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## Christmas Party!!

Our fourth annual Christmas Party/Gift Exchange/Potluck and General membership meeting will be held at the Waiakea Settlement YMCA again this year. Festivities begin at 6:30PM, Wednesday December 8th. (contrary to the date published in the annual schedule) It is December the 8th. For those who wish to decorate and help set up tables please come down by 5:30 with whatever decorations, ideas and muscle-power that

you can muster.

**The agenda:**

- General Membership Meeting with approval of last year's minutes, treasurer's report, election of board members/officers and old/new business.
- Potluck
- Gift Exchange
- More fun and merriment!!



**Elf Captain**

< **Two Elf Crew**



## Election of Board Members/Officers

This year we are seeking new officers. Larry Peck has been Commodore for two years, John Luchau has been Secretary for two years and Vice Commodore for two years, Nick Rees has been Secretary/website editor for two years and Robbyn has been Treasurer for 4 years and all have served as board members. We wish to extend the opportunity

for some new, energetic and fresh faces for leadership of the club.

We also need Board Members to fill the requirement for nine. Those who have agreed to run for office are: Jon Olson for Commodore, Tomas Chylek for Secretary, Barbara Magnuson for Treasurer. We ask that Mauricio remain as Rear Commodore for Sail.

Remaining Board Members are Kim Magnuson, Mauricio Barbis, Kevin Horton, Jon Olson and those who have agreed to be board members if elected are: Tomas Chylek, Barbara Magnuson, Jim Hensel and Claudia Wilcox-Boucher. Nominations from the floor may be made during our meeting for remaining positions.

**Club Officers**

- ♦ *Commodore: Larry Peck*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East): John Luchau*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West): Alicia Star-song*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power: Jon Olson*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail: Mauricio Barbis*
- ♦ *Secretary: Nick Rees*
- ♦ *Treasurer: Robbyn Peck*

## New Yacht Club Site—Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park

Nearly 70 volunteers from the Rotary and Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club worked until noon on October 30th at Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park. We weed whacked, hauled away vegetation, refrigerator, cigarette machine, sink, toilet, bottles and more junk.

Volunteers also laid out our storage facility areas and paths and parking lot.

A great deal of progress was made in the cleanup and more progress will be made in the near future. The Rotarians wish to dedicate it in February.

Claudia and Peter Boucher were there for the Y and Rotary and our strictly Yacht Club volunteers were: John L., Joe and Pat Hensel, Eric and Diana Jones,



Barry Bolln, Ron Reilly and Dominic Zempel, Scott Miller, Lynn and Vickie Vrooman and Nick Rees. Thank you all very much!

## Bidding a fond farewell to the Rees-Schotte family

Every now and then a much contributing family of the club must move on to bigger and better things and far away places. That's the case for our Rees-Schotte family consisting of Nick, Evelyne, Thomas and Samuel. Evelyne, Thomas and Samuel were participants in nearly every club function and were on, in or near the water more than most of the rest of us.

Nick, of course, was our club Secretary and webmaster for the last couple of years and did an admirable job. He was a U. S. Sailing certified instructor for the YMCA and he brought us very successful sailing seasons which increased our membership and recruited many people into our sailing community.

Nick introduced the concept, "Culture of Care" for our equipment and boats. We will continue to instill this concept in the care of our club assets and daily dealings with our own boats.

His setting up of equipment to show Robbyn's slideshows has added so much to the functions where they were shown.

Nick totally restored two Sunfish sailboats, one for their family and one for the YMCA. Both were used in our tournament. He has contributed much time, energy,



equipment and talent to our club and the YMCA.

Nick and Evelyne were the winners of our State Sunfish Championship. And, just this last week I was informed that they are giving Sunfish #10 to the club for use in our training and racing programs.

Thank you so much for your hard work and generosity. We'll miss you very very much.

The Rees-Schotte family's address Monks Orchard, Main Street, Chaddleworth, Nr Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 7EH United Kingdom



## Skipper in the Spotlight—Jon Olson

This month's skipper in the spotlight is Jon Olson. He started sailing at the age of 8 in Naples Sabot prams in Southern California and has continued the sport and vocation to the present. His father was an avid fisherman and powerboater and his uncle had the Colins Craft business in LA. Jon helped his uncle around the business while he was a youngster and loved the "Vroom, vroom" of big boat engines and the feeling of speed on the water.

Jon started with Chris Craft then Owens and became the service agent for Grand Banks, Slayer, Hinckley and Kettenburg at Balboa Marine. He worked on all aspects of boat repair and engine installation. He also delivered Grand Banks and Mariner sailboats up and down the west coast and into Mexico. His knowledge of engines and propulsion systems of boats is very extensive and we always depend on him to help us keep our safety boats running.

Jon continued surfing and diving throughout the time he was employed in the marine business and owned several boats. Some of the boats that he owned were:

Gulfweed 24 on which he learned rigging. He owned a 1958 33' Chris Craft. He built a 33' Cutter which was a replica of an Atkins "Eric." He built a 36' center cockpit sailboat and cruised the Sea of Cortez and stopped in every nook and cranny from San Diego to Acapulco for 14 months in '78 and '79.

