



# Montego Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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### COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Nigel Knowles**

Hello everyone and welcome to the marvellous November Newsletter from the marvellous Montego Bay Yacht Club!

Hopefully you will have noticed the continuing improvements we are making at MBYC for our members. We've acquired new furniture, completed repairs to dock and club house, installed new fencing and made significant headway with the grounds work. The tennis court, which was donated to us by our generous members, is almost complete. We still have an active list of projects and goals that the committee wishes to achieve and although we are moving forward, we are always keen to receive assistance from members who may have key skills, free time, good contacts or a business that can offer services and supplies as a donation to the club. With your help we can all work together to continue to make our club better and better as time goes on. If you are willing to help in any way, please just let me know, as we would love to get more of our members involved in more ways. Despite what you may think, it is actually quite a bit of fun to set and realize these goals, and we derive a great sense of satisfaction when they are achieved for the benefit of our club.

Continuing on the "getting involved" theme and with the forthcoming 'Jamin' Regatta fast approaching, we hope to see many of our members participating, both on and off the water, to make this excellent international sailing event a huge hit yet again. This year, with a large contingent of international teams taking part against Jamaica's best J22 sailors, it will be an exciting social event. Join us at the bar after the races, and participate in the activity. It's a great opportunity to meet our visiting crews -always a fun part of any Regatta in my view. Do make a point of coming along and being a part of it all. More details on this event later in this newsletter.

If you happen to be in Kingston over the coming weekends do come along and cheer on the MoBay J22 racers as they compete in the Nationals and aim to gain national glory. Dates for this event appear later in the newsletter. This is our opportunity to secure places on the start line of 'Jamin' so there will be a lot of local competition. All support is gratefully received, chased down with another beer no doubt!



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You may recall that we set up a members' online survey a couple of months ago. We wanted to get an informed understanding of your desired goals for your club. Thank you to all of you who took part in this survey. We greatly appreciate your input. The good news is that we have now collated all of the results from the survey which we hope will ensure that we are targeting the areas that you feel are of highest priority and that will be most effective in enhancing our club's facilities and events. Please review the results of the survey in this issue.

I must say that the results of this survey are very encouraging as it appears that the members and Committee are all heading in a very similar direction. As your Commodore, it is always gratifying to get positive responses, and to confirm that the goals, plans and hard work of the management committee are reflective of the vision of our members. Please don't forget that we are here for you. It's our job to represent you in our vision for MBYC. We don't want to be heading off in odd directions that do not reflect your vision. So thank you again for your input.

One of the items that was highlighted, and on which I would like more feedback, is the additions to member privileges. This is a wide open area and the feedback could be easily misunderstood. Therefore I welcome all members' comments on what this means to them. Does it mean that you want more benefits when at the club, such as member's only exclusive areas? Or does it mean special discounts or facilities? Or does it lean towards the benefits that come from being a member, such as the discounts and advantages when shopping or using other local facilities and services in Montego Bay? If so, please feel free to offer suggestions of items that would interest you as a member so we can investigate the feasibility of this further. I welcome your thoughts on this item so we can be certain that we are working on what you really want. If you can send all suggestions via the office or club manager, we can make sure they are all looked at promptly and we can then report back to you on progress.

In the last few weeks I've had meetings with Hard Rock Cafe's local CEO, as they have now taken over the Seawind Beach Club location down the road. They will soon be undertaking a total overhaul and refurbishment of the SBC facilities. I wanted to speak with them to ensure that our members' discounts and benefits would still apply under the new ownership. And I'm happy to report that they will. However, as the refurbishment will be a quite an involved affair, the beach club itself will need to close for a period of time in the coming weeks. The closure is expected to be in effect for about 10 weeks. With this in mind I have received confirmation of free access to Biggs beach and restaurant on the Hip Strip during the closure, as well as an extension of the food and beverage discount of 10% for all card carrying MBYC members. I understand that this temporary closure is not ideal, but hopefully the alternative that has been offered will help to ease the pain. Full details of what additional extras our members can enjoy once the new facility opens will be announced in the newsletter once they've been finalized.



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You will have noticed that progress on our much awaited new road and sidewalk past the front of the club is being made. This project will ensure that your drive or walk to the club is much more pleasant (and less hazardous!) very soon. Once the works are all completed, planting and beautification will soon follow. These upgrades will transform the whole of Freeport, and especially our end of the peninsula where they were sorely needed. A long anticipated, and much needed, improvement.

