

MBYC Easter Regatta 2009

Sailing Report

MBYC was delighted to host numerous visiting boats and crews from the RJYC over the Easter weekend.

The social events were geared around the visitors with a welcome cocktail party on Thursday after the Mosquito Cove Race, special breakfasts laid on, the resurrection of the Vice Commodore's party in the form of a full blown Pool Deck Party with Bloody Marys on the lay day, Sunday brunch, children's activities including full screen movies, Easter egg hunt, bonnet parade, fashion show and games.

Optimist sailing took place over two days, was oversubscribed and a great success.

The sailing weekend started with the annual pilgrimage to Mosquito Cove for the overnight raft up under the light of the full moon. People forget that the dates for Easter are set according to the date of the full moon and it makes for a fabulous display in the early evening. The Gibson cat, 'On y Va', led the festivities with the Swan 'Ugly Duckling' providing late night entertainment. It was a great turnout with 'In the Mood', the Vanderhoof's O'Day



25, 'Skedaddle', 'Diva' and four J22's in addition to the Kingston vessels. A small front that rolled through earlier in the morning caused queasiness for some on the passage to the cove which was put to rights once inside. Mosquito Cove is a recognized safe harbor and the ocean swell was reduced to calm waters inside the bay. After Diva was towed off the shallows the festivities began!

Race day dawned and the trimaran 'Skedaddle' acted as the start boat in 6 to 8 knots from the north east before following the fleet up the course. The breeze kept on building to somewhere between 22 and 28 knots for the final hour of the race. The fleet split early in the race with a battle between two J's taking them way out to sea contrary to the traditional theory of hugging the reef on the way back. The resulting inside track of the constant lift across the bay allowed them to squeak into first and second place on corrected time even with breaking waves and current against them.

The cruisers were missing for the harbour racing on Saturday and Sunday but the J's more than made up with it with great windward – leeward courses run by Winston Dear's 'Stoshus' at Seawind. Traditional north east winds at 12 to 20 knots provided the rocket fuel for exciting racing.



The All Comers race on Monday brought out the cruisers again for this classic and it wasn't without its controversy. Collision between



Tsunami and Zipper caused a (wo)man overboard drill for Zipper while Tsunami lost part of her virgin paint job. Windsurfers joined the boats going upwind from Tropical beach and made their way upwind in the (for them) marginal conditions. The race

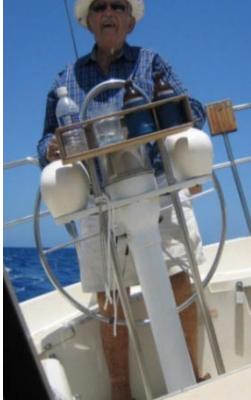


started early in light breeze but by the time the boats made their way back to the Airport Mark under spinnaker it had climbed into the low 20's providing a fabulous power reach past Doctors Cave.

Visiting boats and crews, great breeze, good competition, good company, cruisers on the water and the wonderful sailing conditions on the blue waters around

Montego Bay – how much better could it be?

Big thanks to:-



- Peter Harper – start of the Mosquito Cove race
- Bryan Langford – Half Moon mark
- Dock master Mike Lyons and his team
- Optimists – Jane Harper, Anthony and Deborah Larder, Gavin Harper, Jim Wilson
- Seagulls Restaurant – Shari Russell and her team
- MBYC – Bev Russell, Heather Vernon
- Billy – for climbing the Snow Job's mast to retrieve the spinnaker halyard
- Race committee – Winston Dear and his team
- Evelyn Harrington – Prizes and the Vice Commodore's Party
- Social committee led by Cheryl Atkinson
- Jim Wilson – loan of J22 to visitors
- Visitors, guests, competitors, photographers and everyone else – you know who you are!

Prizes

The Great Yacht Race

Jeffrey George Cup	3 rd across the line	Renegade (R Hamilton)
Laurie Scott Trophy	2 nd across the line	Skedaddle (P Harper)
Crichton Cup	1 st across the line	Ugly Duckling (G Hall)
Henriques Cup	Corrected time overall winner	Renegade (R Hamilton)

Paul Eldemire Memorial Trophy	J22 Sunday Morning 1 st Race	Kipper (P Harper)
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All Comers Race (Half Moon)

The Gleaner Cup	Corrected time overall winner	Renegade (R Hamilton)
	1 st across the line	Renegade (R Hamilton)
	2 nd across the line	Zipper (P Harper)
	3 rd across the line	Tsunami (PJ Gibson)

Regatta Awards

Gargoyle Cup	J22 Class lowest score	Renegade (R Hamilton)
Edwin Charley Cup	Cruiser Class lowest score	Diva (P Slow)
The Appleton Trophy	Overall Regatta Champion	Renegade (R Hamilton)