

Easter Regatta March 28th – 31st, 2013



What do Half Moon, the Airport mark and Doctor's Cave mark have in common? All three of them were named as the windward mark of the All Comers Race during this year's Easter Regatta.

Saturday March 30, 2013

The breeze was forecast for a blow and when an experienced water sports specialist called to say that there was no way that a mark could be laid outside Half Moon due to high seas and 'at least 40 knots' of wind the race committee took the hint and shortened the course. Airport was named instead, a much more reasonable race considering the weather conditions. Everyone was raring to go except the venerable Dragons 'Snarl' and 'Chicoune' who were considering a more protected race in the confines of the bay to ensure that rigs were kept intact throughout. Well it wouldn't be an all-comers race with only J22's and accordingly the race were shortened to include the Dragons and Doctor's Cave was used as the windward mark. It was true that 30 knots was present on the end of the dock so there was a little concern about what conditions out at sea would present....



One of the shortest all-comers in recent times, the winning boat Renegade took line honours in just over 40 minutes with a fantastic race from Ayasoh close behind. Zipper was disqualified after an incorrect start and Defender took third place. 'Snarl' taking the trophy for PHRF winner. Congrats Billie!

Sunday March 31, 2013

Sunday afternoon found crew discipline exercises on J22 Nina resulting in a man overboard drill during the last race of the day – the Paul Eldemire memorial trophy. Ian Chandley was evidently paying the price for non-conformance; "The wind shifted as the boat was about to tack so suddenly I went from being on the windward rail to be underwater" recounts Ian. "It was a 30-degree shift off Pier 1".

Shifts were the story of the 4 J22 races run in the shelter of land between Pier 1 and KFC, the windward mark being particularly notorious for constantly changing lay lines. Despite, or because of, the shifts from the land, the boats were separated by 10ths of seconds around the course keeping the racing close and exciting. Zipper was prevented a possible clean sweep with a disastrous episode with her jib that wrapped around the forestay on the trip downwind that just would not un-wind on the way back up wind. "I have never seen that happen before" said a resigned Peter Harper, "not in all my natural born years. I even stopped trying to tell the foredeck what to do, it was a total mess" he admitted. At the end of the day it was Renegade that triumphed against her arch rival Zipper and a surprise third from some solid racing by Bob Mallasch in the good ship Ayasoh.

Youth Sailing

Credit to Zoe, Evan and Alan-Jay for competing in seriously windy conditions on both days and particularly Evan and Alan-Jay for helming the Dragons to success in the all-comers race. Zoe, for keeping her cool on the foredeck in the middle of Renegade's contemporizing as the positions changed by several boats on each leg.



Kingston Cruise

MBYC played host to some 11 cruisers on Thursday night and celebrated their arrival with a cocktail party allowing them to participate in tributes to Michael Lyons on his retirement. Mike retired at the end of March after 54 years on the job. 1959 to 2013. Well done Mike. Many happy memories were recounted by Bryan Langford, Simon Clarke and wishes were sent from many other members who couldn't be at the cocktail party.

The Kingston cruisers had a memorable round the island trip in many ways. Not the least of which included the drama of mooring at Montego Bay in 25 knot winds, and the flying trip to Negril from Mo Bay in 33 knot gusts on the tail. Unfortunately, two of the Kingston boats, which had left the cruise at different points, were lost during their sail around the island. One, Tai Pan, was beached and the other, Pegasus, got caught on a reef. Thankfully all the Kingston sailors are safely back home, recovering from their adventure. Their club is planning to analyze and review the circumstances around the losses with a view to avoiding such incidents in future.

Thanks for the evening due to Caribbean Producers Jamaica, Robbie Joseph's Seahorse Grill, the Montego Bay Yacht Club and our very own Lyn Langford.

Big thanks to:

Start Committee - Lyn, Tanique, Carole, Robin,

Prizes - Frank May

MBYC management and staff - Judith, David, Heather and of course the legend, Mighty Mike.

