

Sailing News contd.

THE COMMITTEE: All agreed to "A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE" involving all willing hands to get things moving. We can divide into speciality groups as things develop.

EVENTS TO THE END OF 2003: All agreed to hold the scheduled events and to try to fit in some new ones in the gaps!

Fiona Black will look into setting dinghy race practice on the open weekends in November and December.

FOR 2004 ... a draft schedule will be prepared as a starting point for the next meeting to decide on.

Among the events discussed was an Easter **Round the island Cruise**. **Miguel and Tom** will start planning. The next meeting will be at the Connor house, subject to confirmation. If you are not receiving the RJYC Sailing Group e-mails and would like to just send me a note to ... laurence.stewart@cwjamaica.com and I will add you!

RACING CONTINUED!

Rumor has it **Tom Connor** won again in the **Moonlight Race** October 10th when 3 boats competed while **Pegasus** served as Start Boat before sailing gently round the course area.

THE "SERIES A" RACE ON OCTOBER 11TH saw four boats entered and was won by **Jazz** with **Getaway** second and **Stephanie** third. Racing continued Sunday with just three entrants, **Aurora**, **Jazz** and **Geronimo**. The results were **Jazz** first in the morning race with **Geronimo** second while in the afternoon they swapped places! **Overall Jazz won the series, Geronimo Second and Aurora third**. Yes there is a third because the fleet potential for the Series was 5 boats. Good to see another new boat to racing getting in the frame!

BOWDEN WEEKEND was agreed for **October 18-20, Heroes weekend**. It was hoped that the cruisers would either race or cruise down but only one power boat was on the dock when we got there on Sunday - just in time to see "little Richard and Paula Jackson" sailing one of the JY15s - moved to Bowden- (thanks to Roger Morecroft) perhaps taking a break from their several charges - as about a dozen youngsters - some with mums and dads - took over the Marina. It was exciting and fun watching keen and close racing (especially between brother and sister crews!) with the occasional bump! **CONGRATS to those who had the vision, made the plans and implemented them and to all who participated**. Bowden waters are ideal for small boat sailing - so look out for more Bowden weekends! **PS:** Thanks to **Brett Thwaites** and **Jacky** for organising all the food and help, to **Stephen Fitt, Richard Gomes & William Thwaites** for the loan of their JY15s and **Malcolm Herould** for the loan of "BabyDancer" - our safety boat!



Members have expressed concerns over the loss of the old Committee Room which served as an air-conditioned refuge for cooling out or changing/feeding babies. Well the former outer office is now used by the Committee is and is available for the same use. it will be fixed up as soon as funds allow. Meanwhile let's get the Closed sign taken down and a Committee Room label put up!

Three JY15s in close contention rounding the mark in Bowden Harbour

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Marina, House and Grounds

MARINA NEWS:

The Marina and Berthing Regulations have been updated, essentially a merging of two previous documents with amendments that now cover Hard-standing Berths. The document sets out the basic conditions of allocation of berths and the use of the Club ways.

Quite apart from the Regulations berth holders need to observe the norms of behaviour in regard to what could not be done! No discharge of waste of any kind, no discharge of oil. If you spill enough to cause a sheen on the water you should apply a dispersant to reduce the impact. Washing up liquid serves in an emergency. Be considerate if you test run your engine(s) in the berth. Watch where the wind is taking the fumes! With the wind in the wrong direction the Quarter Deck becomes untenable with a vessel running engines in an upwind berth! **Other problems** noted are cleaning fish beside the road leaving entrails on the beach. **Finally if you want to live aboard you need a permit; apply to the Office!** The Marina and Berthing Committee reminds you can lose your berth allocation if you breach the regulations!

THE OLD DRAGON SHED is being converted to provide limited covered storage. Shortage of funds have caused some delay but work will go ahead to completion now all being well.

TERMITES! The Club will not be undertaking spraying or treatment of the grounds. Check your boat and protect it by your chosen method on a regular schedule.

CLUB HOUSE: The Friday Moonlight events are attracting steady support; next chance for Dinner under the full moon and a harbour cruise in November will be on **Friday 7th November** and again on **Friday 5th December**. Neither day is on the schedule but will be laid on if members respond to the office. **The December 5th date will be scheduled as a Moonlight Race** and hopefully will get support.

ENID THWAITES ... "living life to the full"

Enid Thwaites has gone. She has been absent from Club events for a number of years and newer Members will not know of whom we speak. We did see her earlier this year for the Remembrance held at the Club for Ivor "Johnny" Campbell. Enid is an icon and those who were at the Club when she and Willy were active will never forget them. Blunt and outspoken, they both lived life to the full. Enid was one of a group of Ladies who ran things in the Starting Committee. Hey - we had class those days! - Still do for that matter! Guess we are still lucky to have Ladies who turn out to do the thankless job of running the races.

Fact is Enid had a sense of fun and a personality that made you feel good to be around her. Hope and I - like many - remember her with fondness and a sense of happiness that we knew her. This alone moderates our sadness at her passing. **LS**

HARVEY JAMESON a.k.a. "BUSTA"

For many the timing was difficult - so it was small group of Staff and members that joined "BUSTA" to cut his cake on his 65th birthday on Friday September 19th. Now officially retired Harvey Jameson will continue to serve the Club as a contractor.

"Busta" came to work at the RJYC when he was about 11 years old - with the late "Chickie", well remembered by older members! Busta is a jack of all trades - is able to rig a mast, splice wire to rope or fix an engine and he has supervised the safe lifting and repair of our boats for many years. Busta's interview in the RJYC Centenary Magazine 1989 makes interesting reading as he recalls hurricanes he has experienced at the RJYC - Hurricanes **Charlie** (1951) and **Gilbert** (1988). In 1951, he was in a 45ft boat "Invader" which was on its way to Lighthouse Hole. While the rest of the crew played games below, Busta went on to on "Echo" and watched while boats were blown ashore. In 1988, he actually made the effort to get to the club that morning during the heavy rains and was perhaps the last person to leave having ensured that the boats were reasonably secure. By the time he left (about 11am) - water was nearly over the top of the wharf! He was still trying to get home during the eye of the hurricane!
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Congrats Busta



L: Is a protest flag about to go up? Below: Skippers meeting in progress.

The future life of our club depends on activity on and in the water and planning meetings - also on supporting events! (Only the Black family turned out in full Pirate/Wench gear for the July party!) ALL ARE FUN!

Please offer your services to one of the main sub-committees and help keep the club afloat!



FOOTNOTE TO THE NEWS

We had a computer crash, lost the hard drive. Yes it happens to Macs too! It would be a real help if you would contribute or write a letter, send a picture! Just e-mail to

hnlstewart@cwjamaica.com

Text format in the e-mail is easiest to handle but Hope has lots of conversions software so attached Word files etc can usually be unscrambled! All contributions are liable to be edited to fit!

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Tell the Office if you want rates, we can work something out!