



RJYC NEWS

Royal Jamaica Yacht Club Newsletter

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Tight Lines & Finishes!



RJYC Fleet gathers ... to wave to The Queen after her arrival at Norman Manley Airport on Monday February 18

THE CLUB was humming over the first weekend in February with the Grand **GLOBE INSURANCE Sponsored Fishing Tournament** and the **Harbour Racing of Spring Regatta.**

The first weekend in February really did go with a Bang as the Club hosted a Fishing Tournament and the Spring Regatta. It seems if you organise a good event you will get support.

The same story for the Morgans Harbour Race sponsored by Super Clubs and Rothmans. A big entry and a lot of fun. So, what's next?

The Anglers have the Bowden Tournament in April and the Sailors look like moving their Bowden event to the same weekend to get a good party going!

In March the Sailors have the popular **Manatee Bay Race** and hope to attract Power Boats to come in support and enjoy an anchorage largely used by sailors alone.

Over Easter there is a Cruise to Santiago planned and so far this looks to have attracted light support but time will tell.

June will see the Americas



PAUL BLACK - Regatta Champ!

Sail event and starting on June 14th a Race from Kingston to Port Antonio in support the "B" Class ships expected in Port Antonio. The Racers and hopefully other Boats from the Club both Power and Sail will sail as spectators of the "B" Class ship's race to Ocho Rios and overnight sail on to Montego Bay to join the "A" Class Tall Ship there. **LS Join In!**

Sailing Report from Laurie Stewart

SPRING REGATTA got under way with the **Pigeon Island Race** contested by seven boats after a

RJYC Fishing Tournament

Report from Commodore David Moss

SOME MORNINGS you just want to stay in bed and when Bowditch is blustery and 10-12 foot seas are out there only one event could make those conditions contemplatable, the RJYC Fishing Tournament. It was sponsored by Globe Insurance

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Fishing Tournament Report contd ...

Company and we have their commitment for several years to come.

The tournament had 21 entries but engine problems and lack of crew kept 3 boats in port. The remaining 18 included friends from across the harbour in Edgewater and at least one boat from Port Royal (the aptly named **'GET WET'**).

The first day saw wave heights of 6-8 feet at California and precious few fish there. Bowditch had 10-12 footers and an occasional 15. The bite here was on early. The anglers boated three marlin (a blue and two whites), wahoo, dolphin and kingfish but by 9 a.m. the fish had locked their mouths. **Weather conditions were better on the edge and over at Cow Bay where CANDY caught a prize-winning 44 lb dolphin.**

The fleet returned to their home ports that evening, battered but not beaten, and in need of good libation (**thanks to our friends at Appleton and Red Stripe**).

That evening the wind cut down. Although there was still a good swell running the Saturday seas seemed flat in contrast to Friday. Again Bowditch and Cow Bay were the most productive areas. The dock was humming Saturday evening with many visitors viewing the catch and the weigh station and computer centre were kept busy. (**Thanks to Kathy, Saleem and Adam**). **FULL HOUSE** thought she had won but **NO PROBLEM** seemed to have kept the winning fish in reserve and pulled it to the weigh station to Jerry Mahfood's sporting dismay.

When Paul O'Connor fessed up that the winning fish had been borrowed from Jerry's own fish box the relief and hilarity were evident.

There was a moment of magic as the setting sun brought in the last boat, **BELIFUL**, in whose cockpit a live sax player provided a tuneful closing melody.

Prizegiving dinner was excellent thanks to Mrs Smith and staff.

We had good media coverage and CVM carried a mini feature on the tournament. **FULL HOUSE** was the winner closely followed by **NO PROBLEM**.

There were some excellent individual performances. Check the notice board at the club for pics and details.

We hope to have you there next year! DM

Sailing Report cont'd ...



Ugly Duckling - back on track!

very good party ashore the night before. The wind did not drop all night, just went East and the race started in about 15 knots. **JAZZ** was missing and it was **Douglas Graham's GALLIVANT** that took the lead at the line from **CHEN**. The fleet divided into those that favoured the right and those that kept more inshore.

