

New Format

At the suggestion of some of our members, we are experimenting with a change in the format of the newsletter to single page, rather than two columns. A few readers of the online newsletter told me that they were finding it awkward to scroll down then up and down on every page. So here it is - the February newsletter in a new format. Please give it a read and provide me with your feedback on the new look.
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MBYC Manager's Report

Judith Dear, Club Manager

MBYC 2014 Tennis Tournament



POSTPONEMENT

We have had to defer the tournament, as the tennis court project will soon commence. The plan includes a single court and a double court. Stay tuned!

MBYC 2014 Easter Regatta – April 18th to 21st, 2014

The planning process has commenced and the committee is looking forward to a wonderful weekend of great sailing and lots of fun for the children. **Kids, please practice your skills for the “Hula Hoop” competition.**



MBYC 2014 Fishing Tournament

Chairman: Bobby Stewart

Committee Members: Sasha Hossman, Ian Fulton, Gordon Shirley, Heather, Davia & Judith

The committee we will keep you updated.

Children's Fishing Tournament 2013



Ministry of Health

The MBYC is a collection site to safeguard the populations of St. James/Hanover against mosquito viruses. We are asking all persons who have boats on dry dock to ensure they are kept free of leaves and water.

Slip Contracts

In order to update our files, we have requested that all boat owners complete the slip contract applications that was sent to them and return these to the administrative office.

Venue Bookings



The Jade New Year's Party was a great success. Robbie Joseph and his staff outdid themselves. Thank you J22 owners for graciously accommodating us by moving your sailboats. It was greatly appreciated by all.

The income from our venue bookings afforded us the pleasure of paying our hard working MBYC staff a small Christmas bonus.

Latin Dance Lessons

One of our committee members is trying to organize lessons for interested persons. Please send us an email if you would like to have fun and learn to dance the tango.

Youth Sailing 'ARTSAIL'

Photos of the art are available for preview on the MBYC Bulletin Notice Board up until January 13, 2014 and at Carole's web log (blog) www.carolesartandsoul.com. Several of the paintings are now hanging in the club on the south wall towards the front of the building.



Our editor and artist, Carole Small, and the youth sailors will be on hand to host a display of some of the pieces of art on Friday, February 7th between 5PM and 7 PM. Please come, support the young sailors, and purchase a lovely piece of art to add to your collection.

Manager's Old Time Corner

Kids' Sailing Camp 2010



Oh My--- How we have grown !!!!!!!

MBYC Admin Report

Heather Vernon, Club Administrative Assistant

MBYC is offering a lifetime single membership for US \$ 3,030.00 per member. These payments will go towards purchasing a program and machine to create membership cards. Please contact me for further discussion on the matter.

The MBYC accounts department has been able to keep abreast of making major payments on time. Presently there are only two payments left on the insurance premiums for 2013-2014 and one payment for the dry dock land.

We are asking all members to please pay their invoices on time to facilitate the accounts department in honoring our obligations and our overhead expenses on a timely basis.

As you are aware, repairs have been done to the dock. However there are more dock repairs that we would like to accomplish this year. Boating members, your dockage fees play a great part in helping us resolve these and other dock issues.

Projects for February 2014

- Reupholster the lounge and bar furniture (and the 'red carpet') which will be a joint effort with our concessionaire
- Remove and replace the rotting light pole in the parking lot
- Remove old items from the boat yard and the container
- Ensure applicable staff members obtain their Coxswain licenses at a cost of US\$400.00 each.

It would be greatly appreciated if any member would like to sponsor a staff member or make a contribution towards these costs.

We are also asking if any member has a laptop that are not using, and would like to donate this to the club. It would of great assistance to us.

The administrative office would like to get in contact with the following persons: Eddy Hauswinth, James High, Paul McFarlane and Andrew McGlone. Please contact me if you have contact information for these people.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"

Photos of Youth Fun Day at the Christmas Luncheon – December 2013

Photos Courtesy of Julia Magnuson-Ford



Who's On the Dock?

