

Yacht Club/YMCA "Sailing Season" a Grand Success

More than 60 have joined "Sailing Season" to make it an overwhelming success.

The combined effort of our club and the YMCA to sponsor our first "Sailing Season" has brought both organizations many new members and introduced new sailors to the sea.

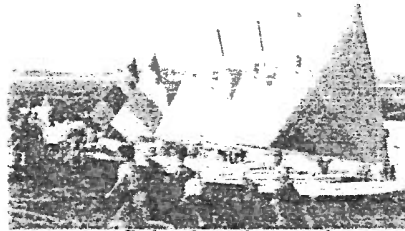
"Sailing Season" is headed by Nick Rees who began coordinating instructors and boats at the end of last year. Nick's vision was to provide an opportunity for everyone who had any desire to sail to be able to get out on boats. He wanted to have the best instruction, training aids and equipment for those who wanted to sail and with it he established the catchphrase,

"Culture of Care."

Claudia Wilcox-Boucher was able to provide the YMCA's Sunfish, a safety boat and life-guard and Nick was able to convince members of our club to dedicate their time and instructional ability.

The first day of "Sailing Season" brought more sailors to the beach on that blustery January day than were anticipated which made the day exciting and very busy for Nick and the rest of the volunteer instructors. Can you imagine seven Sunfish and nearly 50 people wanting to sail?

Nick and Claudia's efforts in rounding up volunteers produced the following busy individuals: Evelyn



Sunfish Fleet is Ready

Schotte, Mauricio Barbis, Stefano Barbis, John Luchau, Kim Magnuson, Kevin Horton, Jon Olson, Larry and Robbyn Peck, Arjun Clarry, Mac Haiku, Jacques Peysson, Joel Rutter and Debbie Kuntz. Thank you to all Volunteers and participants.

For Participants: Bring Sunscreen, hat, shirt, footwear and PFDs (life jackets) each Saturday 10AM through March 15. There will be racing, awards (trophies) and Potluck on the 15th.

U. S. Sailing Instructor Class Scheduled for March 25

Have you ever had the desire to become a certified sailing instructor?

U. S. Sailing Requirements are that you have current CPR and First Aid Training, be a good swimmer and have excellent sailing skills plus more.

Our club and the YMCA

are always looking for people who will help with sailing instruction for the many programs that are available for kids and adults throughout the year.

Instructor Trainer Mary Wood of U. S. Sailing and also the YMCA is heading up the course at Kawaihae this spring

starting on March 25. The course is an intense four day training session. Days may last 8 to 10 hours and the cost is approximately \$350 including U. S. Sailing membership. If interested call Mary now.

Mary Wood—885-7420

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- ♦ *Commodore:* Larry Peck
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East):* John Luchau
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West):* Vacant
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power:* Carl Shioji
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail:* Mauricio Barbis
- ♦ *Secretary:* Nick Rees
- ♦ *Treasurer:* Robbyn Peck

Boating Emergency Response Team (BERT)

Since our club began one of our main objectives was to provide assistance to boats and boaters that are in distress. We have been able to divert disaster on many but not all occasions because we have maintained a network of individuals who are willing and able to respond when emergencies have presented themselves.

Our recent meetings with the Coast Guard Auxiliary have made

us aware that there are many overlapping objectives in the two organizations. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is made up of volunteers who accept a great deal of responsibility and receive professional training from the U. S. Coast Guard. They have invited any of our members who are interested in the auxiliary's mission to join them. Meetings are at 8:30AM every 3rd Saturday in the Coast Guard Conference Room at

the CG building Port of Hilo.

This is a great opportunity to receive professional training in the ways of the sea and to expand your knowledge as well as provide a service to your ocean community. Call Harvey Egna at 933-9333 for more information.

"Naupaka" Club's American 25

"Naupaka" is still in the boatyard at Wailoa. Her bottom has been patched, glassed and painted and work is being done on her sides. Several members have expressed a desire to keep "Naupaka" as a club boat and now is the time to volunteer your time or dollars to her repair and maintenance.

So far the majority of work and contributions have been made by Henry Peterson, Bob Rioux and John Luchau. She needs new running lights, some new cleats



"Naupaka"

and a couple of new valves. Her mast wiring needs to be sorted out

and some cabinet work would be nice. When that is complete and someone donates an outboard she'll be ready to go back in the water and will be available for use by club members who have completed a sailing checkout. "Naupaka" will be a great training platform for the next step up from dinghies.

