

Starboard Quarter

Winter

December 1, 2003

Early Winter Storm brings out Courageous Volunteers

Beginning Thursday, November 20th an early storm brought high surf and surge to Hilo. Boaters that were particularly hard hit by weather conditions were those whose boats were at the quay wall in Radio Bay. Radio Bay normally is the place to go when storms come because of the protection offered by the breakwall and the ironwood trees on the east side of the bay.

In this case the surf, swell and winds came from the north which is the worst possible conditions for moored and anchored boats in both Reeds Bay and Radio Bay.

Barry on "Olali" reported that Radio Bay was like a washboard with waves coming over the breakwall and causing very bouncy

conditions. "Olali" was med moored to the quay when alternately the anchor line was stretched taut, then the stern lines were stretched taut when a wave would bounce off the quaywall. When one of his stern lines snapped and fouled his rudder and prop Barry needed help and Larry and Patricio came down to clear the line and get him underway. Jim Lucas and Mauricio helped Barry move Olali to anchor in the lee of the breakwall in Hilo Bay where there was more room and less backwash. Barry spent 3 nights aboard to make certain nothing came lose. Another potential tragedy that turned into a lucky miss was Jim Johnson's steel ketch "Love" which came off her mooring during the storm and to the

dismay of onlookers leisurely sailed itself bare poles over a bit of reef and onto Reeds Beach missing all the other moored boats. Larry, Patricio, Ivo Hanza and Mauricio were to help get her off the sand and coral and then anchored securely. The incoming tide helped this chore immensely and floated her off with just a bit of help. Several boats came lose and needed assistance by courageous volunteers who helped anchor, move to moorings, loaned ground tackle and line and ferried folks to and from their boats in very extreme conditions. Mike Pearson did a great job helping all over the bay when conditions were the roughest. He lent gear and assistance wherever it was needed. (Cont'd next page)

Fall 2003 Sailing Season

October 25th marked the beginning of our Sailing Season. Morning session Basic Sailing participants were Paul Henderson, Mike Ben, Olga Kuhn, Arthur Alomar, Vicky and Dominic who worked hard to rig boats and were able to team up and do some racing and free sailing in the afternoons after their official class time was

over.

Races were held in the afternoons of each of the four Saturdays and race results are on the website: www.hilo-sailing.org.

Thanks to all who participated and to Nick and Mauricio who organized the activities. Thanks to Race Committee Kevin, Mike Ben, Nick, Ron and

Roberta. Although there was no starting cannon they did a "Bang up job" and let the rest of us have some racing fun.

Thanks to Claudia of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA for the use of their boats and the Y's steadfast assistance to make sailing happen in Hilo Bay.

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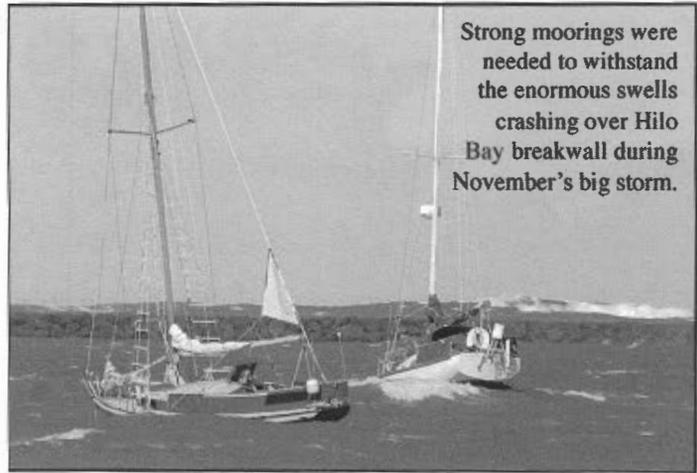
- ♦ *Commodore: Larry Peck*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East): John Luchau*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West): Richard Messina*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power: Carl Shioji*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail: Mauricio Barbis*
- ♦ *Secretary: Nick Rees*
- ♦ *Treasurer: Robbyn Peck*

Early Winter Storm (Cont'd)

Thanks to Mike Pearson, Ivo Hanza, Mauricio Barbis, Commodore Larry Peck, Patricio Barbis who unselfishly assisted others. Thanks too for those who were aboard their boats and protecting them as well as keeping them from breaking free and damaging others.

