

David Blackler has kindly penned an account of the Royal visit to the club.

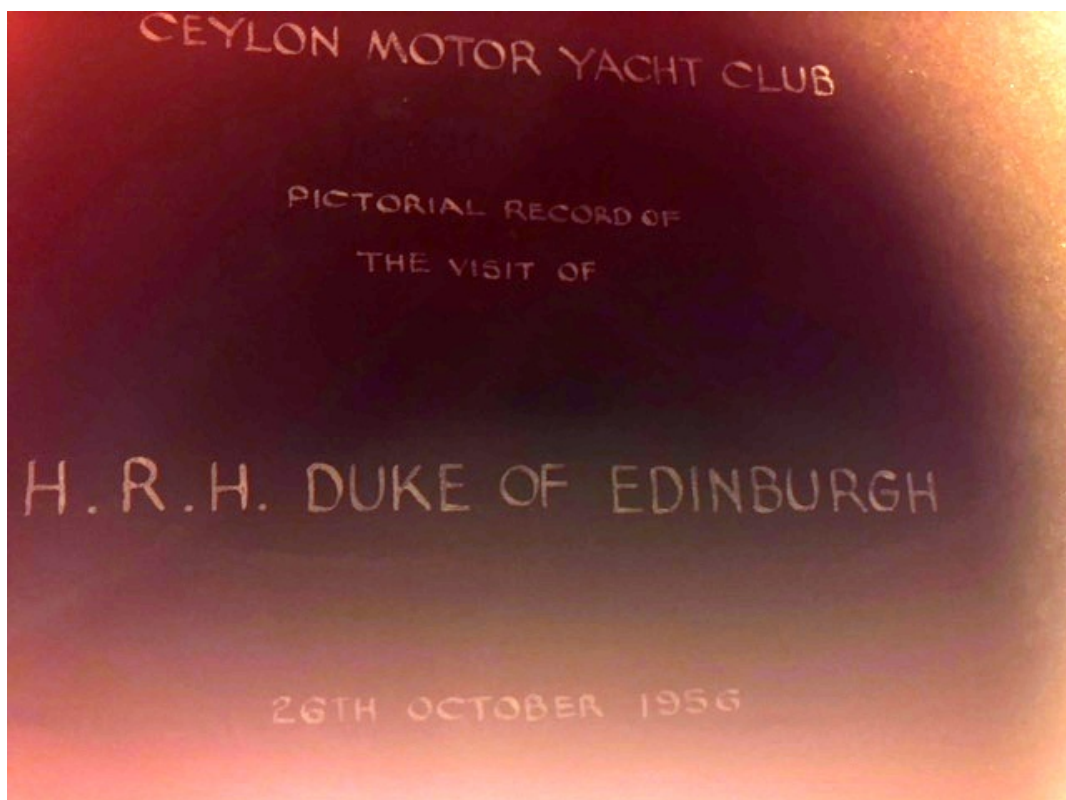
“Because it was a Friday most members took an extended week-end and were at the Club when the Duke arrived. He was met by the Commodore, Harold Burton, who introduced the entire Committee standing in line at the parking area in front of the Club House.

I was Hony. Secretary at the time and we were all dressed in white shirts, white shorts and long white stockings. He was escorted through the Club to the front steps and watched the sail past in line astern of the entire fleet.

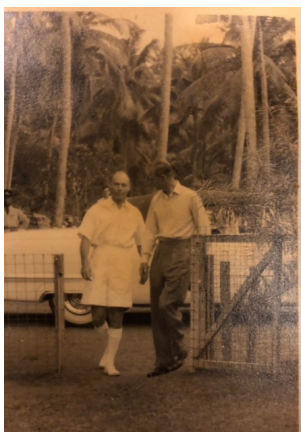
He was then taken out in the inboard motor boat belonging to Tommy Hardcastle, one of the Trustees, to see the sights in the main lake accompanied by me and his two trilby hatted Security men.. He noticed one GP being sailed single handed (No.13 owned by Eric Bathe, an Accountant whose boat sadly was not in prime condition!) He requested to be taken alongside and asked if he could come aboard. Eric offered him the helm and he sailed happily amongst the fleet for fifteen minutes before returning to the jetty.

He then met other senior members of the Club and sat down and had a tankard of Pilsner beer on the lawn in front of the Club. Following a quick visit to the boat shed with the Rear Commodore, Ken Brown, he was given three cheers as he left in his motor car along with the Minister of Home Affairs. “

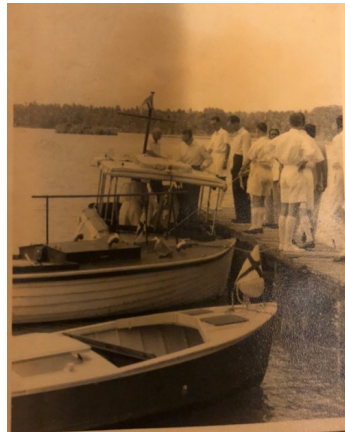
What follows is a pictorial account of the Royal visit to CMYC



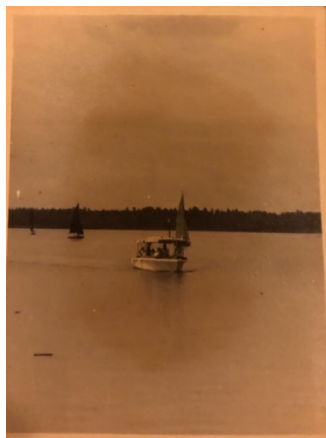
HRH Duke of Edinburgh being welcomed to Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh on the jetty at Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh takes to the water at Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh returns to shore at Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh joins members on the lawn at Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh explores the grounds at Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



HRH Duke of Edinburgh departs from Ceylon Motor Yacht Club



The Duke Goes Yachting

(By an "Observer" Reporter)

Prince Philip indulged in one of his pet pastimes this morning at Bolgoda Lake - Yachting. He spent half an hour in one of the Ceylon Motor Yacht Club's boats, and steered it himself.

The Club was gaily decorated and members' children were there in full force to see the Duke. Across the Lake, on the other side were a lot of children perched on coconut trees, to get a better view. Some of them underestimated the strength of a tree and paid the penalty.

The tree crashed, pitching them into the water. Nobody was hurt, and it all seemed to fit into the spirit of good cheer.

The Duke was met on arrival by Commodore HWR Burton, Vice-Commodore SD Room, Rear Commodore JKJ Brown and the Club's Secretary, Mr DJM Blackler, who were presented to him. Two others were presented to him on his return from the boat trip.

They were Mrs HWR Burton and Mrs SD Room.

