

Club Potluck, Annual Membership Meeting, and Christmas Party

This month's combination potluck, annual meeting and Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 13th at Wailoa State Park Pavilion number 3 beginning at 6:30PM.

Come join the fun. Please call Leslie Scott at 968-0665 if you'd like to help decorate for the party. If you can loan anything Christmassy or nautical for decorations just call

Leslie.
Come join the fun!!



Christmas Party Gift Exchange

The gift exchange has become a club tradition at our Christmas Parties.

If you (each individual attendee) care to participate all you need to do is bring a wrapped gift of a

value \$5 or more. It can be anything that you desire to wrap, new or nautical or not, as long as the value is \$5 or more.

No live animals please!

When you bring your gift you will be given a number. When your number is called you can pick whatever unwrapped gift is "under the tree" or take a gift that was already opened by another member. You must

show everyone what the gift is. If any member whose number is called would like your gift rather than choose one from "under the tree" then they may take yours. You then have the opportunity of choosing another gift from "under the tree" or from one that is already opened. Each gift can only be taken from a member three times.

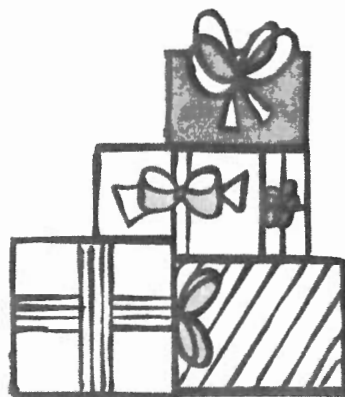
Bring a gift! Have some more fun!

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Club Officers

- ♦ *Commodore: Jon Olson*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East): Ron Reilly*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West): Alicia Star-song*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power: Vacant*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail: Vacant*
- ♦ *Secretary: Tomas Chylek*
- ♦ *Treasurer: Janine Cohen*



Club Site at Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park

If you have visited lately you can see that our new club site has taken on a whole new look in the last few months. The club's established area is where the new Walker Bay and Sunfish racks are being constructed. All the area on that side of the sidewalk is designated for our use. If you have ideas on how this should be laid out or designed please contact Jon Olson at 443-1036 or Ron Reilly at 967-8603.

Thanks again to Marshall Weaver and his family for doing so much in the launch area already. It looks good.

The club has a work day scheduled at our new site each 4th Saturday of the

month. Please put that on your calendar.

Lawn and landscaping care will always be needed so bring whatever tools you may want to use.

Racks and storage boxes for Sunfish and Walker Bay boats need to be constructed. A cordon (movable fence) needs to be erected and more work on our launch area needs to be

done.

If you would like a point of contact for jobs available then please call Guadalupe Rodriguez at 934-0311 or email glovelle@hawaii.rr.com

Thanks Jon Olson, Ron Reilly, Janine and Dick Cohen, John Luchau, Ray Purifoy, Ed Pabst and Dominic Zempel for working on boat racks and boxes Sunday November 26th.



Classifieds

For Sale: Cal 20 project boat with all parts and pieces. \$500. Mike Matthews. 982-5164.

For Sale: 13 foot Avon with 25hp outboard and trailer. \$4000. Mike at 982-5164.

For Sale: Bristol 22. Ranger 23. With all parts and pieces. Mauricio at 961-6730

For Sale: 15 ft West Wight Potter, 3hp Johnson, trailer, like new \$4900. Roy at 935-6101

For Sale: New Nissan 5hp 4 stroke Long Shaft \$1000. 935-

2219

For Sale: 8ft Portabote folding dinghy. Practically new \$1100. 935-2219

For Sale: Honda 18 4 stroke \$1500. 443-1036.

For Sale: 13ft sloop on rebuilt trailer plus related gear \$1500. 989-1439

For Sailing in Kona contact: Aloha Sailing, Phone: 883-9230 or Email: alohasailing@yahoo.com

For Sale: Windsurfers, Sailboard Brand 12'2" beginner board, car-

bon mast, daggerboard, sail \$150 and a high performance fiberglass board. Mast, two booms, 3 sails (6.0 thru 4.0) \$175. BISF Daniel at 989-0993

For Sale: 2001 Catalina Capri 14.2 with trailer \$3200. Tom at 959-5675.

Wanted: A trailer for my Thistle 17 foot sailboat. Glen at 968-6139 or cell 937-1606.