CHEN and **GALLIVANT**

played the right hand side of the course working the shifts and it was as they approached the Pelican Cays, about 20 minutes into the race that **GALLIVANT'S** race ended as her rig fell due to a stemhead fitting letting go.

CHEN stood by briefly to ensure no injuries and that help was coming then resumed the race.

UGLY DUCKLING was next on the course but well to the North, as was **PAPITON** and

STEPHANIE J. Paul Black took **GETAWAY** closer to the Southern side of the course, a move that paid off handsomely! With a lead of 13+ minutes at the Three

Fathom Bank mark **CHEN** felt the Thwaites Cup was safe! Then they ran out of wind at the turn of the channel and sat watching

UGLY DUCKLING

storm in with the wind and carry right on by to take line honours! The wind filled in so

that the handicaps benefitted boats that did not suffer a quiet 15 minutes and **GETAWAY** got away with the Dyoll Trophy for 1st on corrected time, followed by **UGLY DUCKLING, CHEN** and **STEPHANIE J!**

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON a cheer went up for **GALLIVANT** as she motored into the Marina with her broken rig secured and and all safe on board. **JAZZ** returned for the Harbour Series which saw **UGLY DUCKLING** fighting hard to hold on to her



Getaway above; Skipper Paul Black & crew after Prizegiving below



Pigeon Island advantage. Line honours were closely fought with **JAZZ** taking the first two races. What counted was corrected time however and it was Getaway that prevailed to take 1st in the Series followed by Ugly Duckling and **ALL THAT JAZZ**, **JAZZ** took a DSQ for an infringement with **UGLY DUCKLING** at the start Sunday morning. The conditions for the series were great, from light to medium, never dead calm and lots of chances for change. **The final race - the**



Harry Harper is presented with SuperClubs Trophy by Winsome Kay

Allcomers saw **CHEN** go out hard for the prize and taking line honours in fresh winds but having to settle for a close 3rd behind **GETAWAY** and **ALL THAT JAZZ**. **Good Racing, good conditions!**

MORGANS HARBOUR SUPER CLUB'S RACE.

The Ash Wednesday staging of this popular race saw 10 boats cross the start line with **JAZZ** and **CHEN** fighting their customary duel down the Harbour. It not until about 300 yards from the first channel marker that **CHEN** squeezed by the slightly smaller yacht for a lead

that lasted round just one mark as **JAZZ** squeezed an overlap and got by on the turn. The lead held until **JAZZ** has foredeck problems and ended up carrying her spinnaker past the mark, unable to turn and set her head sail for a minute or two. **CHEN** got by but the recross of the Ship channel was fraught with problems as one large ship was leaving and another entering port! **CHEN's** 'skipper had called for a number 1 as the wind dropped but it promptly returned and she was just a bit over-canvassed! **JAZZ** got by again and took the line honours in a really great recovery. The fleet charged in and it was **ALL THAT JAZZ** that took first followed by **WISPA** and **COLLEEN** after a good race. **The shore arrangements were good and the event was marked by good sponsor support from Super Clubs and Rothmans. Thanks go to our Sponsors and Morgans Harbour.**

Fiona Black helps son Bruce with the Dyoll Trophy!



... from the QUARTER DECK

WELCOME to the H.E. the German Ambassador - Christian, his wife Harriet and their new arrival PEGASUS. Thanks to Uve Kumst on Harry Hirsch we were able to drink a bubbly birthday toast to Cdr Richard Harvey after an exciting end to the Blackburn Memorial Pursuit Series. CONGRATS TO JAZZ who won the series, despite Richard Jackson's tender toe!

RACING MOTHERS! We hear that **Rebecca Finlayson** will be offering a **Baby care service** at small cost. **Call her!** 511 3340 (O), or 995 1381.

Hearsay ... the Club is considering offering a Children's Party Package! More anon!

EASTER SPECIAL for RJYC members at El Greco! Taking part in Easter Regatta and need accommodation? El Greco is offering a 1b/r suite (for 2) \$2950! Call 940 6116 to reserve. You will need an RJYC ID when you check in!

