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Club Potluck, Sail Day, Workday

You are invited to participate in the club **workday** on Sunday February 11th at 10AM.

The main purpose for the **workday** is to continue with repairs to our Sunfish fleet that we started in January.

Please bring your tools, both cordless

or not, including sanders, sand paper, saws, drills, screwdrivers, etc.

Everybody is encouraged to participate in the **workday** at the sunfish racks on the beach. Bring your enthusiasm!!

This month's **potluck** will be on Wednesday February 14 at Wailoa State

Park Pavilion number 3 beginning at 6:30PM. Come join the fun!

Sail day will be Sunday February 18th beginning 11AM at the Bayfront beach. Bring your own PFDs (lifejackets). Jon Olson will be doing Sailing 101 for newcomers.

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Work Day Thanks - Photo by Tatiana

Thanks to those who participated in January's **work day** and especially to Jon Olson who organized the effort. Mahalo Roberta Baker, Dan Bery, Joe Caluno, Tomas Chylek, and Albert Chylek, Dick and Janine Cohen, Shane DeLatte, Brigitte Doneux, Rick DuPont, Steve Ferri, Sarah Kay, Shaun Kellum, Guido Lang, John Luchau, Woody Musson, Chieu Nguyen, Jon Olson,

Ed Pabst, Dave Partlow, Ray Purifoy, Guadalupe Rodriquez, Ron Reilly, Scott and Leslie Scott, Leilani and Brent Stolpe, Isobelle Tait, John and Christopher Tucker, and Marshall Weaver.

More work needs to be done to finish what we've started. Come and bring your energy 10AM Sunday February

11th to finish and then possibly go for a sail?



Club Officers

- ♦ *Commodore: Ron Reilly - 967-8603*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East): Dave Partlow - 443-7457*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West): Alicia Starsong - 883-9230*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power: Jon Olson - 443-1036*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail: Chris Rains - 966-6267*
- ♦ *Secretary: Tomas Chylek - 933-9521*
- ♦ *Treasurer: Janine Cohen - 963-5042*

Club Site at Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park



Come down to the site and use it. There are now two boat racks with a Walker Bay and associated gear.

Next regularly scheduled club site workday is Saturday February 24th at 10AM.

The storage area is always in need of grass trimming and rock tossing (to the side of the lot please).

Classifieds - (Sellers Check Your Ads) - 982-5959

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

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

For Sale: Half Ownership in Cal 28 Sloop in Reeds Bay. Only \$2500. Call Rob at 989-5991 for details.

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.

For Sale: Antique Saber Supreme 5hp outboard. 1955 model. Made by Gale outboards. \$150. 982-5959.

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. 967-8603

Wanted: Volunteer 23 foot Wharram Catamaran

Class Captain to be in charge of maintenance and check out sail procedure on a 23 foot Wharram. 967-8603.

Photo below is of "Windsong" donated to the club by **Class Captain Joel Rutter**.



Skills Building Race - Ron Reilly, Scott, Leslie & Janine

On Saturday, January 20, 2007 a skills building race was held onboard "Cheers" and "Windsong."

The course was set at:

Start: Eastward of a line between RN"6" and G"5." Take G"9" to port. Course to G"5." Set "hove-to" for 2 minutes. Take G"5" to port. Take R"10" to port. Course to G"1." Person overboard and recovery drill x1 using PFD float. Take G"1" to port. Course to a point due south of Tower Light at end of Breakwall and its intersection with Bay Front at 12ft depth contour. Finish time taken when holding at anchor with a minimum of 3:1 scope.



The "Skills Race" was our first opportunity to have fun sailing the two club "big boats" side by side. It was also a chance to practice some basic sailing and racing skills. The course was designed by Ron to include all points of sail, chart read-

ing, some time hove-to, a person overboard drill, and anchoring.

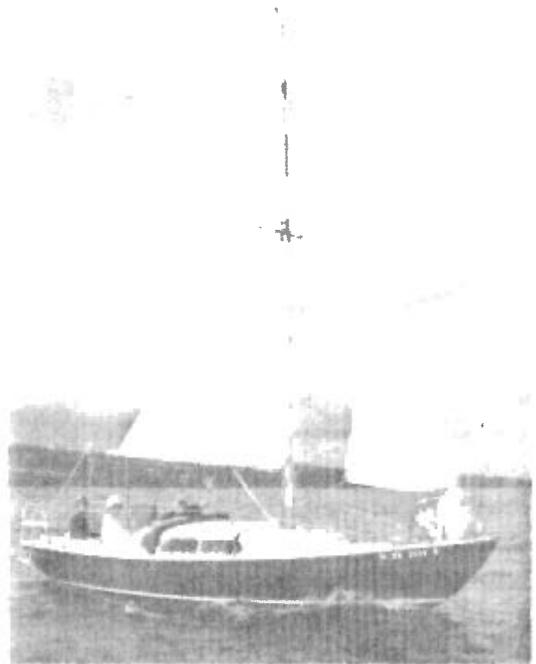
Skipper/crew on "Windsong" were Janine Cohen, Dick Cohen, Leslie Scott and "Scott" Scott.