Please join me in wishing good luck and fun sailing to 5 of our junior sailors who will participate in the Latvian Regatta held at RJYC on Sunday, November 15, 2015. They are: Shiv, Fran, Roshan, Santiago and Dylan.

For those of you may have missed the excitement of the recent Fishing Tournament, here's a link to Janet Silvera's brilliant article in the Gleaner. <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/outlook/20151004/marlin-tournament-rocked-mobay>

And finally, a reminder to our valued members that if you have not yet collected your current membership cards which will allow you to benefit from all the "goodies" MBYC offers to its members, please contact the office so they can organize your card for you quickly. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please call the office or drop in so that we can retain you as a valued club member and continue to offer you all the member benefits.

### **J/22 Corner**

**Mike Morse, Committee Member  
Skipper of Ayahso**



In late October, two of our MBYC J boats, 'Zipper' and 'Ayahso', undertook the grueling overland trek with their boats from MBYC to Kingston to participate in the famous 2 day Cays Cup Regatta (October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>). This year we created our own excitement on the journey. Part way through the trip, 'Zipper' was obliged to complete the trip on a boat trailer with just one wheel, the other having rolled off into the hinterland due to a sheared axle. Fortunately, there was no apparent damage to the boat and miraculously it was delivered in time for the race.



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All the boats were towed out Saturday morning from RJYC to Lime Key for the race starts. Four exciting races were completed with plenty of wind and short courses to keep the action challenging. The boats stayed overnight at the Key, enjoying the RJYC hospitality; a party on the beach with food, music and dancing all night long.

Sunday was the final racing day with three more races, the first of which started out with very little wind. However, by the last race the wind was up and competition was fierce.

### Race Results



Congratulations to MBYC **'Zipper'**, Skipper – Peter Harper, with Gavin Harper, Harry Harper and Ian Daubon crewing (MBYC) for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. **'Geronimo'** (RJYC) took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and MBYC **'Ayahso'**, Skipper Mike Morse, with crew Steven Ventura and Nigel Hendric (MBYC) weighing in at a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>. A big thank you to all the RJYC sailors in Kingston who worked so hard to pull off such a great event!

There are still two major upcoming events for the J class boats to wrap up the end of the year. J/22 Nationals will be held in Kingston this year from November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to some great sailing and more fierce competition between Montego Bay and Kingston to see who gets to carry home the trophy. Our annual international Jamin' Regatta will be held in Montego Bay on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. MBYC invites and hosts teams from around the world to borrow and race our boats, enjoy our famous hospitality, and show off their skills. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow sailors from far away and to enjoy time with friends. Please join us at the club and raise a glass with our hosted teams on those dates in December.



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### 2015 Jamin Jamaica J/22 Invitational Regatta



### Jamin 2015 Schedule

#### Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>

17:30 - Happy Hour & Welcome Cocktail Party at MBYC

#### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - Skippers Briefing at MBYC

12:00 - RACING

17:00 - Happy hour and Dinner at 'Landfall'— 'WILD WEST' PARTY - The home of Bryan & Lyn Langford - FOOD, BEER and MIXERS HAVE ALL BEEN DONATED for the evening: **If you have a Favourite tippie or would like to contribute with more food please do!** Ladies bring your cosies!

#### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

11:00 - RACING

After Racing Prize Giving

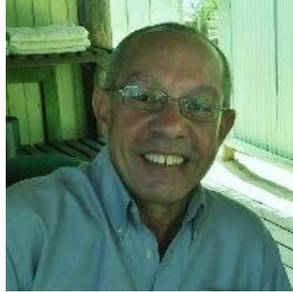
**Volunteers for Start Committee are still desperately needed! Contact Lyn Langford or the office if you can help.**



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### MBYC MANAGER'S REPORT



**Taddy Tavares, Club Manager**

### Progress of Clubhouse Upgrades



The Club recently acquired much needed furniture which has initially been placed in the Lounge. While meant for outdoors, the size, style and relatively light weight allow flexibility, ideal for use in various areas of the club to suit any occasion.

Work is ongoing to complete the main road. Sidewalks are now being built with a drainage system to be implemented. Once the beautification is complete, the road will also be re-surfaced. This will no doubt enhance the surroundings and offer a more pleasant drive and appearance to the club and residential areas.

