

MBYC Newsletter January 2010

Club Manager's update

January came and went so quickly. Everybody spent the month (it seems) recovering from a busy December. There were no special events for this month, but our usual games evening still continue.

Condolences to Tom Williams and family on the loss of his mother who passed on at the end of January.

Mr. Robert Joseph, our concessionaire, is doing an excellent job providing great meals to the members and guest. The Friday Night buffet has mushroomed into an event and showcasing Junior Holding on the keyboard.

Ernie Smith is booked for the 13th of February, for a pre Valentine affair. We look forward to seeing you there. This is one of the many events for 2010, we will keep you updated.

Beverley Russell (Club Manager)

Please send in your articles or comments for airing in future newsletters.

Youth, Community and School Sailing

MBYC now has a first class area for storage, launching and training future Jamaican sailing athletes and Olympians. The vision is create and allow an environment that will not just generate future athletes but will also allow the wider communities in Jamaica to experience sailing. We want to widen the opportunity for young people to learn to sail outside of our regular members program and camps by getting schools and communities to participate with us to encourage more people to experience the phenomenal sport of sailing.



Sail Jamaica, a Kingston based company, has initiated a full time sailing training program at the Royal Jamaica Yacht Club (Kingston). The program involves working with local schools to include sailing as part of the school timetable.

We want to encourage them to roll out a similar program in Montego Bay. If you know of anyone who would be

interested in a program like this or you represent a school or community, please contact Heather at the club.

We also intend to partner with a swim training program for those who would then like to go on to learn to sail.

Pico dinghies available to rent

The Picos are available for rent by anyone able to demonstrate your ability to swim and basics of rigging and sailing. The rentals go into a maintenance fund to ensure that the boats are kept in sailing condition. A big thank you to the owners for allowing their boats to be part of this and other ongoing youth training programs.

There are a couple of the Picos available for sale; if you are an interested parent that would enjoy the freedom of being an owner, please contact Heather..

Pico Youth Sailing

Every two weeks you will see activity on the water with a structured supervision. The first session of the year was led by Sail Jamaica's Instructor from Kingston with 10 members. Keep your eye on the calendar and come join in the action!

J22 Racing report

The one day 'Shake Your Tail Feathers' series in January saw Peter Harper's 'Zipper' dominate the four races. He also leads in the current Winter series event that spills over into February but with the rest of the fleet getting more competitive, who knows where it will end.....

New faces are always welcome in the J22 fleet. If you are interested in joining the racing fun, please let Heather know.

New Members

The Club welcomes the following new members:

Scott & Renee Bogar, Richie Broughton, Brandon Lue-Sang, Sunil & Mitali Vangani, Anne-Marie Deceulaer, Kareens & Sajjan Bharwani, Lance Duhaney, CGM Gallagher Insurance Brokers JA. Ltd. Members are(Beverley Shirley, Sandra Bailey, Sheraley Bridgeman, Norman Foster, Beulah Campbell)

Upcoming events at MBYC

Feb 13	1300	Pico Youth Sailing
Feb 13	2000	Ernie Smith
Feb 21	1100	J22 Winter Series Races 4,5 & 6
Feb 27	1300	Pico Youth Sailing