

# RJYC NEWS

Royal Jamaica Yacht Club Newsletter

December 2001

To All our Readers - A Blessed & Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



## A word from Commodore David Moss ...

*Fellow seafarers and members. It has been good to see the support that our last two events enjoyed.*

*Our first ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH (thanks for the good turnout) and the BLUE MOON FISH FRY AND CRUISE augur well for the future.*

*We look forward to your continued involvement and will appreciate suggestions for events which will increase the social activities (and cash flow!) of the Club.*

*The next few months are prime time for boaters and anglers. The inshore waters are calm and, northers apart, it is reasonably calm offshore at the banks where our boats go in search of fish. As we look forward to seeing increased*

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS!



Section of the crowd at The Awards Brunch

Below... Left: David Kay and Dudley Levy Cup Right: Richard Jackson and Owen Plant Memorial Cup



QUEENS BIRTHDAY CUP for Overall Champion



Champion Offshore to "JAZZ" (Stephen Facey & Richard Jackson) and Overall Champion to "CHEN" (Laurie Stewart).

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## THE AWARDS BRUNCH ...

went well on November 25 with more than 110 members turning out. Three Sailing Awards were presented: Champion Harbour Cruiser went to "COLLEEN" (David Kay),



**A word from Commodore David Moss cont'd ...**

*activity at the Club and at sea a word or two on safety is in order. There have been three recent accidents in the five foot channel. Of course accidents happen only to others not ourselves !! Seriously, experienced skippers know that safety is the result of a careful attitude, attention to equipment and maintenance and an abiding respect for the sea. I am sure you will have other attributes to add. Let us, by example and encouragement, point the way to safe and therefore enjoyable boating for all on the water.*

*On the subject of enjoyable put some big notes in your 2002 diaries:*

**January 26/27 is the PIGEON ISLAND WEEKEND.**

*Take a leisurely cruise/sail down on Saturday maybe stop by Little Pelican for a swim or run a line out for a mackerel ; then spend the rest of the day ensuring that you receive and offer adequate libations to enjoy an afternoon swim and snooze in preparation for dinner on Pigeon (bring your own OFF!).*

*Sunday it's race or cruise back and Lunch at the Club.*

*The following Friday/Saturday, February 1st/2nd, THE RJYC FISHING TOURNAMENT comes back with major sponsorship from our friends Globe Insurance Company. You will hear much more about this shortly.*

*Meantime, fair winds and tight lines and I am sure you will join me in thanking Ken McGhie, Busta and our team at the Club for the work put in throughout the year.*

*May you have a blessed and safe Christmas and a New Year of peace, prosperity and hope.*

**NOVEMBER EVENTS cont'd.**

**Christine Nunes, (who gave out the prizes) Laurie Stewart, (with Queen's Birthday Cup) and David Moss.**



**RJYC "Fisherman of the Year" went to "DIANNE", (Richard Stewart). There was no award of the Yachtsman of the Year 2001 or the Cathcart and Claire Scott Trophies.**

**Above Left: Richard Stewart's "DIANNE" Right: Traditional Jamaican Brunch!**



The event was well catered and at least two boats (CHEN and JAZZ) went out on a "DISCOVER SAILING" trip with new guests.



**POST BRUNCH CRUISE**

**New to Jamaica, and to the RJYC, Werner Fleck of the German Embassy at the helm on CHEN, with Laurie and Paola. JAZZ is at right.**

**BLUE MOON RACE EVENING**

**Following close behind the Awards Brunch came the Blue Moon Race evening on November 30.**

Six Boats sailed and **Patrick Sleem** took *cont'd on pg 3*

**BLUE MOON RACE EVENING contd**

Patrick Sleem



his **MARCH ANNE** out on the Harbour to give his guests a little shake down cruise! **Jim Wilson** likewise took "**LITTLE BREEZE**" out in appropriate conditions!

It was a lovely evening and fully lived up to expectations. The fish was good, a choice of fillets in batter with chips or whole fried fish with bammy, great!

The Race started at 9pm with five boats answering the gun! **Chen** had a hard time catching **Mike Koplovsky's J22** which sported a #1 showing how the **J22** comes to life in light airs with more sail area! Only craft and guile got **Chen** by on the return leg as the wind died just a bit if you sailed the direct line to the finish! **Dr Feelgood, Getaway** and **Papiton** all completed the course with the corrected time result being: **1st J22 (62.42); 2nd CHEN (73.27); DR FEEL GOOD (76.53); 4th GETAWAY (78.89); 5th PAPIITON (85.75).**

**Jazz** missed the start but sailed along as far as Pondmouth then proceeded to Lime Cay where she was joined by **Dr Feelgood** for a night stop. **Watch for the next Moonlight Race, good food, good relaxing sport and a unique way to introduce new sailors!**

*.... from the*  
**QUARTER DECK**



**CHRISTINE NUNES** - *leaves us again in December. We shall never be able to thank her for all she has done for the RJYC. We wish for her continued good health and all God's blessings. We shall all miss her.*

**NEWS FROM DON & MARY FARQUHARSON** -

*"Mary and I were delighted to get the "new" Newsletter and see that you have decided to bring back the much missed source of club information. We have missed getting news of RJYC.*

*We are distressed at the problems besetting the club and wish we were able to help. David Moss is a good man ... I remember telling him that he was going to be Commodore in 5 years or less!*