### Events/Functions/Exhibitions



**November 6:** There will be a Photo Exhibition by Vladimir Stevanovic, a Swiss national, who has been visiting Jamaica for the past few years. As a hobby, Vlad explores all over the Island and captures photos of local scenes, people and subjects of unique quality. Most of the photos in this exhibit will feature a fishing village in Manchioneal. His framed works of art will be on display and sale for your pleasure and Xmas comfort shopping. One really must take the opportunity to view his collection – so don't miss it! Photos will be on display and for sale until November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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**November 7:** Wedding Ceremony/Reception - 18 persons

**November 13-21:** Restaurant Week. The Seahorse Grill will be one of the many notable Restaurants hosting a week-long dining experience during this popular, annual event. Also on display in the Lounge will be Monique's Jewelry Exhibit.

**November 17 & 19:** Private Dinner & Meeting – Almond Room

**November 19-21:** RJYC's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament

**November 28:** Eber Prep Fundraiser – 250 persons

### Upcoming Events

It's fast approaching the Yuletide Season and **December 20th** is the date proposed for the Members' Christmas Lunch at the Club.. Reservations can be made with Heather, Zeirain or Taddy, so please **save the date** and give us a call to reserve a table for you and your family & friends. The ticket prices will be \$3,350 per adult and \$1,675 (inclusive of GCT) for children under 12 years of age. More details later this month!

(We are desperately seeking volunteers to be Santa Claus this year, so please offer any suggestions as to whom you might wish to be Father Christmas or whom we may approach). Please see menu below.

- MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH ARUGULA, RADICCHIO, RED ONION, TOASTED WALNUTS & PEAR SALAD WITH ORANGE – FENNEL SEED VINAIGRETTE
- POTATO SALAD WITH ROASTED BELL PEPPERS, CRIMINI MUSHROOM & BACON WITH HERB DRESSING
- ROAST BEET, CITRUS, CARROT & FETA WITH LEMON VINAIGRETTE
- CAULIFLOWER, ZUCCHINI, BROCCOLI & GRAPE TOMATO SALAD
- MOROCCAN SPICED RUBBED BEEF RIB EYE WITH PEPPERCORN DIJON CREAM SAUCE
- BAKED SUGAR CURED HAM WITH MANGO-RUM GLAZE
- HERB ROAST TURKEY WITH TRADITIONAL STUFFING WITH SAUSAGES & DRIED FRUITS
- SPICY SAUTEED SHRIMP WITH TOMATO, GARLIC, GINGER –SOY
- RICE & GUNGO PEAS
- MEDLEY OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES WITH SWEET & SOUR DILL SAUCE
- CANDIED SWEET POTATO WITH MARSHMALLOWS & PECAN CRUST
- PLATTER OF FRESH FRUITS IN SEASON
- AN ASSORTMENT OF XMAS PASTRIES



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### Compliments

Seahorse Grill was the recent host of pre-Restaurant Week with Tapas Night at the Yacht Club. The excerpt of the article appearing in the Sunday Gleaner follows:

**Janet Silvera**  
Senior Gleaner Writer

WESTERN BUREAU:

**T**HOUGH TAPAS are traditionally Spanish, chef Robbie Joseph, in keeping with the Jamaican motto 'Out of Many, One People', wanted his pre-Restaurant Week dinner guests to experience a culinary experience from another perspective.

So, using a lot of small dishes with bold ethnic flavours, complemented by wines, he tantalised the taste buds, encouraging a social

**TAPAS**  
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interaction at his Seahorse Grill at the Montego Bay Yacht Club last Wednesday night.

This was his first-ever Tapas night, and, based on the response, he would definitely consider doing another experience, he tells **Food**.

Awakening the senses with roasted broccoli, served with chorizo and walnuts with shallot, garlic, and coriander oil, the renowned chef enticed the taste buds to sample amazing grilled fish kebabs with sweet ginger mushroom glaze and a spicy garlic shrimp.

However, those were merely the tip of the tapas iceberg. Josephs dug deep into his pocket of creativity and pulled out a roasted pepper salad, and my favourite dish of the night: crostinis with smoked marlin salsa, tomato, basil, marinated olives, and fresh mozzarella cheese.

When the senses were completely awake, Josephs went for gold, with fried squids and bacon escoveitch, a Spanish potato tortilla, Middle Eastern meatballs with garlic-tomato sauce and ratatouille and beans. Tandoori chicken kebabs with mint-coriander sauce, grilled beef with tango sauce; hummus with pita points; and mushrooms with garlic and parsley completed this incredible culinary journey.