Jon had the Sampson Marine franchise at which he was instrumental in building 40 to 50 boats up to a 78 footer.

Jon sailed his 36 footer from California to Kaneohe, Hawaii in 1979 and ran a business or two on Oahu. He came from Oahu to the Big Island in 1990. Since moving to the Big Island he has been involved in many community activities and has been a U. S. Sailing certified lead instructor for the YMCA, a lifeguard and a board member for our club.

Jon is currently rebuilding a 19 foot jet drive powerboat and has been serving as our Rear Commodore for power. He's the one we always call when we have engine starting problems.

His goals for the club are to continue with our youth sailing programs and enhance cruising ca-



**Skipper in the Spotlight Jon Olson**

pabilities for sailors on the islands. He feels that our new yacht club site will be paramount and necessary for our efforts to expand our programs.

We welcome Jon back to good health and wish him the best in his bid for Commodore of Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club.

## YMCA Plans For Sailing Classes

The Waiakea Settlement YMCA with club board director Claudia Wilcox-Boucher in charge will be planning future sailing classes. The YMCA now has nine fully functional Sunfish Sailboats to use for instruction and can also offer classes in windsurfing. The Y's policy has been that the class sizes be limited to two students per training vessel.

Help Claudia plan for future sailing classes. Please call her at 935-3721 and express your interest in sailing instruction for yourself or your children from 8 years of age.

Adult grad Paul Henderson at right is having a great sail.



## Barry and Pat's Pacific Northwest exploits (Cont'd)

As you may remember from the last issue we left Barry and Pat in Alert Bay in early July. Here is their continued story —

Toured the Umista Culture Center (Indian museum) and went on a hike. Saw a 26' wood Bristol Channel Cutter, owner built — took pictures and motored around them to talk. It is the kind of boat we completed and sailed to Hawaii in 1981 only ours was fiberglass. Still very beautiful. 17 miles to Village Island — Angus & Rolande radioed that they had moved on a day ahead of us. Quiet anchorage with BBQ chicken, big salad, and brownies with coconut cream. Good sleep then moved to the side of the island for the village tour. 18 year old Chad Mountain, whose mom was born here, gave us the tour of the deserted Indian village. There were 16 big houses here in the early 1900's. They housed about 50 people each. Much later, these type of houses gave way to more single family dwellings and many left the village every year to find new opportunities. It was abandoned in 1967 as a permanent dwelling place. Tom Sewid, who runs a water taxi for tours, kayaks, cargo, etc., comes back here to give the tours when he can with his 3½ year old son, Hunter. He caught 2 salmon this day and invited us to see how it was cleaned, cooked and eaten Indian style. The cooking fire after dark was great. He had great stories to tell and gave us tips of where to go next and changes in our fishing gear. That afternoon we saw spouts of 2 whales, a mom & pup Minke, in the distance who came very close to our anchorage, spouted, then dived with their tails going into the water last. Of course it was all too fast for pictures. The next morning was a total fog out. Could barely see the other sailboat in our little bay. Finally at 11am we powered out with eyes on the radar and Barry on the bow. One sailboat came out of the fog close to us but no harm.

Our next destination was Shoal Harbour — a quiet and very shallow spot. We rode in the dinghy to Echo Bay — nice docks, showers, store, etc. Quite a few boats tied up there. Too many little marinas have opened up now in some of these remote places, and they are for sale or the owners are trying to retire and having a hard time selling. We hiked a short distance to Billy Proctor's Museum. He is a 70 year old legend in these parts and now also an author. We bought his book and loved his tales as we looked through the museum. While exploring in our dinghy, Barry quickly turned off the engine, and we watched a raccoon on shore for several minutes washing his hands and food. Barry rigged the poles with the fishing gear we had bought from the little store as Tom Sewid had told us, and we left the anchorage the next morning ready to try it out. You have to slow the big boat down to 2 knots which takes constant concentration. We are happy to say that the new gear worked just fine. We have now caught our 1st Chinook or King salmon. The line gave a good zip, and Barry reeled in a little as he walked the pole forward to me to get it beyond all the stuff and lines and shrouds on the aft deck. I reeled him in the rest of the way, and Barry netted him several times. Was not really so easy as it looked and very different from landing the tuna in Hawaii that he was used to. It was a beauty at 17 lbs & 32 inches long. He was quickly filleted and in the refrigerator except for what we had for BBQ that night. Barry kept saying how delicious it tasted. We anchored at the head of very large Bond Sound. It was very deep until just before the beach. When the tide is out we are very close to the shore, and when the tide is in, we are very far away. We continually looked for grizzlies as we had been told one would probably be turning over rocks at low tide, but we never saw one. Too bad.