Storm season is here. Check your moorings and anchors. Gather extra ground tackle and be prepared to use it. Join our club and get your number on the "Call List" so we know how to contact you.

**"Don't delay.
Be ready for
the next
storm."**



Strong moorings were needed to withstand the enormous swells crashing over Hilo Bay breakwall during November's big storm.

Stump the Sailor/"Naupaka" Club's American 25

Bob Rioux's "Stump the Sailor" questions:

1. Vessels under 12 meters must carry what sound signaling device? A. whistle and bell. B. whistle and siren. C. Horn or gong. D. A means of making a signal.
2. Under the US Aids to Navigation, a lighted buoy with a spherical top marks: A. Safe water. B. the port side of a channel. C. A hazard to navigation. D. The position of underwater cables.

Want answers? Find Bob.

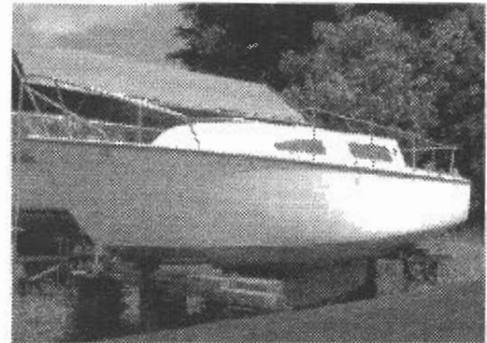
Warning—this is a repeat request for help!

"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 we're waiting for you to step forward with your time and energy.

A gang of five met to consider what needs to be done to get her launched. Our goal is to make her 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

- "Olali" a Cal 2-30, new Pro-Furl, Genny, Bimini, Dodger and Lewmar traveler, recent haulout and new paint 17K. Call Barry, 961-4474.

- 15ft Ali'i Kai w/45hp & 6hp kicker \$4500. Call Peter 981-0827

- 28ft Corsair. Call Mark 965-6373.

- 29ft Cascade, very well equipped. Call David at 938-9361.

- 16ft Hobie Cat. Call Gene 964-1832.

- El Toro (8ft sailing dinghy) plans \$20, Call John 982-5959.

- "Start Sailing Right!" book \$15 and "Small Boat Sailor Cert. Record Book \$1, Call Claudia at 935-3721.

- 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.

- 12' Escape, a poly monohull, ready to sail, \$1100. Call Ed Kuroda at 966-6843.

- Club Burgees, \$20. Robbyn at 960-1316

- Club T-Shirts, \$10. Roy at 935-6101

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Skipper in the Spotlight

Our "Skipper in the Spotlight" for our winter edition is Commodore Larry Peck. Larry and Robbyn first learned to sail in 1984 with their McGregor Venture 21 in Long Beach, California and sailed in and around Long Beach. He took their Venture to Catalina and back once. Then, of course, they felt the need to move up to a Lancer 25 and did more Southern California sailing with several more trips to Catalina.

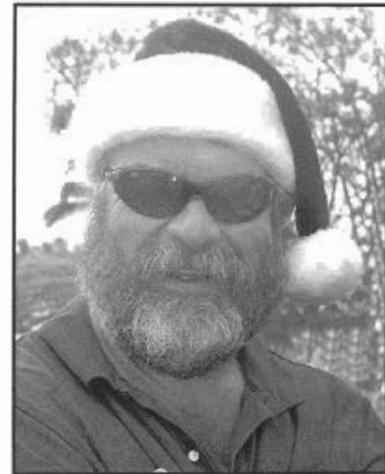
They kept their Lancer until sometime in '87 when they took a break from sailing and moved to Hawaii. In 1989 they purchased their 31 foot catamaran and became sailors again.

Now Robbyn and Larry have their catamaran plus their Florida based

trimaran, "Calculated Risk," a Con-dor 40 and the Reeds Bay based 39 foot trimaran "Sugar Blues."

Larry reports that "Calculated Risk" is nearly ready for a trip to Bimini and perhaps some 3 to 4 week trips to the Bahamas and the Caribbean. He has designed and installed his own electric auxiliary power and needs just a bit more electronics and a little work on the shaft bearing.

Larry's goals are to help increase membership of our club, broaden the scope of our capacity in building our fleet of boats for use by members and introduce more folks to sailing in Hilo Bay. For the club he believes, "we've come a long way and have just scratched the surface



of our potential." He believes Hilo to be the best area on the island to introduce people to sailing.

