



RJYC NEWS

Royal Jamaica Yacht Club Newsletter

January 2002

A word from Commodore David Moss

Fellow yachtsmen ...

I hope that you found some good weather over the holiday season to enjoy your boat. It seemed that those days which were available for me to go fishing were the bad weather days with rain and breeze ... and I had eaten and drunk too much to go out in washing machine conditions. Nonetheless, there were some good intervals and New Year's Eve saw RJYC boats and crew having a great time at Pigeon Island, Lime Cay and Maiden Cay.

We are into our new financial year and your Committee has made some difficult but essential decisions. The Club's finances are in serious deficit and unless this is corrected the result will be that our capital reserves are totally eroded by routine expenses. The consequences of this are dire and your Committee has resolved to turn this situation around. Be assured that all

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SPRING FISHING & SAILING!

- **Tournament February 1 & 2**
- **Regatta February 2 & 3!**

The Club will be humming over the first weekend in February with the Grand GLOBE INSURANCE Sponsored Fishing Tournament and the Harbour Racing of Spring Regatta.

The Tournament Prizegiving will be held Saturday evening and there will be a "Happy Hour" for both events early in the evening. Our Fishing members are a pretty serious bunch and the prizes and entry fees reflect that! The Tournament planned to be held annually is an important event for the Club and we all need it to be a success and so seek your support whether as a competitor or a sponsor or simply a supporter!

Meanwhile the Sailors have a more modestly funded Regatta that does not have an overall sponsor but will we hope be supported and enjoyed. Racing Saturday and Sunday with **Prize Giving Sunday evening February 3rd.**

The forerunner of the Regatta will be the Pigeon Island Race held January 27, after a Saturday evening beach party on Pigeon Island that we hope will attract Power and Sail support. The more the merrier!

Her Majesty's Visit to Jamaica February 18 to 20

The Commodore is having enquiries made to see if Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will drive along the Palisadoes Road in daylight during the Royal Visit. The Club will mount a Fleet Salute if an opportunity exists. Boats would anchor in Line along the shore, dressed overall. On the passing of the Royal Party Ensigns *cont'd on pg 2*



Above: RJYC Members, headed by Commodore David Moss and wife Kathy (middle) enjoying pre-Christmas Lunch drinks. Below: The Clown entertained the little ones!



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

expenditure will be closely monitored and improvements made in revenue collection. You can help tremendously by ensuring that your credit card is expecting the 2002 subscription charge. For most members these are:

*Single \$ 14,300
Family \$ 19,250*

which please remember may be paid in two half-yearly installments. The office will monitor all receivables carefully and we ask for complete cooperation .

We will soon embark on a clean-up drive. Yes , we know that old mast or outrigger left in the grass 20 years ago might come in handy sometime but ...we intend tidying the compound and keeping it in that state. We will remove all unowned and unknown material to a location which will be a temporary resting place pending final removal . Additionally the perennial battle will continue against incoming garbage from Kingston harbour .

The RJYC Fishing Tournament returns with Globe Insurance's kind sponsorship. We have 2 days of fishing on Friday Feb 1 and Saturday Feb 2 and there are great prizes. See the office if you have not received your application form. The prizegiving dinner is on Saturday evening and this is also the first day of the Regatta (a good coincidence). The anglers invite all , sailors and friends, to view the catch and enjoy the dinner and the sailors invite all anglers ,friends and family to the Regatta lunch on Sunday (think about not having to do Sunday lunch folks). Make your reservations early with the office.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Pigeon Island (Jan 26) and the following weekend.

Tight lines and fair winds!

David

Flashback - 1994 during the last visit of Her Majesty, the Queen.



Her Majesty's Visit to Jamaica ... contd.

to be dipped and a greeting given by waving hands and hats! Boat owners, keep in touch and do take part if the event comes off. Last time we did it the Royal Car was almost rear ended by the escort as Prince Philip spotted the boats and asked the driver to slow down! *LS*

Marina and Grounds:

Notes and Do and Don'ts

Boat owners take care you are not breaking the conditions of berthing by permitting the use of Heads and or emptying Holding Tanks in the Marina Basin. Yes! Believe me, it is being done! Please make sure all who use your vessel are aware that **Heads MUST NOT BE PUMPED in the Marina and even more serious Holding Tanks MUST NOT be emptied there!** The Club Management Committee will take a serious view of such offences and you risk cancellation of your Berth allocation if you offend.

