



NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING



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Officers and Directors Elected

Officers

The following members of the Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club were elected as officers for one-year terms at the December, 2000 meeting: Kim Magnuson-Commodore (President), Richard Messina-Vice Commodore (Vice President), John Luchau-Secretary, Robbyn Peck, Treasurer.



Messina

Staggered one-, two- and three-year terms of office are necessary to ensure continuity of leadership when annual Club elections are held each December.

Charter Membership

There's still time for you to become a Charter Member of Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club. If you haven't already paid your \$24 dues,

bring a check payable to *Nā Hoa Holomoku* to the next meeting, Monday evening Jan. 8 at the Wailoa Park Pavilion No. 3 in Hilo. And remember what *Nā Hoa Holomoku* means "Shipmates" in Hawaiian. Everybody with an interest in life on and around the water can be shipmates. So come join us on the 8th for potluck.

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Board of Directors

Three-year term: Kim Magnuson, John Luchau, Roger Nakasu.

Two-year term: Richard Messina, Carl Shioji.

One-year term: Robbyn Peck, Mike Kawamota.



Luchau (far right) and friends



Peck

First meeting of the new year is on Monday, 8 January at 6:00 PM, Wailoa Park Pavilion No. 3, 6:00 PM. Potluck. Bring a friend!

Articles of Incorporation

Now that Officers and a Board of Directors have been chosen, Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit corporation are being prepared by John Luchau and will be forwarded to the proper authorities as soon as they are completed.



Pavilion update and ramp improvements

As reported at the last meeting, Kim Magnuson and John Luchau have already talked with State officials about acquiring the old pavilion and land in the vicinity of Reed's Bay for Club use, including dingy/boat storage and a potential dingy dock.

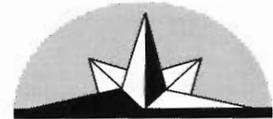
Mike Kawamota mentioned that the YMCA is interested in the same property to conduct sailing and water safety classes. Richard Messina agreed to assist Mike in talking with the YMCA to explore common uses for the site. Richard also mentioned

that the Club could sponsor a basic sailing class and volunteered to ask the Hokule'a sailing staff to see if they would be interested in our providing basic sailing training to their newer members.



The Pavilion at Reed's Bay

Carl Shioji reported that he has discussed the need for improved launching ramps with State officials. He has also spoken to them about replacing the fender system at the Wailoa docks and moorings, and improving the markings and wash down area at the parking lot. Carl also said he has suggested that the Army Corps of Engineers build a double launching ramp in the present launch area, but added that a small launching ramp at the Pavilion would also be of interest.



Bring a friend to the next club meeting in Wailoa Park Pavilion 3 on Mon. Jan. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Conditions at Radio Bay

The ladders at Radio Bay are in deplorable shape, some with shaky steps and rusty spikes at the base that could injure a person or puncture an inflatable. Kim Magnuson and Larry Peck agreed to meet with Ian Birnie to suggest improvements. Want proof anybody?



Ladder at Radio Bay

A new marina in the works?

David Owens gave club members an update re. the Bellingham project on his property near the Bay Clinic at Reed's Bay. The proposal calls for an 80-slip commercial, full-service marina pending approval of all permits. Dave said he was meeting soon with the new

County Director for Planning before deciding whether the project is worth pursuing on his and Bellingham's part.

Bellingham is a mainland-based marina developer.

Check out Hilo's current marina facilities to the right.



Hilo's present "marina" at Radio Bay

What's your opinion?

Editor's note: This section is dedicated to the opinions of readers. Please limit your opinions to 150 words or less. Mail your comments to Yacht Club, P.O. Box 18, Pahoehoe, HI 96778 or send e-mail to jbmiles@gte.net. The opinions represented here are not necessarily those of the Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club.

Wouldn't you like to stay aboard your boat in Reed's Bay for a night or two once in awhile? I would. But according to what I'm able to gather from any body I've

asked, this is an illegal activity that could subject the trespasser to a large fine and possible expulsion from Hilo-area waters.

How come? Do local authorities fear that we'd pollute the Bay with discharge from our marine heads and sinks? C'mon, Brah. We're

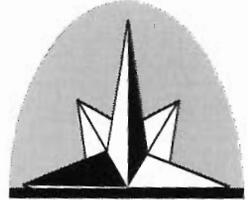


more responsible than that. Are the big commercial liners always as responsible?

Besides, one local oceanographer says that Hilo Bay has astounding potential for self-cleaning and that tides would push our paltry poop out to sea at least twice a day.

Furthermore, if recent reports that there are 400 gallons of chromium arsenic buried under the Ice Pond are correct, then it seems we all have lots more to worry about than the organic waste from a few sailboats.

— J.B. Miles



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Tip Sheet (courtesy of "Something Borrowed" and other sources)

- Club member Joe Messina, a diver and mooring installer, says one way to prevent electrolysis from eating up your mooring chain in a hurry is to install a zinc directly on the chain at both ends. It's worth a try!
- A couple of household fabric softener sheets in your closed-up boat will help reduce mildew odors.
- Poke a small amount of 3M 5200 sealant into a punctured inflatable fender with a toothpick and it'll hold air again after about 24 hours.
- Lanolin smeared liberally on a prop or prop shaft will keep them barnacle-free for months, even at anchor.
- In an emergency, an acceptable fuel for a diesel engine can be blended by mixing one part of motor oil with four parts of kerosene.

—Got any useful tips? Send or e-mail them to Jim Miles and he'll include them in the next newsletter.

Sale, trade, services

Joseph Messina (981-2446) offers diving and boat cleaning maintenance as well as mooring installations.

Mauricio Barbis (969-7991) offers expert boat repair and boat maintenance to club mem-

bers at a reasonable hourly rate.

Wanted to buy: Two No. 10 single-speed winches. Jim Miles (965-8906)

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