Wanted: Volunteers to be class Captains. Need a Class Captain for each of the following classes: Sunfish, Hobies and Bigger Boats.

Sunfish Sailing Concerns and Ideas - Ron Reilly

Many of Ron's thoughts are written for the person who sails on other than club sailing days. Those items that the editor mentioned that apply to club sail days are specified in the italicized paragraphs.

Happy Sailing!!!

- Hilo Bay winds are often light and variable.
- Often to 8 AM and after 5 PM it is flat calm.
- Sunfish sailboats are totally dependent on wind to make them move.
- River current and outgoing tide will carry a becalmed Sunfish outward possibly into the shipping channel.
- Learn where the shipping channel is (at the entrance to the Bay the shipping channel is shoreward of the green buoys and further in it is between red and green buoys).
- Cruise ships typically leave between 6 and 6:30PM. Their sound signals are one long blast to indicate they are getting underway and then three short blasts to indicate they are backing down. If you hear these signals stay out of the shipping channel until the vessel has cleared.
- Five short blasts indicate danger. If you hear these from a vessel headed your way make your best effort to get out of the way.
- Tugs and Barges arrive and leave anytime.
- As a Sunfish sailor you do not have the right away over vessels that are restricted to the channel like cruise ships and tugs with barges.
- Don't get caught becalmed in the shipping channel or a long way from shore.
- In general use your good judgment and if the winds are light stay close to shore. At least you can paddle back with the daggerboard if you get in trouble if the wind dies completely.
- If you get becalmed after dark without a flashlight you are in danger of being run down by a powerboat.
- There are limits on the approved club Sunfish sailing areas.
- Don't go outside the breakwall.
- Stay to the breakwall side of the surf spot out from the lighthouse.
- When the wind is strong and out of the south do not go into the northern section of the bay. It can be a long hard tacking procedure to get back to the beach once you've gone downwind. There are no safe beaches on which to land and then relaunch once you are down in that area. *Brewer's beach is off limits to our club Sunfish unless you have prior approval.*
- *During club sailing days you are restricted to the area Wailoa (Suisan) side of a line between the Bayfront lighthouse (Coconut Point light) and the red buoy number 4 off Coconut Island.*
- *On club sponsored sail days the restrictions are in force because we are responsible for your safety. We only have one safety boat and cannot help you if we don't see that you are in trouble. We can't help you right away if the boat is in use rescuing someone else.*
- **Please be cautious. Sailing can be a lot of fun and safe sailing is more fun!**

What's up with the West Wight? - John Luchau

The West Wight broke free of its mooring on November 1st and went aground on the breakwall.

Here's what happened. The big shackle pin on the shackle holding the mooring line to the chain on the mooring unscrewed with action from waves and contact with the bottom. It had seizing wire on it when we put it down but obviously that wore away and came undone.

The boat then drifted to the

breakwall where it sustained damage to fiberglass on the chine of the boat. There are fiberglass strands showing and some soft spots that need to be repaired before repainting and being put back in the water.

If that wasn't bad enough her trailer also broke while towing her to my place. The left side of the axle folded due to rust.

At this time the trailer is being repaired and soon we will schedule a work day to

repair the fiberglass damage on the boat. Then a new coat of bottom paint can be applied and we can use her again..



Sunfish and "Culture of Care" - John Luchau

Lately there has been more daggerboard and rudder damage to our Sunfish than usual.

Daggerboard damage is caused by dragging the daggerboard in the sand when making landings or running into underwater obstructions. Prevention is to lift your daggerboard all the way out when landing.

Rudders get damaged when the boat is rolling in the surf

and a wave forces the rudder into the beach or forces it backward. Prevention is to kick up the rudder and lift your boat onto the Sunfish beach stands immediately after you exit the boat.

We all need to adopt Dr. Nick Rees's philosophy of "Culture of Care."