NO PARKING!

I should have had my digital camera with me last weekend to snap the cars parked against, under and around No Parking Signs!

It is a particular problem by the launching ramp. We have had trailers locked in by cars. One trailer had to be partially dismantled to extract it through the narrow gap left between two improperly parked vehicles. Please, use your common sense and be sensitive to the purpose of the Ramp area namely the launching and recovery of boats on trailers!

The other problem has been improperly parked cars and trailers on the North side of the road between the Children's Swings and the Gas House. It has been impossible at times to turn long rigs into their allocated slots due to obstruction of what should be a free area. **Please remember the Car Park, it is rarely full!** *LS*

RJYC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

" a Splendid Affair "

by Rosemary Lethbridge
Acting 2R Commodore

Christmas Lunch which was held at the club on Sunday December 16th was a splendid affair. The club staff had decorated the tree and the clubhouse beautifully. Thanks to Iris Harvey for the lovely table decorations and to Mike Williams for being such an excellent Father Christmas! Mrs Smith and her kitchen staff are to be congratulated for a delicious meal (but What happened to the gravy?) We



served 107 lunches and 28 children ranging from 4 months to 10 years received presents from the red coated gentleman.



This year several of the children received gifts that their parents had chosen and they and others brought presents for the children of Pt. Royal. These will be taken to Pt. Royal and distributed after Christmas and will I am sure be much appreciated.

The Clown entertained the children while the magician (below) enthralled everyone!

On another note. I discussed



COMMITTEE CONCERNS

Participate - It is YOUR Club!

Stating the obvious I know but sometimes it appears members forget the nature of the beast! We have to contain costs, or get more money from YOU! The thing the Club needs most is input from members both active and supportive. Feedback on what you will support, ideas ideas ideas.

It is hard to believe that the recent AGM saw NO NOMINATIONS for Vice Commodore or Second Rear Commodore.

Not just no competition but no nominations! The posts that were once regarded as an Honour and a Duty are now unwanted! Frustrating though Committee duty and Flag Officer responsibility can be, the business of the Club requires the input of committed members in these offices to keep it going in the right direction. Understand well that the Club could go the route of the Jamaica Club and the St Andrew Club before it if we do not make the right decisions and do what is needed to keep expenses within income.

As I have said before participation is key. Get the events you will support, and support them! LS

with Ken McGhie as to what to do regarding members who book for a function, and then do not turn up. We then sell less than the Concessionaire has catered for so are out of pocket and she has perhaps wasted food! What do you think?

Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.



.... from the QUARTER DECK

The RJYC Christmas Lunch was indeed a happy event, which augured well for future social events - in 2002! The New Year started on a sad note for some, and even at Lime Cay on the first weekend of the year, the mood seemed sombre.

The RJYC Lime Cay Outing was a non-event, especially for us older ones who missed the famous Lime Cay Rackum-jackum (rum punch) and the gathering around the RJYC beach bar set up by our own RJYC staff. HS



Snapped at The RJYC Christmas Lunch - recognise anyone?

AMERICAS SAIL ... June 2002!



Friday June 14: THE TALL SHIPS (A Class) arrive off Montego Bay.
Saturday am June 15: PARADE OF SAIL into Montego Bay.
Friday and Saturday: B CLASS SHIPS arrive Port Antonio.

Sunday June 16: B Class Ships Race (organised by the JYA) Pt Antonio to Ocho Rios, also **Support Race for regular Yachts.** (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 have a party break in Ocho Rios then sail/motor overnight to Montego Bay to join the A fleet ships which will be open to student tours. Street party in the evening.
Americas Sail has the potential to be a great spectator event so plan to at least spectate!

New Racing Schedule is ready!

After input from Skippers and a follow up meeting the schedule has been prepared by **Acting Vice Commodore and Past Commodore Richard Harvey.**

A NEW MOONLIGHT FORMAT will be tried in February on Saturday 23; Dinner at the Club then a Race to Lime Cay starting at 8pm and finishing between the Gun Cay and Rackham Beacons. Jim Wilson will have *Little Breeze* there to take times if possible - then overnight at Lime Cay. For myself I would prefer the event be on a Friday evening but others feel strongly that Saturday would be better so we will give it a try.