Grilled fish kebab with sweet ginger mushroom glaze.

PLEASE SEE **TAPAS**, E5

This was a meal made in heaven, and this was evidenced by guests returning for second, third and fourth servings. Restaurant Week ambassadors Dr Germaine Spencer and Natasha Lee got a precursor of what to expect during the November week-long celebration of food.

For guest Dr Claudine Lewis, it was, "overall, a fantastic experience. The food was done to perfection. The standouts for me were the steak, which was just the right amount of tender, flavour enhanced by fresh herbs, paired really well with the merlot, which helped to release the flavours."

She absolutely loved the roasted bell pepper salad, which was yummy, light, and zesty. The hummus, with pita chips, was also one of the standouts for the night, she said.

William Craig and his wife, Candis, are still talking about the experience days later. "We got the opportunity to experience an incredible variety of tastes all at one sitting. Hope Robbie continues to give his patrons the opportunity to experience such a wide array of culinary experiences," they stated.

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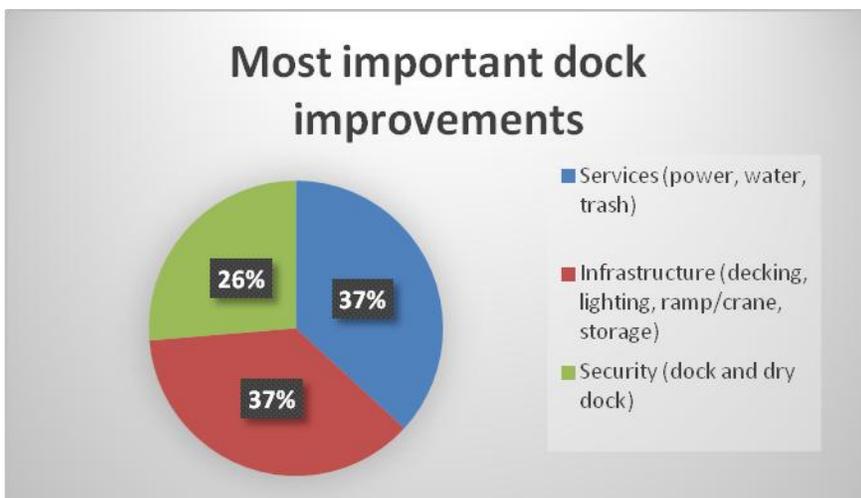
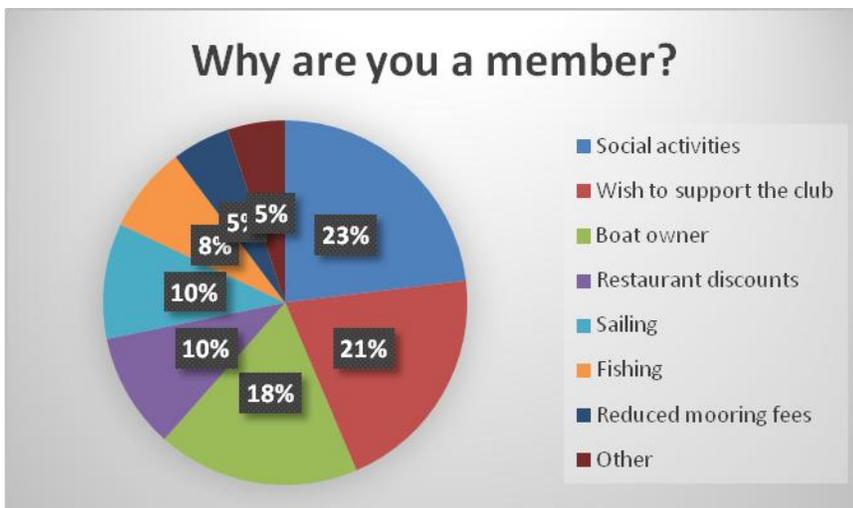


