



Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Nigel Knowles

February was a busy month at the club with Valentine's evening celebrations and some exciting J22 sailing. Much behind the scenes work on next year's Pineapple Cup and Fishing Tournament is underway, and club house enhancements and dock upgrades continue. As you will have seen, further progress is being made with the ongoing improvements to the Freeport Road. We're also finalizing plans for the Easter Regatta, Easter Egg Hunt, plus a charity drive. More details follow in Taddy's article below.

Being on the MBYC committee is a challenging but rewarding job. We plan events and functions, both in the short and long term, for the enjoyment of our members. We ask for and would welcome your interest and support in furthering our efforts. Please contact the office if you can help us out.

Last week MBYC was pleased to donate the funds raised at our charity comedy night at last year's Fishing Tournament. We presented \$600,000 to Adam Stewart of the 'We Care' charity to put towards supporting the children's wing at Cornwall Regional Hospital. I am led to believe that this money may well go towards the paying of a full time teacher who is based in the ward to ensure that children continue their studies when in hospital for any length of time. This is an important service that 'We Care' offers to the children. Read more news about 'We Care' charity at: <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/regional/We-Care-ready-to-partner-with-new-Gov-t--says-Stewart- 54118>

I recently attended a conference held by the "Nuh Dutty Up Jamaica" campaign. This group's mandate is to raise Jamaican awareness of the need to protect our beautiful island from garbage and poor handling of our waste. This campaign is very important in my view. Too many people toss trash from car windows and litter without any consideration for the impact it has on our health and the environment and the risk of vermin or fire that it can cause. With this in mind I ask that we take a little time to spread the word and,



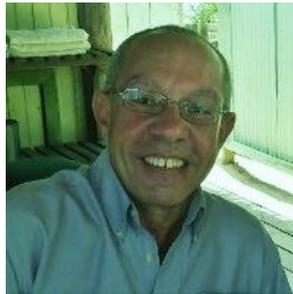
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importantly, to ensure we are all setting an example by taking responsibility for sustainable and safe management of our own solid waste, including re-using or recycling whenever possible. I will be specifically looking at how MBYC can improve on our waste systems and procedures.

Please come out and enjoy our Easter Regatta. Fun day is scheduled for March 25th and racing will take place on the 26th and 27th. More details will follow from the office.

MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



Taddy Tavares, Club Manager

YOUTH SAILING CAMP

The Youth Sailing Camp scheduled for March has been cancelled.

EVENTS/FUNCTIONS/EXHIBITIONS

Near the beginning of February several dining functions were held at the Club, including a luncheon for an international group of realtors hosted by a local company. The Monday Night Men's Club also held their monthly get together. As time drew near to election date, Seahorse Grill was busy with impromptu private lunch, dinner and fundraiser meetings.

The Club recently hosted a group of schoolchildren from Green Pond Primary. The aim of the excursion was to expose students to the different kinds of vessels that travel on water.

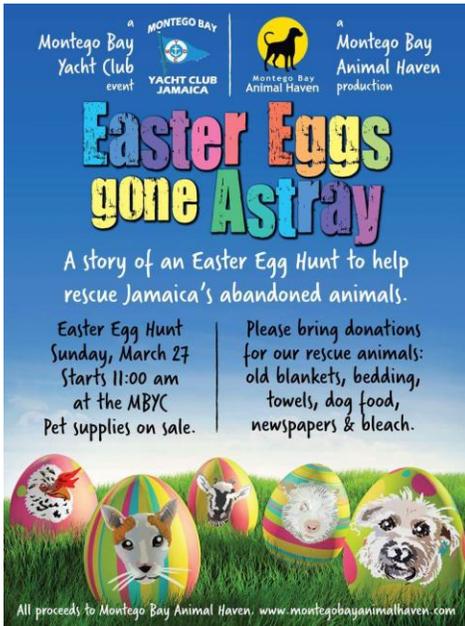
On Saturday, March 12th, the Secrets Hotel will be having a fireworks display commencing at 9:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 16th, The Studio Montego Bay will host an opening cocktail reception to present paintings by Jonna Brasch at 6:00 p.m. The official exhibit will run from March 17-19 at The Studio, Shop # 7 in the Bogue Commercial Centre from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.