The salmon carcass went into the crab trap, and we hauled in quite a load in the morning. We put the left over shells and innards on a high rock so we could see the eagles, gulls and crows munch on it later. Dahl's porpoise splashed loudly for a longtime as they had a feeding frenzy on salmon. The 2nd night about 5pm, we decided to leave the anchorage. The wind was getting too high to be on a lee shore. We traveled about 14 miles to a very narrow passage between 2 mountains and anchored across from a grassy area. It was absolutely quiet. The next morning a black bear spent 1½ hours lifting huge rocks with little effort and eating whatever he found below them. We also saw a sow and 2 cubs a little later. They were so cute. We were heading south back to Campbell River. The next anchorage was behind two little islands, and we had a great talk on the beach with a couple of Texans, Van & Nancy, who now live in Colorado and keep their powerboat in Canada for awhile.

Up anchor at 6am to be in Johnstone Strait while the tide was going with us. Good thing as the wind got up to 30-35 knots. After 54 miles of this, we anchored in Hemming Bay for the night with Barry sleeping in the cockpit with all the navigation instruments and chart program going in case we had to get out of there. It was ok, and we enjoyed watching a loon and 7 "Lady Merganser" ducks the next morning. Very windy on down Johnstone and through Seymore Narrows with no trouble. Totally safe at our own dock in Campbell River by 5pm.

Barry and Pat have returned via airline and are back in town. For a copy of their latest newsletter call 961-4474 or send a message to their e-mail address: [hokai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hokai@hawaii.rr.com)

## What is Hilo Sailing Org?

Hilo Sailing Org is a non-profit sailing organization that owns the boats of Na Hoa Holomoku. We currently have 4 Walker Bay 10s, three Sunfish, one Hobie 14, a Hobie 16, a West Wight Potter 19 and a Boston Whaler.

All these boats are available to NHH and Hilo Sailing Org members to check out and use with the exception of the Boston Whaler which can only be used by U. S. Sailing qualified instructors and those who have had special permission from Commodore Larry Peck for emergency purposes.

Membership in Hilo Sailing Org is available for \$50 a year to current members of Na Hoa Holomoku.



That \$50 a year entitles members to use one Walker Bay or Sunfish (not Y Sunfish) at any time they wish for no charge once their qualifications have been established. (The Walker Bay, Sunfish and Hobies are available on Club Sail and Race Days to any Na Hoa Holomoku Member who has met qualifications even if they are not

members of Hilo Sailing Org.)

The Hobies and West Wight Potter have additional charges and additional qualifications expected.

Please contact any of the club board members to find out more specifics on Hilo Sailing Org.

## Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club

This past year has been very busy for the club. We rebuilt and repaired 14 plus boats and hosted the State Sunfish Championships. We taught sailing classes. We acquired several boats for our programs including a West Wight Potter 19 for use by members who will be joining the Hilo Sailing Org as mentioned above.

We have had work days repairing boats, building daggerboards and clearing the new yacht club site. We, again, hosted a get-together for the Kona Sailing Club and have had two sail days per month for our club members. And our 12 pot-lucks were great!!

Our club has grown considerably from its 43 original members in 2000 and continues to grow.

This next year will be an exciting one for our club. We have been included in the site plan for Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park and will have a space there in which to store our boats. It is next to the water in Reeds Bay and provides the opportunity for boatowners to have a dinghy within easy launching access.

I believe this to be a great asset to the club and to its members. Please help us in the effort to make this site a real home for us. Get in on the planning stages and discuss facilities with our board members. Your continued input and help is absolutely necessary to the creation of the site and the continuation of the club.

The Club depends on its membership to guide its activities. If you

believe there should be activities related to boating that are not currently being undertaken by the club please make your concerns known to our board members.

Volunteer to help. We need you!!

**Next work day at the new site is December 11th at 8AM.**

## Looking for Waterfront Property

Ned Cook wants to contribute to the community by developing a property for haulout facilities. If you know of any leads at all you can reach him at [nedcook@usa.net](mailto:nedcook@usa.net) or phone (386) 566-0021

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**Potluck and Christmas Party begins at 6:30 December 8th at Waiakea Settlement YMCA at 300 W. Lanikaula**

## Membership/Donations

Since our Club began in 2000 our membership has steadily grown. As you know, membership ends on December 31 of each year and we now have 90 members for 2004 not counting honorary members.

Our budget and what we can do depends on you so renew now with a check to Na Hoa Holomoku mailed to P. O. Box 1661, Kea'au, HI 96749. Make certain you notify us of any change of address, phone numbers or e-address. Talk to your friends about us. Our membership depends on "word of mouth." Spread the word!

**Membership: Regular family membership \$40. Associate (off**

**island) \$24 and Junior (under 18 or fulltime student) \$20. Membership forms are on the website. Include a check with your application.**

**2005 Membership dues are due now!!!!**

**Club memberships make great Christmas gifts.**

### Schedule of stuff:

December 7th—Board Meeting

December 8th—Christmas Party and General Meeting

December 11th—Work day at the club site

Remember the Christmas Party Gift Exchange!!

