again voted in for the 2015-16 term. Welcome too to Vice Commodore - Lyn Langford, First & Rear Commodores - William Craig and Bobby Stewart, Treasurer - Josephine Meany, Committee Members - Bryan Langford, Mike Morse and Karen Cleaver-Bascombe. We extend a very special welcome to new Committee newcomers - William Craig and Andrew Chalmers. Sadly, Denton Campbell stepped down, as did Elizabeth Scotton-Brown and Julie Knowles. We wish to thank them for their invaluable contribution and able assistance at all times.

We are earnestly seeking volunteers for various sub-committees to assist in the membership expansion programme, the social, dock and start committees, also web design and maintenance. We already have a few volunteers and will gladly welcome more members to contribute ideas and efforts in continuance of the successful operation of the Club.

Clean-up Project

Over the next week or so we will be undertaking a clean-up exercise of all the items behind the storage container on the dingy dock. While we have identified many items belonging to the Club, there are other miscellaneous items that belong to members that need to be removed. Please make an effort to secure your personal items or give us permission to discard them. The pile is bearing down on the wooden fence



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separating the dock from the Seawind on The Bay complex, and the tenants there are concerned of the imminent collapse of the fence.

Club Events

In general, June was a fairly quiet month which saw a large wedding ceremony held on the Almond Terrace in mid June. Also, Island Strokes held four classes which again proved to be very entertaining and seems to be gaining even more interest. It is truly a relaxing experience and private group sessions up to 25 persons can also be arranged.

The Eber Preparatory School held their annual Graduation exercise on the Patio, due to inclement weather. However, this did not stop the students, parents and teachers from having an enjoyable graduation party.

A week long Art Exhibition at the beginning of the month saw many paintings of Lennox Coke along with a jewelry sales exhibit for 2 days in the latter part of the month staged by Monique Clarke.

On Friday, June 19, Commodore Knowles was joined by Committee Members to welcome the recently appointed members since the beginning of this year. The Friday vibe was enjoyable, especially with the offerings of hors d'oeuvres and sangria sponsored by the Seahorse Grill. It is hoped that we will be able to stage similar welcome functions throughout the year.

A huge welcome to the new members in the last few months – Karina Mahmubani & Family, Ellsworth Williams & Family, Hugh Chambers & Family, James Thompson & Family, Andrew Chalmers & Family, Robert Hannon and Nigel Lord.

Also, Harold Seigel of the Potomac River Yacht Club Association visited the Club and kindly agreed to an exchange of burgees. Included too in this issue is a photo of Nick Pera presenting the MBYC burgee to the President of the Old Dominion Boat Club, having given us one back in April this year.



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Nick Pera presents MBYC Burgee to President Bill Gard of the Old Dominion Boat Club



Nick Pera of the Old Dominion Boat Club presents his Club's burgee to Taddy at MBYC



Harry Seigel of the Potomac River Yacht Club Exchanging burgees with Taddy at the MBYC

Youth Sailing

In closing, a reminder that the dates for the 2015 Summer Youth Sailing Camp are August 3rd -7th and 10th-14th (Independence Day excluded). Registration is now open to members – so please call our Admin Office at 979-8038 or e-mail with your interest to register your children.



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JULY QUIZ

The answer to the June quiz question is 'Lawrence Lane', a small lane that originates between Creek Street and St. James Street and runs up to St. Claver Avenue. Regretfully there were no responses, correct or otherwise, to the question.

July Quiz Question: For how many years was Evelyn Harrington our esteemed MBYC Commodore? Email your response to carolesmall@shaw.ca

SAILING QUOTE

"If you live a life of make-believe, your life isn't worth anything until you do something that does challenge your reality. And to me, sailing the open ocean is a real challenge, because it's life or death."

Morgan Freeman