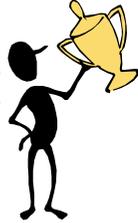




The compound water tap ~ Obviously this tap gets a lot of use from members working in the compound & is a vital accessory but it is also the only water supply for tea making etc. not very hygienic I know but it is important that the tap & hose is kept as clean as possible. So please reconnect the Club's hose when you finish with the tap & try to make sure that it does not fall to the ground in the dirt. Thank you for your co-operation.

Club Presentations - 7th December, At the Club's Christmas Dinner at the Dog & Duck the evening was rounded off with the awarding of the Club's cups & trophies & this Year's winners are as follows:- Hawkins Tankard, Best dressed boat - Sheila Howard. Shaft & Rudder Trophy - Clive Mowatt. Best kept log - Colin Brazier. Novice Shield - Sheila Tanson. Longest voyage - Terry & Jacqui Robb. Outboard Trophy - Peter Downs. Boat handling cup - Bobby Howes. MV Burton Shield - Amanda Hart. Ladies' Cup - Joan Holmes
Congratulations Everybody, keep polishing !!!



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 23rd February 2014**

The Meeting takes place in the Club House at 3 p.m. & a good turn out would be appreciated. This is the only chance that members have to air their views & put forward ideas. If you have some sort of project that you would like to put to the meeting it has to be presented as a motion. i.e. A notice of motion in writing with the Secretary, Clive Mowatt, at least 7 days before the meeting. I think there should be a proposer & a seconder but the Club rules do not state this. If you fancy going on the Committee, your nomination should be given to the Secretary, in writing with proof that you are prepared to serve & are eligible to do so. Again at least 7 days before the meeting. A chat about procedures with Clive is probably advisable allowing plenty of time.



GFBC Toilets on the North Bank - Way back in July some of you might remember the Petition that was sent round by the Ladies of the Club who were (& still are) campaigning for flush toilets with hand washing facilities to be installed on the North Bank & they feel sure that many members are also not happy with the present arrangement. When food & drink is being prepared in the Jamaican Inn it is important that the caterers have access to hygienic facilities & likewise at events on the North Bank when the Club wants to encourage family, friends & perhaps other Clubs to come along, there is a need for clean, decent toilets. Members with smaller boats, without toilets are also quite keen on this project, especially the ladies who probably find the present loos very inhibiting to use, especially with young children. This idea has provoked a lot of amusement in some quarters & much good humoured banter about powder rooms & hot showers etc. but at the end of the day all that is being requested is two basic decent flush toilets, male & female with hand washing, anything more would be considered a bonus. There have been questions re. the cleaning etc. But this would be no problem as several volunteers have already come forward prepared to see that this task is carried out. So please go along to the A.G.M. & lend your support in any way that you can. If you are not able to attend perhaps you could write a letter to the Club expressing your support .



Sunday Tea 15th December Due to the Christmas festivities this was the only scheduled Club Sunday Tea in December which meant that it was also possibly the last opportunity to give out Christmas Cards. It was not surprising therefore that the attendance was well above the average & quite lively. Members were busily collecting & distributing Christmas Cards, exchanging good wishes & generally catching up on the gossip. Consequently the Tea Marshals, Peter & Myra, were very busy officiating over a very enjoyable afternoon tea, the last one of the year.

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