Richard Hamilton

Past Commodore

MBYC 2013 Easter Regatta Prize Giving

PHRF Trophy

Henriques Cup

Billy Thompson - Snarl

Crichton Cup

Great Yacht / All-Comers Half Moon Race

1st Across the Line

Renegade - Richard Hamilton

Laurie Scott Trophy

Great Yacht / All-Comers Half Moon Race

2nd Across the Line

Ayasoh - Robert Mallasch

Geoffrey George Trophy

Great Yacht / All-Comers Half Moon Race

3rd Across the Line

Defender - Jim Wilson

Gargoyle Cup

J-22 Class Champion

Renegade - Richard Hamilton

The Appleton Trophy

Regatta Champion

Renegade - Richard Hamilton

All Fools Regatta

Champion

Not awarded

Ranger Cup for Service to the Club

Jim Wilson

Wooden Spoon

TBA

Memories of an Easter Regatta 1940's Style



Gene Drummond

As related to and recorded by Richard Hamilton

As a young girl back in the forties I flew down from Canada to sail in the Easter Regatta. Hard as it is to believe everyone had surplus crew. I settled on going on the "nanny" boat so named as she followed the fleet around the course in case someone needed help.

Most of the fleet went down to Lucea on Good Friday - ready to race back on Saturday. The nanny boat played host for breakfast to most of the fleet. Most of the crews had hangovers from the night before. As usual, I was the reluctant chef.

We had set the markers on Good Friday. We thought all was safe and properly secured. Not so. On Saturday morning a flag which had been tied to a marker gave way about twenty minutes before the start.

It took the nanny boat ten minutes to get over to the marker. The skipper noted that I was the youngest on board and told me to jump on the marker and hold the flag. Like a fool I did. They yelled that they would pick me up after the start – which they didn't! The race started and the nanny boat followed the fleet out of the channel and out to sea. Someone yelled for the barmaid to bring beer – it was only then they noticed they were out of beer and the barmaid was not on board.

They came about and found me clutching my red post and bit of flag. Exhausted, I managed to climb off the marker and into the faithful nanny boat.

I asked if I might have a Red Stripe. I was told there were none left. A quiet man – the skipper said, "Oh Hell! Give her a Scotch – give her the whole damn bottle if she wants it." Good man that – he was my father.

Happy Easter and Happy Sailing
Gene Drummond

MBYC Annual General Meeting April 7th, 2013



The Montego Bay Yacht Club reconvened its AGM on April 7th, 2013 at the Club. Fifty one members were signed in.

Richard Hamilton, outgoing Commodore, led the members through the agenda. Bob Mallasch oversaw the Election of Officers after the resignation of the Commodore and the Management Committee, excepting Jim Wilson. Ian Chandley was elected Commodore and the following members were affirmed as Flag Officers and Committee Members.

Vice Commodore – Lyn Langford
First Rear Commodore – Nigel Knowles
Second Rear Commodore – Sasha Hossmann
Treasurer – Josephine Meany

Committee Members:

Jim Wilson
Noel Harty
Giorgio Rusconi
Tanique Ventura
Robin deLisser
Carolyn Barrett
Elizabeth Scotten
Julie Knowles

A warm thank you and vote of appreciation, seconded by all, was given by Evelyn Harrington to outgoing Commodore Richard Hamilton for his leadership, dedication and hard work as Commodore over the past 5 years.

AGM Special – April 7, 2013

Race Results

Team	1	2	3	4	TOT
1 Renegade	1	1	2	2	6
2 Nina	3	5	1	1	10
3 Zipper	DNS	2	3	3	14
4 Ayahso	2	4	5	4	15
5 Awesome	4	3	4	5	16

Sailing Calendar

April

- Saturday, April 27th – RJYC MBYC J22 Clash 1-6 Races
- Sunday, April 28th – RJYC MBYC J22 Clash 1-6 Races

May

- Saturday, May 11th – MBYC J22 Lady Skipper Evening Series
- Saturday, May 25th – RJYC MBYC J22 Clash 2 – 6 Races
- Sunday, May 26th – RJYC MBYC J22 Clash 2 – 6 Races

Interview with “Teddy” MBYC Bartender Extraordinaire

Contributed by Carole Small
MBYC Newsletter Writer and Editor



Definition

Bartender: Noun. One who serves drinks from behind a bar, not to be confused with: taxi driver, loan officer, chef, doctor, marriage counselor, matchmaker, chemist, psychologist or babysitter!

Remember that TV sitcom about a bar called ‘Cheers’ where “everybody knows your name”? I loved that show because when I watched it I felt like I was home. It was a bar that welcomed strange regulars and regular strangers alike. And our bar at the MBYC is not much different than ‘Cheers’. Visitors and locals all find a warm greeting, a welcoming smile and their favorite libation from the bartender when they sidle up to the bar. But it takes a very special bartender to create such an environment. Are we lucky or what? We have Ketley Brown, fondly known as ‘Teddy’, tending our bar and making us feel welcome and at home.