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In addition to the fun sailing that will take place on March 25th as part of the Regatta over the Easter week-end, on Easter Sunday, the Club in association with Montego Bay Animal Haven will host the Easter Egg Hunt to start at 11:00 a.m. There will be pet supplies on sale and all are invited. Donations welcome for the benefit of Jamaica's abandoned animals. There will be a nominal fee for non-members to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

As of Thursday, March 17th, the Seahorse Grill will introduce the Baby Back Ribs night, to replace the current Sliders night.

PROGRESS OF CLUBHOUSE UPGRADES

Maintenance and repairs remains the focus on a daily basis, especially for the ramp and the dock. We invite suggestions and recommendations from members for the improvement of landscaping of the overall grounds with flowers etc.

EASTER REGATTA SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF RACES & COURSES

DATE	TIME	COURSE
Fri 25 Mar	1300h 1400h	Fun Day Skippers Meeting Fun Races
Sat 26 Mar	1000h 1100h approx. 1300h approx. 1400h	Skippers Meeting Start of races One and Two Break for lunch Start of races Three and Four
Sun 27 Mar	1100h approx. 1300h 1345h approx. 1700h	Start of races Five and Six Break for lunch First Start of All Comers race (GREAT YACHT RACE) Prize Giving



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LIST OF NEW CLUB MEMBERS

The club would like to welcome new members Jason Watt and Nedeisha Christie.

POOL TABLE

Gentle reminder to all that children under 16 yrs. old are not allowed the use of the pool table.

Members' Profiles and the Proust Questionnaire (PQ)

Carole Small, Newsletter Editor and Publisher carolesmall@shaw.ca



Jhana Faulkner

Ok, this lovely lady is not a member, but I'm betting she's at the club more than any of us. Jhana Faulkner (aka 'Kathi') is the ever smiling face behind the cash register on many a day and evening. She's the best. And she agreed to do the profile and the quiz question for us this month. Enjoy!

Tell me a bit about your family, where you grew up and where you went to school.

I grew up in a community named Hayes in Clarendon with my parents, two older sisters and an older brother as well. I went to the Midland Preparatory School, then the Glenmuir High School.

Where do you live now?

I currently live in Felicity, Albion, in the Parish of St. James.

What kind of work have you done in the past, and how did you come to work at the club??

My first job was a Teacher's Aide at Effortville Primary School in May Pen, Clarendon, then I moved on to the Acropolis Gaming and Entertainment Centre where I worked for three years as a cashier. I also do Social Media Promotions for various businesses, artistes and parties. I heard about the vacancy at the club from a friend who advised me to go and enquire in person, which I did, and was interviewed by Mr. Robert Joseph himself, and then his accountant. I was told to come in the following day to start working and it has been six years now and counting...



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What do you like about working at the club?

I love the contrast between the feeling of being in a family (i.e. with the members and staff at the club) and the opportunity to meet new persons regularly. Plus the view, I mean, how can one not love or mention the scenic view...

The Proust Questionnaire

What is your most treasured possession?

My sewing machine

Who are your favourite writers?

R.L. Stine and Dean Koontz

What is your motto?

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Which talent would you most like to have?

To be able to sing

How do you want to die?

Peacefully

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"God naaw sleep" or "Massa God a God"

March Quiz Question

February's quiz question (suggested by Jan Moe) was '**Which of the Canadian banks was the first to have a branch in Jamaica and in what year was it established?**' The correct answer is: The Bank of Nova Scotia (aka 'Scotiabank') in 1889.

Thanks and congrats to Tracy Snow for providing the correct response! Well, she is a Canadian.

The March quiz question (submitted by Kathi Faulkner) is: **If you could change one major thing about Jamaica, what would it be and why?** There are no 'correct' responses but we'll publish the responses in next month's newsletter. Have fun with this one. It's guaranteed to make you think.

Responses to: carolesmall@shaw.ca.



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February Quote

"I can't really live outside Jamaica. I can be away, but only for a while."

Usain Bolt

Friday Photos

This is a new item. It seems to me that Friday is probably the busiest (and best) night at the club, particularly for members and their guests, so for the past 3 weekends (Fridays) I've taken a few photos of the people and goings on at the club. Here are February's (and a few early March) Friday photos. If you have a Friday photo (taken at the club on a Friday night), please send them along to me and I'll include them in next month's newsletter. carolesmall@shaw.ca





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