YMCA Plans 2004 Sailing Class

Claudia Wilcox-Boucher is planning two Sunfish Sailing Camps for ages 8-14 and one for ages 15 plus. Dates will be March 22-26, June 28-July 2nd for kids and September 17-19, 25 and 26 for adults. Friday September 17's class will be from 4PM to 6PM. The following Saturday's and Sunday's class times will be determined by the lead instructor. The cost will be approximately \$100 for Y members. Call the Y 935-3721.

Check the tentative 2004 Sailing Calendar on the website: www.hilo-sailing.org for other events and activities



More Classifieds and Stuffs

Last-Minute Gift Ideas

Why not give membership to your friends and family members on the mainland? They will receive membership cards and newsletters to keep up to date with your sailing activities.

Associate (off island) membership is \$24 per family. Getting your gift list completed. "priceless."

(Classified Cont'd) 33' Ranger 1970, unfinished restoration. Two Sospender inflatable life-jackets with harness. 12.6SR Sea Eagle inflatable with solid plastic floors and two seats, Call Peter at 982-7905 or 936-9272 or e-mail peterwa@aloha.net. Call Peter for a lead on 300 feet 10/32 SS Standing Rigging wire and a 50sqft storm try-sail.

Wanted—Volunteers for these important Yacht Club positions: Membership Chair, Fleet Captain, Program Chair, YC Site Chair, Fiberglass re-pairer. Contact Larry at 960-1314 or John at 982-5959.

(classifieds for personal items will be placed free of charge for current club members only. Ask about business ad space pricing)

Why Day 5 of Sailing Season was Canceled

This is a photo of high surf conditions in Hilo where rocks have been thrown up over Highway 19 on the Bay Front. There was much debris on the beach and the surf was rolling in at 9AM at the place where we normally launch our boats. In the afternoon the wind picked up to 20 and white caps formed all over Hilo Bay. All beach parks were closed.

Sailing was done with kite board and windsurfer but no Sunfish were to be seen except on my trailer and stacked upside-down on their racks.

We are thankful no damage was done to our Sunfish on the beach and that only minimal damage was done to the canoes and their sheds.



Skipper in the Spotlight (Cont'd)

Both Larry and Treasurer Robbyn have contributed countless hours and monetary assistance to the club's efforts. Just a couple of examples are their last two garage sales for the benefit of YMCA Sunfish boat maintenance and club boat maintenance. They organized and worked hard at these two fund raising activities and their efforts paid off with a gain of more than \$2000. They are both tremendous assets to our club and are appreciated a great deal.



Unable to wait for clear weather, commodore Larry Peek chooses to use the living room to test drive a new dinghy.

Club Annual General Membership Meeting/Christmas Party and Potluck



No matter how you like to spend your holiday season Monday December 8, 6:30PM at the Wai-akea Settlement YMCA our Yacht Club will provide something you are sure to like.

Elections, gifts and good food.



Who can resist a state of the club report and election of directors and officers?



We're having a gift exchange. Either wrap up your "white elephant" or wrap something new for approximately \$5. Gifts to

be gift wrapped please.

And, of course, bring your favorite potluck dish to share. For more information contact Barbara Magnuson at 966-7788.

Fall 2003 Sailing Season Photos

More appreciation for Evelynne, Barbara, Jane, Scott, Mauricio, Patricio, Larry, Robbyn, Jon and Kim for their hard work. We could not have done it without them and all the others who chipped in to help it be successful.



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**General Membership/Christmas Party/Potluck at
YMCA on December 8 6:30PM**

Membership/Donations

Annual Yacht Club General Membership Meeting/Christmas Party/Potluck is at the YMCA 300 W. Lanikaula St., 6:30PM, Monday, December 8.

Since our Club began in late 2000 our membership has steadily grown. We started with 47 Charter Members and had 92 including honorary members at the end of 2002. As you know, membership ends on December 31 of each year and we now have more than 100 members for 2003 not counting honorary members. That's really good and I know we'll bring in more for 2004.

Renew now with the enclosed form and talk to your friends about us. Don't forget to include your check when you mail back your membership renewal form.

Membership: Regular family membership \$36. Associate (off island) \$24 and Junior (under 18 or fulltime student) \$20.



Thanks to Dr. Joseph Scazzola for the donation of his West Wight Potter 19. It will be a great youth training vessel.