For information about how you can help "Naupaka" call John at 982-5959.

Classifieds

PFDs (life jackets) for "Sailing Season" ordered through John (SkiprJohn@aol.com) 982-5959 for \$20. Specify Child 30-50lbs, Youth 50-90, or Adult. Get your orders to John by noon of the Friday before sailing sessions. This offer is made possible via Peter Bukas of P&P Kayaks—966-4999 who is a Kayak, Hobie and Escape sailboat dealer.

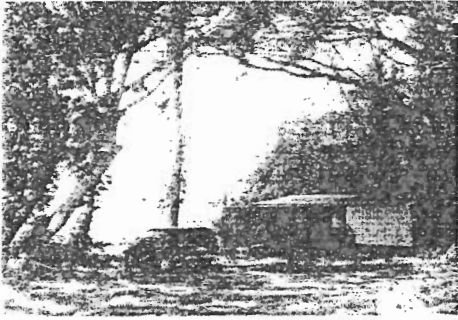
"Olali" a Cal 2-30, new ProFurl, Genny, Bimini, Dodger and

Lewmar traveler, recent haulout and new paint 17K. Call Barry, 961-4474 —13ft Ali'i Kai w/15hp 4stroke Honda \$2500 and a 15ft Ali'i Kai w/45hp & 6hp kicker \$4500. Call Peter 981-0827 — 28ft Corsair, call Mark 965-6373 — 29ft Cascade, call David 938-9361- 16ft Hobie Cat, call Gene 964-1832—El Toro (8ft sailing dinghy) plans \$20, 8ft "Sabotoro" or "El Abot" sailing/rowing dinghy \$238, 12ft sailing/rowing spritsail sloop "Orinoco" w/trailer/motor

\$1423 (Herreshoff design), call John 982-5959. "Start Sailing Right!" book \$15 and "Sm. Boat Sailor Cert. Record Book \$1. See Evelyn or Nick on the beach.

Jon Olson is offering up his treasure chest chock full of great sail and power boat items. Give him a call at 965-6093. He may have exactly what you are looking for.

Yacht Club Site—Use it please!



The Yacht Club site is located at the banyan tree end of Ocean View Drive. Go as if you were driving to the Port of Hilo and take Kumau St. to the left (as if you were going to use the GasPro parking lot) then go to the stop sign and turn

right on Ocean View Drive. You will see two brown Matson containers and a couple of picnic benches right next to the bay on a large concrete slab.

You have arrived!

Our able volunteers headed by Barry are the ones who uncovered and recovered the area from the jungle and built the picnic tables. The state has granted us access. Please come down and explore. The containers hold BBQ gear and boating emergency items. We want all club members to use the site.



Crews launching on Hilo Bayfront with a rudder in the kick-up position and the leeward launching vessel's crew politely waiting their turn. If both boats were underway and in this relative position the leeward (white sail) boat would have the right of way. Windward/Leeward Rule (Both are starboard tack)

Sunfish Sailboats

Sunfish sailboats have been produced more than 50 years and still enjoy a large following. It is probably the most widely seen board type boat in the Americas. The reason for its popularity is its stable simple design and ease of rigging. Running rigging consists of one halyard and a sheet which is attached to a bridle at the stern. It is a very easy boat to right after capsize and with its hard chine and low aspect rig has great initial stability. Weight of the Sunfish is supposed to be about 120—130lbs but does vary because of the way some folks patch the hull and how much moisture is absorbed into the flotation foam. Even with its great popularity there aren't that many to find on the Big Island. So if you are in the market for one start putting out your feelers now. The nearest distributor is on Oahu. Call *North Sails*. Want to help maintain the Sunfish? Call the Y at 935-3721

Nick Restores two Sunfish

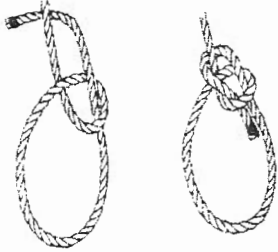
Here is Nick Rees in a beautifully restored Sunfish showing how someone might capsize if sitting to leeward while Kim explains what happens when your weight is to leeward and the wind pushes on your sail. Nick did the restoring of this Sunfish and "Old Red," of the Y Fleet. They turned out good as new and surprised those that had seen them before his meticulous work.