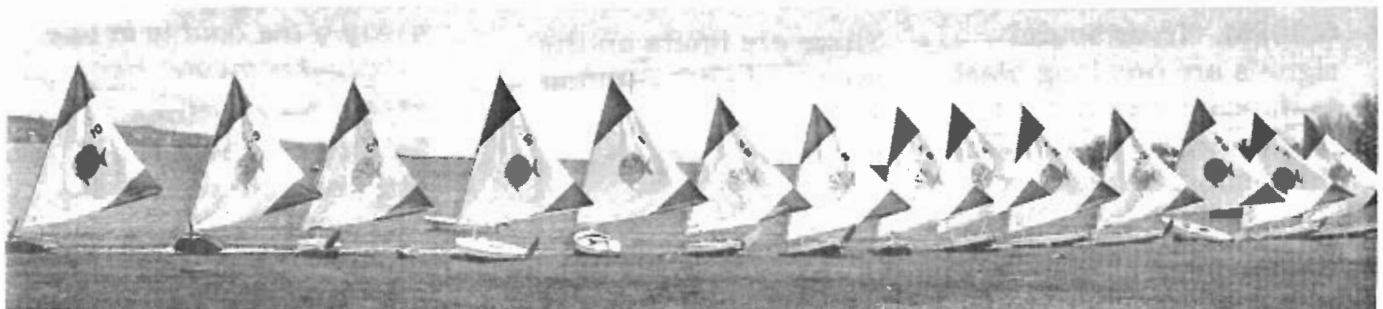
Simply stated it means that with everything you do on one of these boats consider that it is yours and must

last your lifetime.

Rig the boats properly.

If you have questions about proper rigging please ask before forcing rigging. If it doesn't fit easily then you've probably done it wrong. If you are not certain about rigging please ask. We want our Sunfish Fleet to be there for our future.

Below is Club Sunfish Fleet at their very finest in the August of 2004 Hawaii State Sunfish Regatta.



Hilo Sailing Org/West Wight/Windsong and Hobies



Hilo Sailing Org owns some of the boats used by Na Hoa Holomoku.

To use the WWP and the two Hobie Cats on an anytime basis Hilo Sailing Org membership is required.

To join Hilo Sailing Org requires that you be a member of Na Hoa Holomoku and that you join Hilo Sailing Org which requires a \$50 membership fee.

After you join Hilo Sailing Org then get checked out in "Makani Kai" or the Hobie Cats to use them at your convenience.

Hilo Sailing Org members want you to get checked out on all the bigger boats and have some good sailing fun!!

News about "Cheers" - John Luchau

There is really great news about the 26 foot International Folkboat "Cheers."

Our Treasurer, Janine, has collected enough to go ahead with the purchase of "Cheers" and that is in the works as this is published. Those of you who pledged but have not sent in your checks please do so very quickly to cover the administrative fees associated with the transfer.

This has been a great volunteer effort and is greatly appreciated by the members who have organized the fundraising drive.

"Cheers" will be our off-shore, interisland

training vessel and the club membership will benefit greatly from here acquisition. As soon as she is acquired she will go in service as a training platform for those who wish to "take it up a notch" in their qualifications.



Classes at the UHH Campus

On four occasions as many as 35 people attended Navigation classes at the UHH Campus.

Starting on October 25th and ending November 29th in four sessions the subjects covered were: Sail rigs and hull shapes, Anchoring, Charts, Rules of the Road, Piloting and an Introduction to Celestial Navigation.

Barry Bolln and John Luchau have been the primary instructors and assistants for all four sessions. Mauricio Barbis has assisted with two and Jon Olson and Kim Magnuson have assisted in one session each. Thanks go to the instructors who put in countless hours preparing for each class..