*We continue to enjoy Kooyah and in fact have had 2 visits from Jamaica this year. In August Winston Dear's sister Judy and brother Richard and his wife Jeanette cruised with us for a week. Then in October Faye Harrison joined us for a week's cruise. We cruise in the California Delta and go to a delightful island, Tinsley Island which belongs to the St Francis YC. A most pleasant spot. I have been racing Kooyah in the summer beer can series with notable lack of success. Great fun though. I would like to arrange to have the Newsletter sent to me via email; at this address. ..."*

*Note: So far Don is the only member to request e-mail delivery!*

*Co-Editor, Hope Stewart celebrated a big birthday last month. No prize offered for guessing which!*



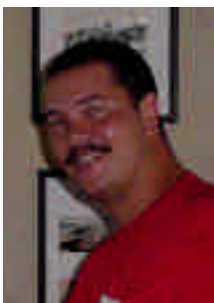
**COMMITTEE NEWS**



**FROM L - R Cdr Richard Harvey, (who has leapt into the breach to act as Vice Commodore - Sail) with wife, Iris Harvey, and Werner Fleck of the German Embassy at the Awards Brunch. In the rear - Miguel & Dorothy Sanguinetti.**



**Right: Alastair Stewart, Sail Racing Captain**  
**Left: Rosemary Lethbridge, Acting 2nd Rear Commodore with Kathy Hart - keen J22 sailor - at Awards Bruch.**



**APPOINTMENTS!**  
Past Commodore Richard Harvey is Acting for Vice

Commodore (Sail) and Alastair Stewart has been appointed Sail Racing Captain. Rosemary Lethbridge is carrying out the Duties of 2nd Rear Commodore (House and Social).

**HELP NEEDED!**

*Rosemary needs help in particular from our younger Members Organising successful Events will be key to the Club's survival and inputs from the potential participants is vital.*

**WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AND OF COURSE, SUPPORT.**

# AMERICAS SAIL ...



## ... coming June 2002!

**THE TALL SHIPS (A Class) will arrive off Montego Bay Friday afternoon June 14th and there will be a PARADE OF SAIL Saturday Morning into Montego Bay.**

Meanwhile the **smaller B CLASS SHIPS** will arrive in Port Antonio Friday and Saturday and will Race to Ocho Rios on Sunday June 16th.

This Race is to be organised by the JYA and there are plans forming for a support Race for regular Yachts, as distinct from Classic Vessels. Discussion with the local skippers will decide if we will Race to Port Antonio as well as to Ocho Rios.

The B Ships and Race entrants will have a party break for a few hours in Ocho Rios and then sail/motor overnight to Montego Bay to join the A fleet ships which will be open to student tours while some of their crews take tours of the area. The evening will round out with a street party.

**Americas sail has the potential to be a great spectator event so plan to at least spectate!**

### COMMITTEE NEWS cont'd

**THE POOL!** A new water treatment is to be tried to tackle the black fungus stain in the Pool. The problem is said to be strictly cosmetic and the Committee is trying to avoid the cost of refinishing at this time. Watch the Pool for results!

**"REMOVAL DRIVE"** There will be a "REMOVAL DRIVE" organised for the Ramp Area. Junk and boats obstructing the approach to the Ramp are the prime targets.

**RJYC NEWS ON THE NET!** Your RJYC News made it on to the Web Page thanks to **Richard Neish**. Just go to [WWW.rjyc.org.jm](http://WWW.rjyc.org.jm) and click on the text for RJYC News to download an Acrobat PDF file. It is a large file so be prepared to wait for it! So far only one member has registered for e-mail delivery but we hope for more addresses.

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### \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

#### DECEMBER 2001

Sun 16 RJYC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

#### JANUARY 2002

Sun 6 January Lime Cay Outing.  
 Sat 26 Pigeon Island Barbeque  
 Sun 27 Pigeon Island-RJYC Race

#### FEBRUARY 2002

Fri 1 RJYC Fishing Tournament  
 Sat 2 RJYC Fishing Tournament  
 RJYC Spring Regatta  
 Sun 3 RJYC Spring Regatta  
 Wed 13 Morgans Harbour Ash Wednesday Super Clubs Race

#### MARCH 2002

29 Good Friday

### RJYC MANAGEMENT TEAM 2001-2002

David Moss - Comdre

Cdr Richard Harvey - Acting Vice-Comdre (Sail)

Mr Alston Douglas - Rear Comdre

Dr Rosemary Lethbridge - Acting 2Rear Comdre

Hon. Treasurer - Mrs Kathy Park Thwaites

William Masterton - IP Comdre

Mr David Henriques • Mr Tony Lindo

Mr Laurie Stewart • Mr Jerry Mahfood

Mr Peter Junor • Mr William Saunders

Mr Richard Stewart • Mr Phillip Samms

Mr Anthony Bell

**LINK UP WITH ANY OF THESE MEMBERS TO MAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEEDS KNOWN**

*We invite volunteers for the RJYC NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM which now includes ... Laurie & Hope Stewart, David Moss, Richard Harvey, Ann Wilson*

**Call 942 2227 or e-mail us - with your news or offers of help!  
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### ••• JYA-AGM •••

It is intended to hold the AGM at the RJYC at 3pm Sunday January 27, 2002.

The main business will be the Election of Officers by the member club delegates. **LHS**