We are always happy to find someone with enough talent and time to help us keep these boats in tip top shape. If you have a bit of carpentry talent for rudders or daggerboards or are good at refinishing. Give John a call. 982-5959.



Starboard Quarter

Sailing Season



Top left is a bowline. Photo above is a knot tying session. To the right the crew is applying the bowline to connect sheet to bridle (or traveler). At the bottom left are the fruits of the crew's labor. She gets to go sailing after rigging the boat correctly using the most handy knot called a bowline (pronounced "bowlin")

Club History

A Little Club History: The Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club was established in late 2000 by a "band of renegade pirates" who had an interest in boats located in and around Reeds Bay.

The Yacht Club objectives were established and published in November 2000 and can be read in the bylaws at www.hilo-boating.org or www.hilo-sailing.org. Charter Members who rushed to sign up prior to December 31, 2000 numbered 47. Our current Yacht club is an off shoot of

the breakaway Hilo Sailing Club (broke away from the Hilo Yacht Club) which later became the Reeds Bay Sailing Association. 35 years ago the Hilo Sailing Club began with 46 Charter Members. Their primary interest was to establish a recreational boating area in Reeds Bay to include a safe mooring area. They were active in writing to State officials including then governor John A. Burns and to the Army Corps of Engineers. A proposal they put forward was to build an additional breakwater which would enclose

Reeds Bay a bit more and shelter it from the winter North swell. Mayor Kimura was in office at the time. All in all they had much the same goals as we continue to have today. Primary among them is to promote safe boating and sailing.

In 1969 the Hilo Sailing Club banned together and ordered 8 Coronado 15 sailboats so they could match their racing skills equally. They took delivery of the boats from Matson in January 1969.

DLNR Boating comes to Hilo



Hawaii District Manager, Nancy Murphy (extreme left), took comments and questions from the public at a meeting of boaters last Sunday. Many boaters voiced their opinions about boat ramps and facilities. John Luchau presented a case for a boat ramp on the Bay Side of Wailoa Bridge to assist sailboaters in launching safely. DLNR Boating 329-4997

Remembering Jack Dolan

Former Charter Member passes on February 9th. Many Club Members will remember Jack as a Courtesy Marine Examiner and instructor for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a proponent of boating safety in his many important positions with the Auxiliary. We wish Jack "Fair Winds and Following Seas." Jack was 80 years of age.

Na Hoa Holomoku

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**Reminder for Directors and Officers—Board of Directors
Meeting changed to March 3, 6PM at Larry and Robbyn's**

Potuck at YMCA in March

Welcome New Members



*Some of our Sailors with Six Sunfish at a Saturday
"Sailing Season" Session*

Since our Club began in late 2000 our membership has steadily grown. We started with 47 Charter Members and have had as many as 92 including honorary members. As you know, membership ends on December 31 of each year and we already have 68 paid members for

stop getting a newsletter it will probably be that your address has changed or we haven't received your membership renewal. Our Treasurer keeps our membership rolls and sends out membership cards. If you haven't gotten your cards and there is an asterisk by your name on

2003. That's really good and I know we'll bring in more if each of us contacts our friends who have an interest in boating. So please do that. Contact your friends and invite them to our potluck.

If you haven't renewed consider sending in your check to the return address listed above today. If you

the address label our records indicate we haven't received your dues. If you have a membership card that says 2003 then you are renewed.

Welcome new members: Louis and Angela Bartlow, Jerry and Barbara Benoit, Anthony and Tia Borgioli, Hal Brauner, Jane Buckle, Tomas, Chylkova and Tatiana Chylek, Brian and Lisha Crawford, Stephen Debus, Muhayla Dobbs, Kalisha Donnelly, Joseph Harold, Maile Hoita, Eric and Jacob Kendra, Carol Lafond, Kurt Loeffler, Skip and Kathleen Nielsen, Colleen Pryor, Stacey Reed, Mathew and Tiffany Ripa, Cole Rogers, Saul Rollason, Jacques and Renee Sebag, Tom Staas, Lynne Stamoulis, Chris and Barbara Tamm, Clayton and Janice Watkins and John White.

**Yacht Club Potluck is at the
YMCA 300 W. Lanikaula St.,
6:30PM, Monday, March 10**