

MBYC Newsletter August 2009

2009 Fishing Tournament

Coming up sooner than you think. See you at the cocktail party on Wednesday the 16th!

Wednesday September 16

0800 Canoe Tournament
1700 Weigh in
1900 Cocktail Party
1930 Captain Briefing

Thursday September 17

0700 Big Boats Breakfast
0800 Fishing Starts
1700 Weigh in
Entertainment to be advised
Dinner at the club

Friday September 18

0700 Fishing Starts
1700 Weigh in
A special entertainment to be advised
Club's usual buffet

Saturday, September 19

0600 Breakfast
0700 Fishing Starts
1700 Weigh in
1900 Price Giving
Entertainment
Dinner at the club

Club Manager's update

The summer is almost over, but the sweltering heat lingers. As the kids gear up for school we hope you are not too busy to visit the club. Our Sailing Camp this month was a tremendous success.

We apologize for the delay in completion of the tennis court and car park. Bear with us the end is close.

How about a Kalooki/Domino Tournament for the end of September? Interested persons please give us a call.

We have a brand new stock of MBYC shirts with new look logo for sale, come and treat yourself.

The Annual Marlin Tournament starts September 16-20 and we are hoping for a great tournament.

Michael Lyons the dock master (Mr. Mike) has been working with the club for 50 years and we are going to celebrate! Details of this will be sent out soon.

Do you like the new look flagship, do have anything to contribute please let us know.

Our deepest condolences to Faith Thomas and her family on the passing of her mother. Also wishing a speedy recovery to Ron Smith, a past commodore, who recently underwent heart surgery.

Beverley Russell (Club Manager)

What do you think of our new concessionaire? Send your comments to us! Don't forget to ask for your 20% discount on F&B

New Members

The Club welcomes the following new members:

Errol Lewis, Thierry & Helen Connault, Robert Stewart & April Freeman, Winston Reid, Nigel & Julie Knowles, Pan Caribbean Corporate Membership (Ornell Bedasse, Stephanie Vassell, Yvonne Buchannan, Collette Smith, and Althea Graham-Dolly)

Jamaica sails at World Championship

After a long and tiring nine days of racing, Marina Maffessanti placed a respectable 28th out of 40 boats at the Byte World Championships in Kingston, Canada. It was the most competitive world championships to date with 15 sailors from Singapore comprising most of the top spots. This was Marina's second overseas regatta and first world championship. Well done!



Summer Sail JAMAICA 2009

'Nuff thanks to all those that helped make the 2009 camp the most successful sailing camp in recent history at the yacht club, this update comes from Mike Weber, Cayman Islands Sailing Director, who lead the camp:

"I had the pleasure of running the summer sailing camp in August. Marina Maffessanti and I along with Chwani Gourzong spent two weeks with 25 children and teenagers. What a blast! Great breeze, lots of sunshine, fantastic kids. Most of the days were spent running short drills in front of the yacht club in between swimming and games. At the end of the camp all of the kids were sailing by themselves and a very talented group of eight sailors were learning to race. On the last day each young sailor received an award including top sailor of the camp, Allan

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Williams, and best female sailor, Fabby Byles. You can check out photos on our facebook page. Search for 'another summer Jamaica.'

It is great to see such enthusiasm for youth sailing in Jamaica. Special thanks to all of the MBYC members and staff for making Marina and I feel welcome. There seems to be unstoppable momentum and I am happy to be part of a growing program. After a meeting with members and parents, we decided that the next few steps for the MBYC are to:

- Offer weekend youth sailing starting in September;
- Run a half term camp in October;
- Continue weekend youth sailing in November and December;
- Consider sending some MBYC (and RJYC) sailors to the Orange Bowl Youth Regatta in Miami in December.

Long term planning will coordinate the Kingston, Montego Bay, and Grand Cayman programs to share resources so that we have a vibrant sail training program in the Western Caribbean.

Marina and I will be back in October for the half term camp. See you then."

Optimist Racing Clinic

October 19 – 23, 2009

Cayman Islands Sailing Club and the National Sailing Centre, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

Learn to race Optimists to your full potential. This youth clinic, designed for all levels of Optimist sailors, is run by our coaches, Raph and Katrina, using professional methods, video analysis, and drills. The emphasis will be on making racing FUN. The course will include four hours of on-water training each day.

The clinic will run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cost is CI\$240 per person. This includes boat rental and coaching.

To take advantage of this opportunity, contact us at sailing@sailing.ky. Space is limited to 8 sailors; reservations will be taken on first come first served basis. We will be happy to suggest nearby hotels, and for sailors traveling on their own, lodging with a family is available as well.

More on sail training in the Cayman Islands:

www.sailing.ky

Michael Weber, Sailing Director, CISC

Upcoming events at MBYC & area

- Sept 6 J22 Racing – Back to School Series A
- Sept 16 MBYC Fishing Tournament Starts
- Sept 19 MBYC Fishing Tournament prize giving
- Sept 20 J22 Racing – Back to School Series B
- Sept 26 CUMI Come Run 10k at Tryall & Blue Beat Jazz Party
- Sept 26 Port Antonio Fishing Tournament Starts
- Oct 4 J22 Racing – Rum for Sail Series A
- Oct 19 National Heros Day
- Oct 25 J22 Racing – Rum for Sail Series B
- Nov 8 J22 Racing – JAMIN' qualifying series A
- Nov 22 J22 Racing – JAMIN' qualifying series B & boat draw
- Dec 4 J22 Racing – JAMIN' international invitational regatta