Similarly later in the year the Moonlight Race will be run after an Allcomers on Saturday with plenty of time for Dinner between Races. Let your preferences be known if you have strong feelings for or against any event timing please.



The Jamaica Yachting Association AGM
Sun. Jan. 27, 2002
1500 hrs at the RJYC.

Main business - Election of Officers by the member club delegates. LHS

THE RJYC NEWS ...Thanks to **Richard Neish** is on the RJYC website (www.rjyc.org.jm) It is an Acrobat PDF file so be prepared to wait for it!

Call Laurie & Hope Stewart at 942 2227 or e-mail us - with your news hnlstewart@cwjamaica.com

Jan - June 2002 Schedule

JANUARY (FULL MOON • MON 28)

Sat 26 Cruise to Pigeon Island - **PARTY ON SHORE**
 Sun 27 0800 Pigeon Island - RJYC

SPRING REGATTA TROPHIES

Pigeon Island Race - SYDNEY THWAITES CUP; ROSS CUP; RJYC CUP; DYOLL CUP (PHRF). **Regatta Races** - BRANDON TROPHY; APPLETON ALLCOMERS V/X TROPHY; DERYCK GIBSON CHAMPION CRUISER SHIELD; CECILSIMPSON TROPHY - For Regatta Champion; **Special Trophies** - **CLAIRE SCOTT** (for Juniors); **QUEENS TROPHY** (Summer Harbour Series).

FEBRUARY (FULL MOON • SAT 27)

START OF RJYC FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fri 1 Fishing Tournament Dinner & Prizegiving
 Sat 2 1100 Regatta Race #1 1500 Regatta Race #2
 Sun 3 1100 Regatta Race #3
 1500 Allcomers & Regatta Race #4
 1800 Prizegiving Ceremony

SUPERCLUBS MORGANS HARBOUR ASH WEDNESDAY RACE

Wed 13 1100 RJYC - Morgans Harbour

Cruiser Harbour Series - "A"

Sat 16 1500 Race #1
 Sun 17 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3
 Sat 23 20.00 Moonlight Series # 1 (RJYC - Lime Cay)

MARCH (FULL MOON • THURS 28)

AllComers Pursuit Series - Sir Kenneth Blackburne Trophy

Sat 2 1500 Race #1
 Sun 3 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3

Cruiser Offshore Series - KILGOUR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Sat 16 Cruise To Manatee Bay
 Sun 17 0930 Manatee Bay - RJYC Race
 Fri 22 Cruise to Montego Bay for MBYC Easter Regatta
 Thurs 28 Mosquito Cove Race

Good Friday

Sat 30 Club Cruise To Pigeon Island
 Sun 31 **Easter Sunday**

APRIL (FULL MOON • FRI 26)

EASTER MONDAY

AllComers Series - FF APEX Trophy

Sat 13 1500 Race #1
 Sun 14 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3
 Sat 27 1500 **AllComers Race #1 (TBA)** followed by
 TBA Moonlight Series #2
 Sun 28 1100 AllComers #2 1500 AllComers #3

MAY (FULL MOON • SUN 26)

Sat 4 1500 Race #1 **Cruiser Harbour Series - "B"**
 Sun 5 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3

Sun 12 MOTHERS DAY

Harbour Olympic Triangle Series - "BUBB CLARKE - 'O' CUP"

Sat 18 1500 Race #1
 Sun 19 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3

Thurs 23 LABOUR DAY

JUNE (FULL MOON • MON 24) Hurricane Season Begins

Bowden Offshore Series - BRYDEN & EVELYN & MORIN CUPS; MARTINI-ROSSI & BLUE JEAN & JACKSON TROPHIES

Sat 1 0700 Lime Cay - Bowden
 Sun 2 0800 Bowden - RJYC
 Fri 14 **TALL SHIPS** arrive in Montego Bay
 Sun 16 **FATHERS DAY**
 Sat 22 1500 **AllComers Race #1 (TBA)** followed by
 TBA Moonlight Series #3
 Sun 23 1100 AllComers #2 1500 AllComers #3

Watson Speyer Cruiser Harbour Series

Sat 29 1500 Race #1
 Sun 30 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3