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### MBYC Survey Results

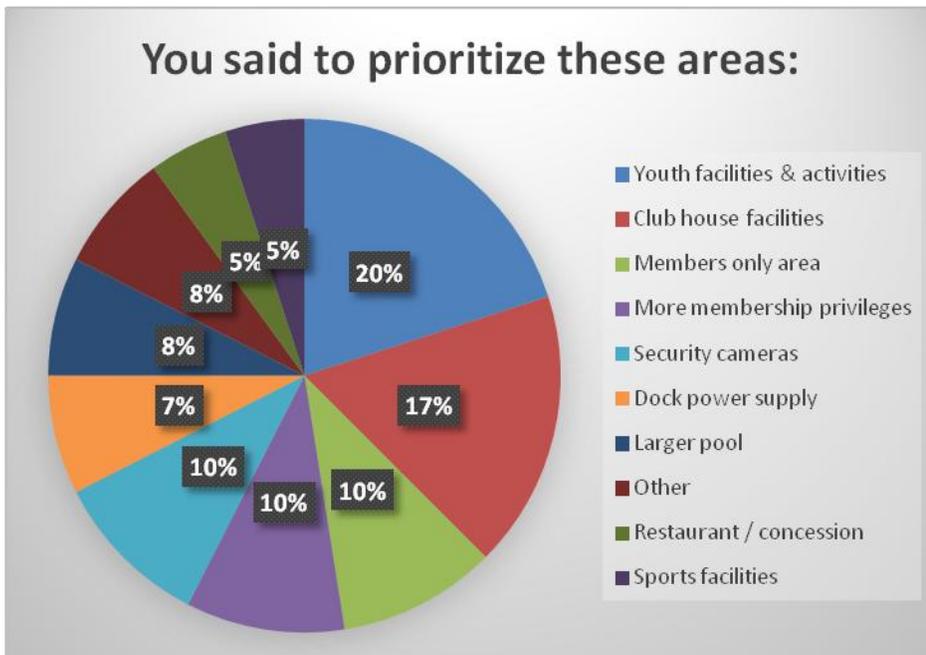
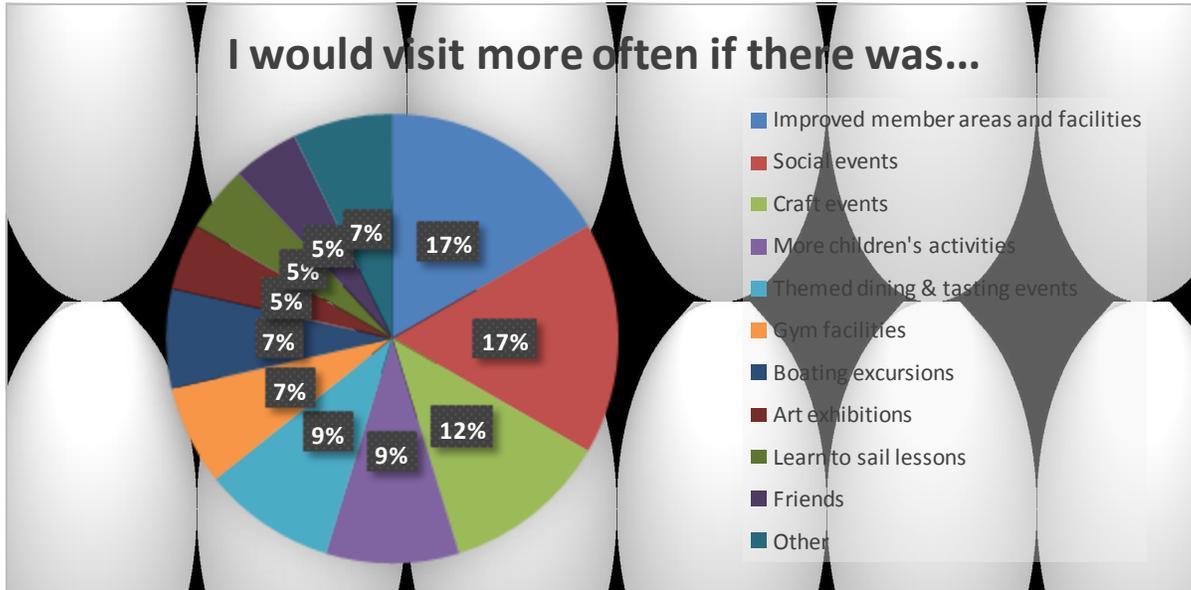
The results of our survey are in so please have a look at the graphs below. Approximately half of the respondents had a boating membership and the rest were social or corporate members.