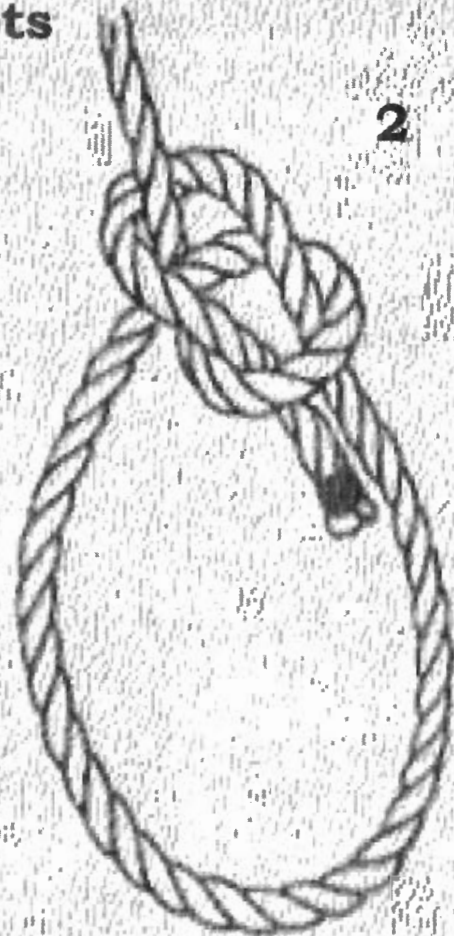
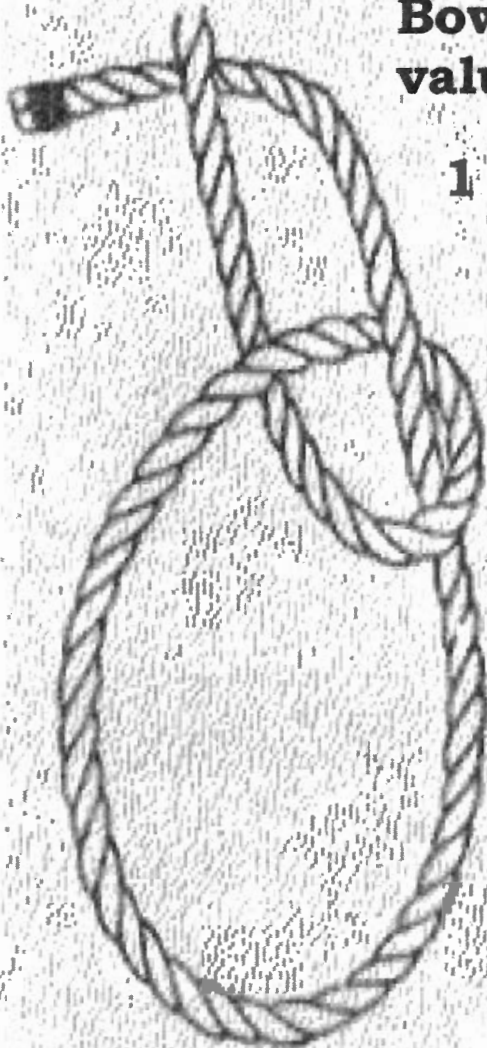
If you desire to have a re-

peat of these sessions or any additional sailing subjects then please let a board member or the Commodore know.

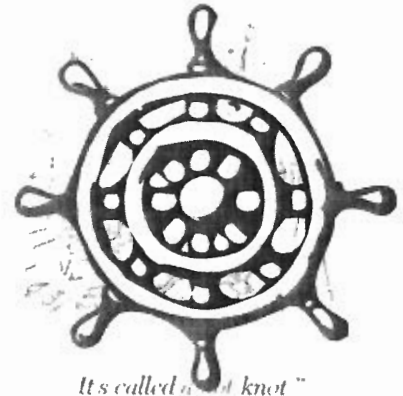
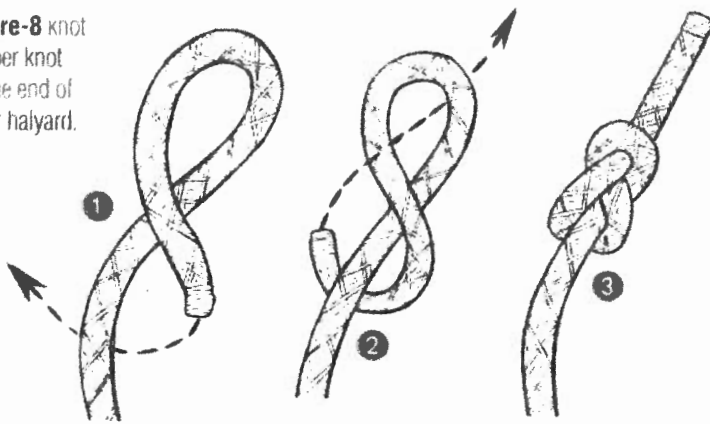
It is in the club's best interest to have safe and knowledgeable boaters on our local waters.

As part of our sail training the following knots are offered and required.

