

Monthly Yacht Club Flyer

Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club

January Club Schedule: Tuesday January 4 - Club Board Meeting. Potluck 6:30 PM on Wednesday January 12 at Wailoa State Park Pavilion #3.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Christmas Party and General Meeting on December 8th. From past officers and board members it has been a pleasure serving and great working with you. We wish you much continued success in all sailing and boating ventures.

We are pleased to announce the election of year 2005 officers with the results as follows:

**Commodore - Jon Olson - 443-1036
Vice Commodore (East) - Ron Reilly - 967-8603
Vice Commodore (West) - Alicia Starsong - 883-9230
Rear Commodore Power - Vacant
Rear Commodore Sail - Vacant
Secretary - Tomas Chylek - 933-9521
Treasurer - Barbara Magnuson - 964-3102**

And additional new and continuing board members are:

Mauricio Barbis through 2005, Kim Magnuson through 2005, Kevin Horton through 2006, Claudia Wilcox-Boucher through 2007 and Joe Hensel through 2007.

The new board is looking for input from the membership for this year's sailing season and other desired events. Please call and give your input.

Barry and Pat Bolln who you may remember as the folks recently returned from "Pacific Voyager" have an inflatable sailing dinghy by the brand name of Tinker to pass on to new owners. Barry said that it needs some patching. Give Barry a call at 961-4474 for details.

John Messina is looking for a new owner for "Cheers" a 26 foot International Folkboat. Contact him at 965-7500.

January 2005

**Join us for fun,
food and
friendship on
Wednesday
January 12th
beginning at
6:30. Pavilion #3
in Wailoa Park.**

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Monthly Potluck—Wednesday January 12, 2005 at Wailoa State
Park Pavilion #3 6:30PM.

Membership Dues - Dues are \$40 for Regular Family Membership, \$24 for Associate (off island) and \$20 Juniors/Fulltime Students

**A letter forwarded to us from
John and Maureen Gapp in
Thailand who are former mem-
bers of Na Hoa Holomoku.**

Hope you all had a nice holiday. Very somber here. I have enclosed a letter I wrote the other day regarding the tragic tsunami here.

“Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers, we are so grateful to have survived this catastrophic event. Please, please pray for those still missing. We still have many friends unaccounted for.

Christmas day here in Thailand was a beautiful beach day. We spent it with friends in Nai Hairn beach. We were planning to bring the Brilliant to the coast but she was undergoing some wood work projects and instead we left her in the marina in Phang Nga Bay. A small change in plans ended up being a life saving event for us. We had planned to spend the night with our friends on Moonlighter in the bay at Nai Hairn but at 8pm we decided to go to the movies and head home to get an early start on the work on the boat so we would be

able to bring her to Patong for New Years. Early Sunday morning after calling friends in Hawaii to wish them a Merry Christmas, John came running down the dock with the news about the tsunami. We realized something was happening as the current was rushing at 15 knots thru the marina switching directions every 15 minutes and the tide was rapidly rising. We all spent the next 30 minutes helping to secure boats around us and as the tide raised the docks to within a foot of the tops of the pilings. We left the boat and prayed the Brilliant and the marina would survive. Lucky for us it did. We later learned that the marina we left our boat in last year floated off the piling and was destroyed. We then headed to the coast to see what we could do to help.

When we arrived at Nai Hairn it was devastating. The restaurant we ate at the night before was gone, foundation, walls everything. The tide was erratic, changing rapidly and each time it dropped low it put people in to another panic. The Thai government was in no way able to handle such a disaster although there had been aftershocks and the threat of another wave there was no central way to

tell those along the coast. It was wonderful to see everyone pitch in to help sort thru the debris, and look for survivors. In all the bays in Phuket the yacht owners that survived immediately got in their dinghies to help fetch people out of the water who had been washed out to the sea. In Patong the devastation was such they had to help themselves because rescue people were unable to get to them. It was 8 hours and dark save for the full moon, before the first helicopters and planes went to search for people. We of course went to the hospital to see what we could do, but couldn't get there until the next day because of the road closures. The hospitals I must say did well. Every medical student, nursing student, doctor and nurse from all over showed up to assist. Over the last couple of days the full affect is still hitting us all. Some boats that were missing have shown up with harrowing tales of being knocked down again and again by the massive waves. Although their boats are totaled they are all glad to be alive. The worst part now is meeting those who can't find their loved ones.

(Continued on the reverse side of the enclosed membership application form)

Nā Hoa Holomoku
of Hawaii
Yacht Club



Application Form

*Please send your
check with this
form.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number Home: _____ Office: _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Family Members included in membership 18 years and older:

#1: _____ #2: _____ #3: _____ #4: _____

Any former Power/Sailing Qualifications? Yes No

Boat Name and Type: Boat #1: _____

Boat #2: _____

We understand that boating and sailing involve a certain degree of risk, including the potential of injury to persons and property and understand and acknowledge such risks and hereby voluntarily assume these risks.

We further agree, as a condition of membership, to release, indemnify and forever hold harmless, the Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht, its officers, agents, employees and heirs, from any and all liability in connection with my use of any and all membership privileges, including any injury or damage to my person or property, or injury to the person or property of the guest or family of a Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club of Hawaii member.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Did you enclose your check?

Letter from Tsunami survivors John, Maureen and Dylan Gapp (Cont'd)

Photos of missing children especially tear at you. One woman from Sweden I cared for told me of how she was pulled down the river off Kata Beach and was trapped under water, and finally broke free. She was found the following day with multiple contusions, lacerations, and a broken pelvis. When I asked her where her pain was worse she just said, "my pain is good, it means I am alive." That really put it all in perspective. We are all still anxiously awaiting news of those still missing. Since the area hit is fairly small compared to the whole of Thailand the supplies needed have gotten here quickly. Those of you who have asked about donations, would be best to make them through your local Red Cross. From what we hear it is India and Indonesia that will need it the most. For those of you who were here in October for the party (it seems so long ago) here are the reports on the areas you asked about, Kata Mamas is

gone, The family survived! Bang Tao resort gone and we're not sure about the owners. Kamala beach and all the structures there are gone. Unable to locate the family at the restaurant we go to, but we're going back there today. Those of you in Puna, please let Patty and David Taylor know their friends Merle and Mary and Crystal had their boat totaled in Krabbe, but luckily were on land at the time. Again thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. Love and see you soon.

John, Moe and Dylan"

Monthly Sail and Race Days

It has been decided that our monthly sail/race days will be the Saturday following each of our monthly potlucks. Monthly potlucks are on the second Wednesday so it will be the Saturday following each second Wednesday with the exception of the month of December and whatever date is chosen for our Sunfish tournament.

This will make it possible to determine how many people will be involved in the activities so that better coordination of people and boats can be had.

If you desire to race or sail there will be a signup sheet at the potluck and we can check your current club/YMCA membership at that time.

Potluck is this coming Wednesday at 6:30PM at Wailoa Park Pavilion #3.

Input for Sailing Season Needed - 443-1036



Numero Uno Sailing Instructor "Mau" Barbis holds students captivated during an impromptu on the beach training session