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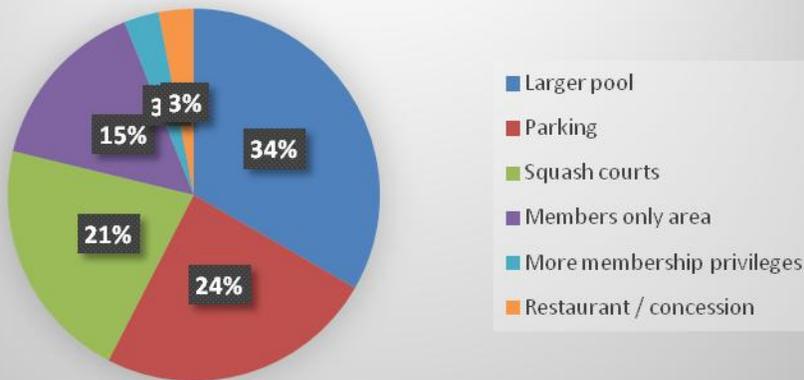




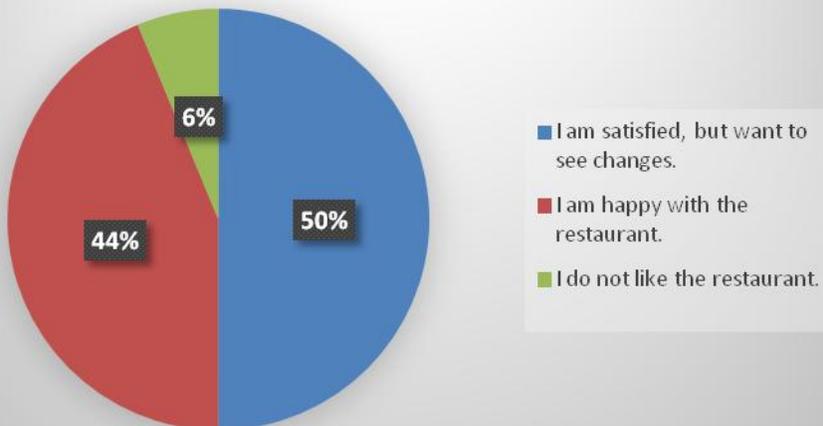
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You said do NOT prioritize these areas:



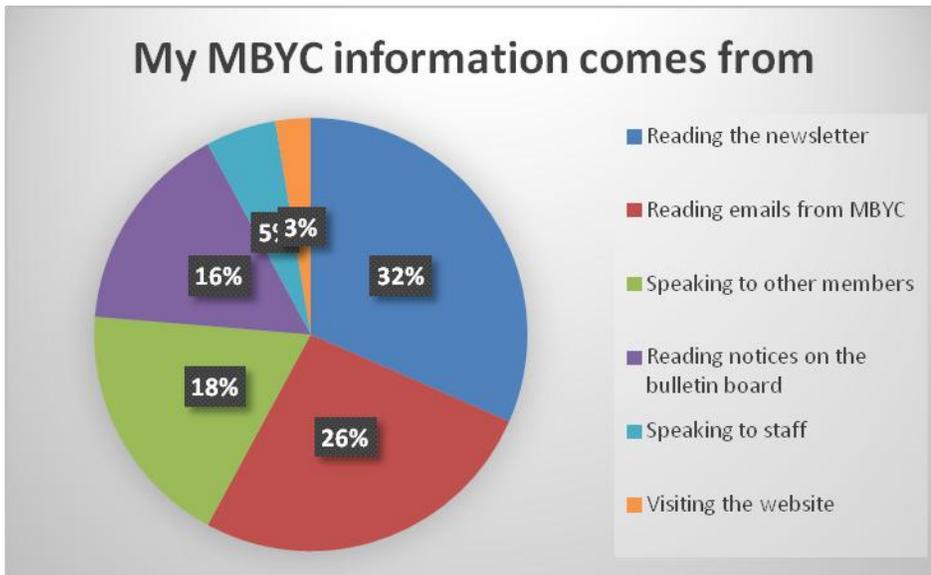
Your opinion of Seahorse Bar & Grill





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75% of respondents said they would recommend membership at the club without any reservations.

### November Quiz Question

The October 2015 quiz question was **‘What is the name of the famous Jamaican artist who painted this work of art, and what is the title of the painting?’** The correct response is Barrington Watson, and the title of the painting is ‘The Maroon Dance’.

The November quiz question is: **What is the name of the Jamaican author whose latest book won the 2015 ‘Man Booker Prize’ and what is the title of the book for which he won the prize?**

Responses to: [carolesmall@shaw.ca](mailto:carolesmall@shaw.ca)

### Sailing Quote

*“Life is a shipwreck but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats.”*

Voltaire