Teddy probably knows more about you than you know about him. And that’s a good thing. Because he not only knows your drink preferences, he knows when you really need a smile. He likely knows a lot more too, but Teddy possesses an essential bartender trait – discretion. Maybe you’d like to know a little more about Teddy.

Teddy was born and raised in a large family in the town of Hopewell, in the Parish of Hanover. He went to elementary school at the Bethel All Age School and then attended Rusea’s High School in Hanover where he graduated in 1995. His first job after high school was as a packer in a Montego Bay supermarket where he worked for two and a half years. Wanting to expand his skills and

opportunities, he then enrolled in and completed a one year electrical installation course at the Heart Trust NTA.

Because it was difficult to find regular employment in his field, he looked for other work, and in 2001 he applied for and won a bar porter position at Margaritaville in Montego Bay. Within 6 months, Teddy was promoted to the position of bartender. He stayed in this position for four and a half years and then, acting on information from a friend, applied for and won the position of bartender at MBYC in 2006 while Shari Russell was the concessionaire. Now, almost 7 years later, Teddy has become a familiar face in our club, and a much loved and well respected member of the MBYC family.

Teddy still lives in Hopewell, which is a one hour drive each way via route taxi. But he says the commute is well worth it for him. He loves working at the club where he feels happy and right at home. The staff, the club members and regular customers are all his friends. Plus he gets to meet visitors to the island, and sailors from faraway places. Teddy says that meeting and talking with all those interesting people is one of the things he likes best about his job. And we’d say that Teddy is one of the things that we like best about our bar.

Cheers Teddy!

A Word from our Manager

Judith Dear

SECURITY CAMERAS AND INTERNET

Our security cameras will be soon installed in strategic areas. This will enhance security in the clubhouse and dock areas.

A more powerful internet service has been installed at the club. It will be extended to the dock shortly. This is a free service to members.

CHILDREN’S PLAY STRUCTURE

To the delight of our young ones, an MBYC member has donated a new playground frame which will be placed near the dining area. Thank you to this generous member. The MBYC would also like to thank the following members who have offered to contribute US \$100.00 each, to cover the transportation and clearance costs of the children’s play structure:

Evelyn Harrington, Josephine Meany, Richard Downer, Jim Wilson, Marco Brown, Jeff Brame, Floyd Logan, David

Lindo, Sam West, Blaise Hart, Tanique Brodber-Venturia, Fred Smith, Lee Bailey, Bob Mallasch, Mike Morse and Peter Harper.

DOCKYARD AND GARDEN

Thank you, Peter Harper, for the loan of your truck which enabled us to remove items from the dockyard and to purchase and transport marl. Thanks also to Mark Kerr-Jarrett for the top soil.

As you can see our Dock Manager, David, has been doing a commendable job, ensuring that the dockyard is in good condition. Please assist him by making sure your boats are securely fastened and have proper drainage.

When painting your boats, please do so in the area adjoining the main road as the paint fumes disturb the tennis players. We would also ask boat owners to ensure that they and their workers are aware of the proper procedure for disposing of oil and are using only the designated disposal area. Our suppliers have given us a bad rating due to oil being spilled over the wall and also in the gutter adjoining the designated area.

Thanks to Winston Dear for plants, and to the gardeners who have been working on the front gardens to make them beautiful once more. We are tackling one area at a time and would be most grateful for whatever plants members would like to donate. Please discuss with Judith prior to donating plants.

SECURITY GATE

We are grateful to Denise Taylor who contributed the paint, and to the Security Guards who contributed their time and effort to painting the gate. The freshly painted gate will help to make our members and guests feel more welcome.

MBYJ STAFF

The MBYC staff members have made me feel so comfortable in my new position as the manager of the Club. A special thank you to Heather. I could not have settled in so quickly without her having shared her knowledge and expertise with me.

Anne Mills

We note and mourn the passing on April 11th, 2013 of Anne Mills, late of Reading Pen. Anne was a member of the club for many years. She was born and raised in Montego Bay and predeceased by her parents, Freddie and Mary Mills. Her brother John died in Canada last year. Anne is survived by a sister, Betsey, who resides in Paris.

Anne was very active in creating and selling crafts to tourists. Her roast beef, Christmas cake and Easter bun are legendary among the locals. Anne will be very much missed by her many friends.

Sailing Quote

“Hark, now hear the sailors cry,
smell the sea, and feel the sky
let your soul & spirit fly, into the mystic...”

Van Morrison