

RJYC NEWS

Royal Jamaica Yacht Club Newsletter

Nov/Dec 2003 - Jan 2004

Sailors and Fishermen meet at the RJYC

as SPRING REGATTA 2004 and GLOBE FISHING TOURNAMENT GET UNDERWAY

Sailing News

by Laurie Stewart

JAZZ SMASHES RIGMAROLE'S RECORD

Finishing at 11:26:05 ET Jazz smashed big Rig's records! In Jan 1989 Rigmorole finished at 11.56.53; in Aug 1990 at 11.39.04!



PIGEON ISLAND RACE Sunday, Feb 1, 2004

SPRING REGATTA 2004 got under way with the Pigeon Island Race Sunday February 1st. There were 8 sailboats in the anchorage Saturday and Roy Lankester's UNREEL ready to do start honours. No central facilities were set up but there were barbecue sessions in the afternoon and evening. The Skipper's Meeting was held on Chen and ironically as events turned out yours truly emphasised the start procedures and responsibility for a clean start!

The breeze did not drop though there were southerly swings going round to due South for a while. Despite some showers most got some sleep ready for the race!

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House & Social News

Nov 2003 Awards Dinner/Dance

The Guest of Honour Harvey "Busta" Jameson our now retired Marina Superintendent was one of some 240 members and guests that enjoyed this successful function.

SAILING RACE AWARDS:
Off Shore Champion Cruiser:
Owen Plant Memorial Cup - JAZZ:
Harbour Series Cruiser Champion:
Dudley Levy Memorial Cup - CHEN
Overall Champion:
Queen's Birthday Cup - CHEN
Awards that have been dormant were made to deserving nominees:
Claire Scott Trophy for the most improved junior sailor went to **Noelle & Dylan Jackson;**

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Fishing News

by David Moss

GLOBE INSURANCE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Tournament organisers Jerry Mahfood and David Moss are looking for a better crystal ball to help them set the 2005 dates. The weather promises to be less than calm - shall we say - and Jerry and David hope this will not deter the smaller boats from participating. The action is usually at Bowditch but California Bank, the edge and Cow Bay may seem more attractive for those whose internal shock absorbers are not what they once were!



As the club's fishing captain, Jerry keeps an eye on trends and changes in tournament rules and systems. There are interesting developments which although not acting as a handicap for the big boats, do allow smaller craft the chance at top prizes! These will be discussed at the Captain's Briefing before the tournament and changes for next year may be on the cards.

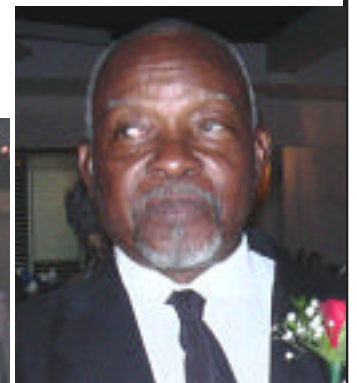
More anon!

We hope that the sailing crowd has a good regatta and that we will see you at the weigh station and the bar and engender some enthusiasm for a sailboat entry in the 2005 tourney! David

Harvey "Busta" Jameson RJYC's Man of The Year!



Left: Busta at work
Right: Busta - at the Awards Dinner-Dance & Below: Commodore Alston Douglas makes a presentation to Busta.



Sailing News contd.

Morning showed a 15knot sea breeze from about 135 degrees with the southern end of the line the place to be.

Chen made a great start on the five minute gun and then realised she was alone on the race course, returning to do it with the others! At the start **Chen** got away clean followed by **Gallivant**, **Mystique** and **Jazz** with **Getaway** a little to the North. There was some discussion on **Chen** about "Were we over?" but, inexplicably, we did not call for confirmation and did not hear the numerous transmission made by **Roy Lankester** from the start boat to advise the three offenders - **Chen**, **Mystique** and **Gallivant**.

The race to 3 Fathom Bank could not have been closer between **Chen** and **Jazz**. The closer winded **Jazz** climbed while **Chen** footed - the lead changing with wind shifts! It was only at Wreck Bay when **Chen** had to do some climbing that the two boats were precisely abeam of each other with **Jazz** about 80 yards to windward. The reach to 3 Fathom Bank did not open up until near the end and **Jazz** was able to use her windward position to reach off - crossing **Chen** and rounding 20 seconds ahead after a 2 hour beat with NO TACKS! Up the South Channel it was too close for a Kite; **Chen** tried a thing with a No. 1 but could not catch the **Jazz!** **Gallivant** rounded in third spot followed by **Mystique** and **Getaway**.

Jazz took Line Honours by over 2 minutes and held on to her corrected time win. **Chen's** skipper learnt the hard way that you need to be sure about your start and retired on hearing **Chen** was over!

So **Jazz** First, **Getaway** Second and four Races to go in the Harbour Series! In passing, Second Across is not a pot Paul Black had aspired to and I think it will be a long time before a 27 footer does it again!

TAKE-AWAYS:

- **Roy Lankester** worries jokingly about "Losing the Work" but we had a post event review and agree that the start was basically sound - but that we can improve things;
- In the conditions with the number of boats the line was longer than needed, nominal length needed is about 1.5 times the entered fleet length, in this case say 150 yds. if all 8 started.
- The gun was not clearly audible at the tower end of the line due to wind. We agree to add Flags next time subject to some wagging practice.
- **TIME:** It is essential that a watch on each boat, including the start boat be set to match the race time-check broadcast. (Also timing should NOT be done by the helmsman!)
- **GPS Time:** The Fix time displayed on a GPS is the TIME AT WHICH THE DISPLAYED FIX WAS TAKEN. It takes time to resolve the fix and a typical GPS is a second or so "Fast" compared to real UTC (GMT). It takes the fix, logs the time, resolves the fix and displays it with the time it relates to. If for example a fix is not reliable for one reason or the other, Fix and time will not update. So for count down you need the watch that was set to Race Time!

Anyway, we all had a good time! **Ouch!**

House & Social News contd.



Junior Sailor 2003 went to **Dylan Jackson** (Above) and the retroactive Award for 2002 to his sister **Noelle** (Above 2nd from left) . Well deserved - these two are in the thick of the junior sailing activities on which the future of sailing activities at the Club depends!

The Cathcart Trophy for the most outstanding Junior Member was awarded to **Loren Couch** (Above Left) - a graduate of the Sailing Instructor programme who has carried out his role and duties well. He is making a strong contribution to the teaching of sailing.

FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR was awarded to **Maxim Rochester** and **YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR** to **Paula Jackson** (Above Right). **Paula** took this award to acclaim from all who knew of her untiring efforts that have laid the base for our growing Junior Sailing activities. It is important to note that as **Secretary of the JYA** she has spread the effects of her training effort



beyond the RJYC with courses held in Kingston, Montego Bay, Discovery Bay and Bowden Harbour. The Awards were presented by two gracious and lovely long-time lady members, **Ruth Couch** (at left) and **Gloria Foster** (below).

The Awards closed with the presentation to **Harvey "Busta" Jameson. Busta**, who was accompanied by his lovely wife and beautiful daughter, made a short response in which he reminded us all just how long he has served the Club and how it has



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