

MBYC Newsletter January 2009

2009 Pineapple Cup Race Appeal – Help Wanted

February 6th –13th

We really need your help to help run all the departments that are necessary to run this race. Boats will be arriving from February 9th, and most spaces in the volunteer rosters on the notice board are still empty. The VHF radio has to be manned 24/7 and the few people who have signed up cannot stay at the radio all night and all day. Please come forward to assist and make this event really successful for Jamaica. Volunteer shifts are 4 hour shifts. Volunteer as:

Duty Officer (you meet & greet the vessel on arrival amongst a few other things. A fun job).

Man the VHF Radio (you communicate with the Finish Line and the vessel approaching it. Exciting!)

Man the Information Centre (the Nerve of everything).

Host A Boat. (A Host greets the boat on arrival, and is that one special person in a sea of strange faces that the crew of a boat can zoom in on. A host can be as helpful to the boat as he or she wants to be. Just be friendly. Maybe help them with a ride to the supermarket. Anything.)

Please put your name down on the board at the club or let Heather know if you are interested.

Race Entertainment Schedule:

Tuesday, February 10th, 7 p.m.
Early Birds Welcome Party, MBYC

Wednesday, February 11th, 7 p.m.
Tequila Party, MBYC

Friday, February 13th, 6 p.m.
Awards Presentation, Dinner, Dance, MBYC

Refurbishment works

Much excitement this month in the club as the refurbishment to the bathrooms draws to a close, ready for the imminent arrival of the boats from Fort Lauderdale in the Pineapple Cup race. If you have not been to the club recently please come and have a look. Not only have the bathrooms been improved and upgraded with its own outdoor area but there is now a more formal committee room and an optional air conditioned section of the verandah for those super hot summer days. There are a few details to be completed in the coming days but the contractor has done well to achieve deadlines.

J22 Sailing

The J22's organized a one day series to start the New Year with a bang. You can read all about it on the J22 website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/mobayj22/Home>

We were pleased to welcome young Luke Clarke who did fabulous work on Renegade.

Pineapple Cup

Even if you are unable to volunteer to help in the local arrangements for the Pineapple Cup be sure to come and sample the entertainment and keep up to date with the live position reporting and see the race reports on progress.

Please note that food and beverage purchases will only be available through the purchase of chits from the office for the duration of the race. Please contact Heather for more details.



Website

MBYC has created a new website that will run parallel to the existing site in a transition period. Ultimately there will be one site. The new site is up to date with the 2009 calendar, list of committee members, docking fees, etc. Feel free to visit: www.mobayyachtclub.com. Please let us know any more ideas for information that could be included and what you would like to see. There is space for news on members, fishing, sailing, suggestions, and all input is welcome.

Gaming, games and movie nights

The completion of construction and the addition of a new DLP projector means that evening entertainment will be back on. Look for an exciting social schedule to be circulated soon

If you have any articles of interest, items for discussion, suggestions for improvement, points of contention, news of interest or anything that can be included in the monthly news letter, please email heather@mobayyachtclub.com