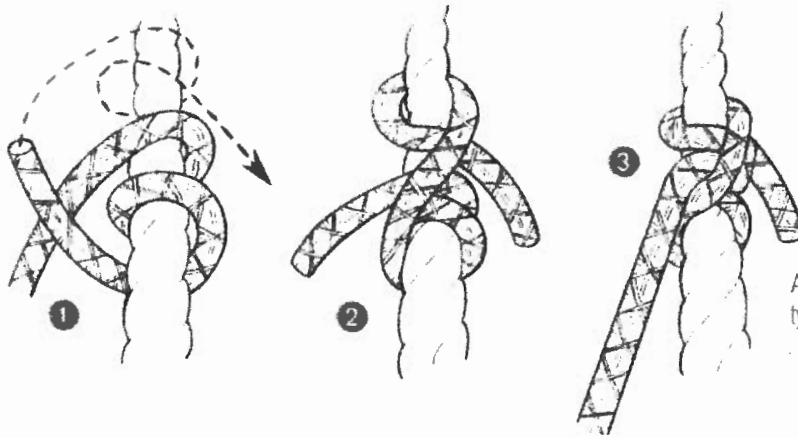
Bowline. The most valuable of knots



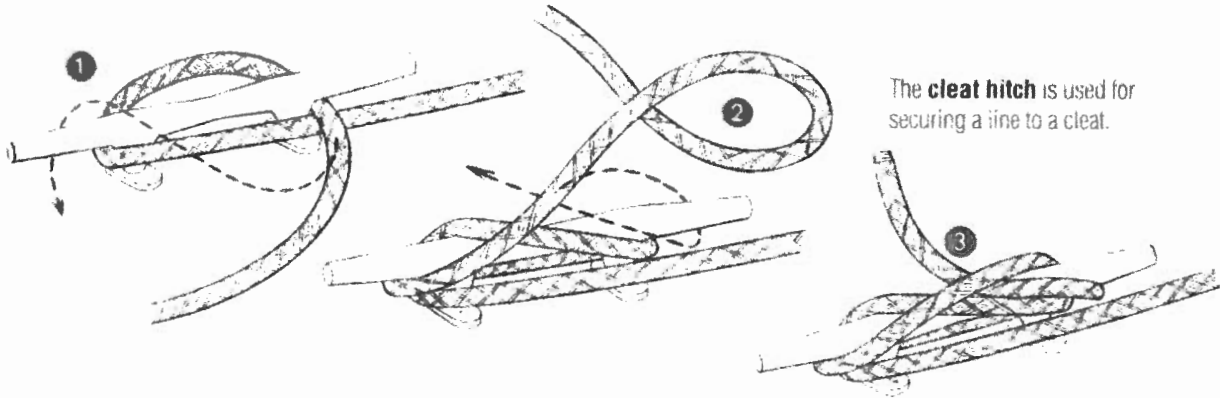
The **Figure-8** knot is a stopper knot used at the end of a sheet or halyard.



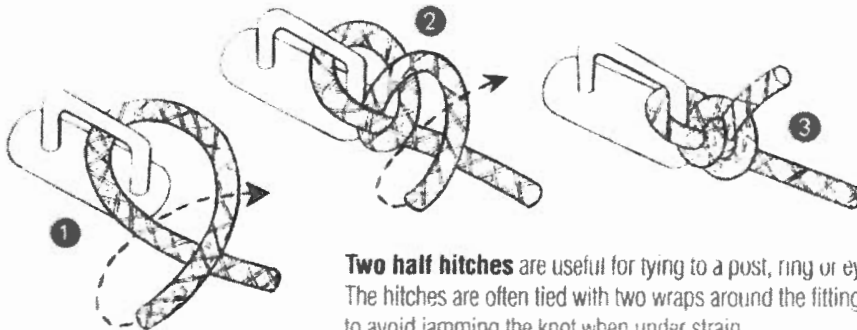
It's called a "ship knot."



A **rolling hitch** is useful for tying to a towline.



The **cleat hitch** is used for securing a line to a cleat.



Two half hitches are useful for tying to a post, ring or eye. The hitches are often tied with two wraps around the fitting to avoid jamming the knot when under strain.



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Membership/Donations

Join 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. Our membership depends on "word of mouth." Spread the word!

Membership: Regular family membership \$40. Associate (off island) \$24 and Junior (under 18 or full-time student) \$20. Membership forms are on the website. Include a check with your application.

Memberships make great gifts!!

Schedule of stuff:

December
13th Potluck/
Annual Mem-
bership Meet-
ing/Christmas
Party, **17th** is
Sail Day,
Christmas Eve
the **23rd** is a
club site work-
day beginning
at 9AM with
specific work
assignments

being distributed at 10AM.
Bring grubby cloths and
shoes you can wear in the
water. **Merry Christmas!!**

