

# Ahoy there

## Yacht Club

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**WESTERN BUREAU:**

**A**CCOMPANIED BY a small number of yachts, the German cruise ship *Aida* formed the backdrop to the newly-refurbished Montego Bay Yacht Club at Freeport last Saturday night.

Like *Aida*, which sailed away at 7:30 p.m., the long-held view of the social club proclaimed it "white people social club". But that made a permanent departure, welcoming a rich melting pot of Indians, Chinese, Negroes and Caribbeans ready to breathe life into the new era.

Noted Montego Bay businesswoman, Beverly Russell of Pter Dne, and her daughter Shari are the faces representing the man behind the new thrust, Tony Hart, and the Doctor's Cave Bathing Club which gave generously to the financing of the project.

**HISTORY RECORDED**

The Montego Bay Yacht Club's history is recorded in the city's archives. Built in 1969, its first home was Fort Street, before it gave up that residence and found home in the luxurious Montego Freeport.

Today, it is not only a social club, but a boating and sailing club and a restaurant tagged "Seagull" for all colours or creeds.

"What I want is for a wide cross-section of Montegonians to

come together, meet and greet, and make here their place for games such as dominoes, their place for great service, good food or total relaxation," said an elated Beverly Russell.

Mrs. Russell had many reasons to be happy; the entire Montego Bay seemed to have turned out for the cocktail reception and dinner. Her first official night was a success, probably oversubscribed.

**INTERIOR DESIGN**

The work of interior designer Kathryn Mais at her amazing best is visible on entering the property. Mais wanted an environment that was casual—Caribbean, with modern aspects relating to sailing, so she pictured the walls with photos of winners of the Miami/Montego Bay Pineapple Cup race.

Creating several different environments, she set up a little television area with sexy plasma television sets, a raised banquette for persons wishing to hang out and watch pool, and lots of lounges for an airy and clean feel.

Outside, she fashioned a raised deck area around the pool and a seating area by the ocean where the freedom of the water and the sails lapping become a luxury.

It was a very healthy scene, watching Doctor's Cave Bathing Club chairman, Emile Martin, ably assisted by Commodore Evelyn Harrington, Horace Peterkin, Mark Hart, Kathryn Mais and Bryan Roper cutting

the ribbon, officially opening the club.

The event was attended by Patrick Casserly, Aroon Dadlani, Denise and Winston Dear, Sue McManus, Sam and Yvonne James, Lynn and George Holloway, Fab 9s Sandra Kennedy and Jackie Bird, Cecil Bird, Peter, Janice and Ida Williams, Denny and Veena Chandiram, Kumar Samtani, Allan Daswani, Robert Russell, Sophia Max Brown, Richard Russell, Joe Hylton, Davon Chung, David and Donna Roper, Sally Roper, The Hon. Maurice Facey and wife Valrie, Bussil and Beverly Johnson, Ken and Sheila Kennedy, Dr. Ron Dwyer, Peter and Eleanor Komposch, Josef Forstmayr, Dominique Peterkin, Christine Gayle and John Kearney, Lovell Rodney, Pishu and Janki Chandiram and Howard Mervin.



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Chairman of Doctor's Cave Beach, Emile Martin (front row, third left), gets ready to cut the ribbon, officially declaring the newly-refurbished Montego Bay Yacht Club open, on Saturday night. He is assisted by (from left), president of the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association, Horace Peterkin; general manager of the club, Beverly Russell, and Evelyn Harrington. In back row (from left): Sandals Resorts International's Bryan Roper; ace designer, Kathryn May; and Mark Hart.