'Marianne'



'Marianne' on the MBYC dock

"Ahoy, we are the 'Sailing Conductors'! Just two music loving dudes who can't help themselves but have to set out on an adventure of a lifetime. That's why we've been sailing from Sydney, Australia to Berlin in Germany since April 2011. During our journey we record hundreds of local musicians in 35 countries and 5 continents to produce an amazing music album."

From the www.sailingconductors.com website.

In early December two weary but happy sailors arrived on the MBYC dock in their Rawson 30. This is no ordinary sailboat to look at, and the sailors themselves are on a most extraordinary voyage. Benjamin Schaschek and Hannes Koch, both from Germany and in their mid-twenties, are sailing around the world recording the music of local musicians in every country they visit. The boat, named **Marianne** is equipped with a small recording studio including audio and filming equipment.

I met with Ben and his musician friend and collaborator, Reinhard Liebers, at the Club on January 9th to talk about their very unique and somewhat amazing adventures. Reinhard, a friend of Ben and Hannes, is visiting and working with Ben here in Montego Bay while Hannes is back in Germany doing business and promotional outreach. Ben and Hannes met in Berlin about 5 years ago. Both were interested in audio engineering and subsequently travelled to Australia to pursue their studies in that field. When he had completed his studies, Ben booked a flight back to Germany but missed his flight. Most of us would have given ourselves a good tongue lashing and bought another ticket. But Ben had a different idea. He decided to buy a boat and go sailing and recording!



Ben Schaschek and Reinhard Liebers

Although they had done some recreational lake sailing back in Germany, neither Ben nor Hannes had ever done any ocean sailing. But that didn't stop them from buying a somewhat elderly ocean sailboat (1976 Rawson 30 built in Seattle) in the Solomon Islands, rigged with only a genoa and storm sail. They set out on their maiden voyage to Papua, New Guinea in April of 2011. Predictably, everything that could go wrong with the boat did; the self steering broke, the batteries died, the generator failed and the 37 year old sails almost completely disintegrated. They had no lights and were once almost mowed down by a tanker that passed within feet of their boat in the middle of the night.

The Sailing Conductors have now logged over 40,000 km on their travels. They've recorded music played by local musicians in countries throughout the southern hemisphere. A number of media outlets in Germany have discovered these very enterprising young artists. Not surprisingly, television, recording and publishing contracts are in the works for these intrepid entrepreneurs.

Montego Bay is not the last stop. They plan to set sail in early February to Cuba and then head for New York City by way of The Bahamas, recording and filming musicians in the countries they visit along the way. Then, the daunting journey back to Europe.

Ben and Hannes are currently on the lookout for a Jamaican musician to record. Keep an eye on their website, www.sailingconductors.com to see who they choose. The website has links to their route, their travels, videos, and music, so you can listen to their recordings of artists from exotic locations, including Australia, Africa, Asia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brazil, and the list goes on and on.

Bon voyage fellows! We hope you enjoyed your stay at our Club and wish you safe sailing and happy travels.

Jamaican Stories

From Gene Drummond

Our very own Gene Drummond who was born and raised in Jamaica has passed along a few humorous stories recalled from her life in Jamaica. I'll try and include one each month – until they run out. Here's the first one. Thank you Gene!

A species of black banana is sometimes grown in Jamaica. When unripe they are black. They turn a dull red when ripe. A higgler who had some for sale was approached by a tourist.

Tourist: "What are these?"

Higgler: "Dem's black banana."

Tourist: "I've never heard of such a thing."

Higgler: "Is like dis mam, when dems black dems green and when dems red dems yellow."

Mystery of the Month

Last month's mystery question was answered promptly and correctly by **Peter Harper**. Peter was Johnny on the spot, dashing off his answer only 15 minutes after the newsletter was sent out. The beautifully decorated boat in the photo is '**Diva**', Phil Slow's boat. It's on the hook in front of Seawinds.



Now, let's see how observant all you Montegonians are out there. Check out the photo and tell me the name of this quaint street in downtown MoBay. Email your answer to carolesmall@shaw.ca.

Sailing Quote

At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much.

- Robin Lee Graham