NEWS FROM OZ - David Dias who left Jamaica in 1964! David wrote a long newsy letter which will be of interest to many members - so we will include it in the next newsletter. His father was co-owner of Chinook and David was awarded the Jr Seamanship trophy in 1963. After a varied and exciting sailing - life ... he now sails a laser! *More anon ...*

COMMITTEE CONCERNS

Parking & the Slipway.

The Chaotic Parking has to be improved and again you are reminded there is a large Car Park for parking your vehicle while you are at sea! **The Ramp Area is for manoeuvring trailers and IS NOT a Parking Zone for cars or trailers.** The Club will improve the signs but really it is common sense and voluntary compliance should be a no brainer!

There was a rude song in England about train toilets:

"If you're sick with constipation While the Train is in the Station Do not flush the toilet It's Not done...

I can't give you the rest in this family publication! **SERIOUSLY** the ban on using the Heads and or pumping tanks and Bilges in the Marina is real and supported by Law and the Club's regulations for Berth allocation. **DON'T DO IT!** - you risk losing your Berth! Again a no brainer surely! The point is as owner you must make sure all users know. Don't assume persons left aboard to work on your vessel understand that the heads empty overboard! **Make it clear to all it must not be done.**

THE RJYC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE still have concern over subscriptions overdue beyond the maximum time allowed in our Rules and Bye Laws. Rather than allowing **"Receivables"** that may never be received to build up, **strong action will be taken in accordance with the Rules.**

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 942 2227 or e-mail us your news hnlstewart@cwjamaica.com



Friday June 14: THE TALL SHIPS (A Class) arrive off Montego Bay. Sat. a.m. 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. Race to Port Antonio, then join in as spectators.

The B Ships are expected to take 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!



The Jamaica Yachting

Association held its long over-due Annual General Meeting at the RJYC on January 27th. President Laurie Stewart who served ten years as Hon. Secretary before taking over from the late **Col. Mike Nunes in 1991**, did not seek re-election and nominated **Richard Jackson** to the post. The representatives of the two member Clubs present duly elected **Richard Jackson as President, Robin DeLisser - Vice President, Paula Jackson - Hon. Secretary** and **Hope Stewart - Hon. Treasurer.** **Management Committee Members elected were: Stephen Facey; Cmdr. Richard Harvey, Alastair Stewart, Robert Mallasch, and Richard Hamilton. Winston Dear and Laurie Stewart were named as Trustees**, and confirmed as such at the first meeting of the Management Committee. A new team and a big challenge to build Boating in Jamaica. Wish them good luck and give them your support!

THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT involving the loss of the life of "Dickie" Coke brought the dangers of the sea into focus for us all. Our sympathy goes to the relatives and friends who suffered the loss and to the operators of the Craft too.

"There but for the Grace of God go I". The event is the subject of an Enquiry conducted by the Maritime Authority of Jamaica on the panel of which the writer is serving on behalf of the JYA.

Remember you can join the JYA as an Associate Member for a modest fee and support the development of your sport. Watch the Notice Board in your Club for details.

Jan - June 2002 Schedule

MARCH (FULL MOON • THURS 28)

Cruiser Offshore Series - KILGOUR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Sat 16 0930 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
 Fri 29 **Good Friday**
 Sat 30 Club Cruise To Pigeon Island
 Sun 31 **Easter Sunday**

APRIL (FULL MOON • FRI 26)

Mon 1 **EASTER MONDAY**
 Fri 12 **BOWDEN MARINA FISHING TOURNAMENT**
 to Sun 14

AllComers Series - FF APEX Trophy OR Possible Bowden Race

Sat 13 1500 Race #1
 Sun 14 1100 Race #2 1500 Race #3 **Check the Notice Board**
 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

THE RACING RULES.

At the March Management Meeting of the Jamaica Yachting Association the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 were adopted without



prescription for events run under the jurisdiction of the JYA. The Rules can be downloaded from the ISAF WebSite at Sailing.org in Acrobat .pdf form.

Richard Jackson - President. JYA.

***** TIMELY REMINDER *****

The JYA reminds all skippers that the obligation to assist in rescuing persons from a vessel in distress is not solely a moral one, it is mandatory at Law both National and International. If you see an accident you are bound BY LAW to render such assistance as you can, short of placing your own vessel and crew in danger.