Skipper/crew on Folkboat "Cheers" were Ron Reilly, Roberta Baker and Brigitte Doneux.

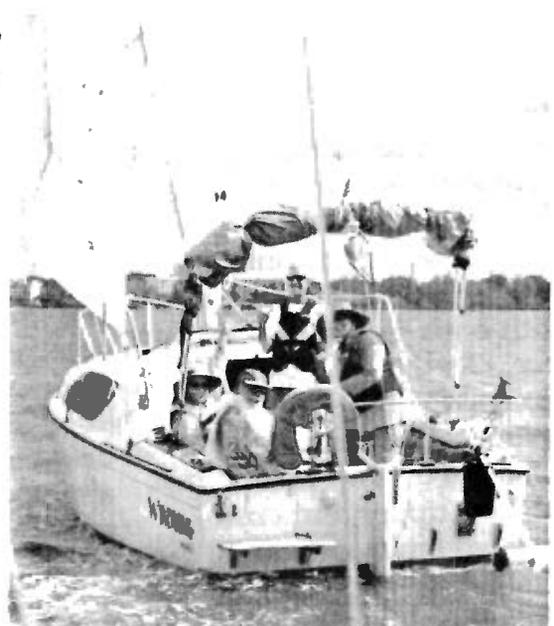
The conditions were perfect; overcast sky, light easterly winds (5-15 knots), and no cruise ships in port. The crews met at the Kuhio-Kalaniana'ole Park at 1000 hrs on Saturday Jan 20. After a skipper/crew meeting, to review the course and skills requirements, everyone shuttled out in a Walker Bay to begin preparing their boats.

"Cheers" sailed off the mooring at 1230 hrs and was soon

followed by "Windsong". They ran down wind in a steady breeze to meet near the R"6" just off the Naniloa Hotel. The start count down began and both boats crossed the line close



hailed, on starboard tack several minutes after the start whistle in a slow but otherwise clean start. Both boats approached G"9" on starboard with "Cheers" to windward and a boat-length ahead. (Cont'd next page)



Skills Building Race (Cont'd)



After this buoy rounding the boats separated significantly. "Cheers" ran off downwind to a substantial lead. However, the fun and purpose of the Skills Race" was to sail the boats together and learn from each other. On the run to G"1" "Cheers" did the mandatory person-overboard drill in a blistering 1 minute and 45 seconds.

The drill started on a wing-and-wing, port-tack run. Skipper Ron made the unannounced "man-overboard" call, whereupon crew Brigitte threw the PFD and became the designated spotter, meanwhile helmsperson Roberta did a jibe. It sure got the boat around fast. "Cheers" then came up on a close reach, sailing with the main drawing and with both jib sheets flapping free. As the float came alongside crew Brigitte dove through the leeward lifelines to scoop up and rescue the PFD. Skipper and crew were all amazed – the PFD was barely wet! The low

freeboard on "Cheers" made the rescue easier and a certain amount of good luck helped.

On the close-hauled beat back to the finish line the wind did some fluky 180 degree swings and then dropping to almost nothing, perhaps due to a rain squall passing to eastwards. "Cheers" was first to anchor with a total time of just on 2 hours. "Windsong" followed closely with a time of 2hrs and 15 minutes.

On the way back to Reeds Bay as we neared the shipping channel, off Coconut Island, a tug and barge was seen leaving port. Skipper Janine did a most timely "early-and-obvious" change of tack to leave no doubt in the tugboat Captains mind that her sail boat would not interfere with the large barge (LABA). LABA's are the "stand-on" vessels and have right-of-way over sailboats due to restricted maneuverability in the narrow shipping channel. Not only that but they are way larger! The boats picked up their respective moorings in the rosy-fingered-sunset at about 1700 hrs. After putting the boats to bed it was almost dark as weary, but safe and happy crews locked up at the Park and headed home.

Future "Skills Races" (maybe monthly) will require more skippers and more crew. I think it would be only fair that those who contributed to the "Cheers" fund raiser be given first preference, followed by members who regularly show up for club work days.

We have a lot of boats in need of on-going maintenance. Sailors who only sail put wear and tear on the boats which others are left to fix. Ratty said it best with his love of "just messing around in boats". Boat maintenance really is half the fun, and we should expect boat maintenance to involve at least half of our club activity time. See You at the next work day!



Skills Building Race (Cont'd) - photos by Leslie

Janine's point of view

What I learned from Saturday's race was that someone aboard needs to wear a watch for timing during races.

The insight I had was that "Windsong" sails differently than any other sailboat I've ever sailed.

What I could benefit from is methodically trying various techniques to figure out how to deal with the handling characteristics of "Windsong." Specifically, when tacking, the bow comes through the wind and keeps on going no matter what is done with the rudder.

Scott and Leslie's input

First of all we had a great time and are really enjoying the camaraderie of the club. One thing that did stick out in my mind about yesterday was applying what we have learned to different situations. For example, heading in to the first mark yesterday on "Windsong" we were aware that "Cheers" would be the give way boat. Out of caution, because of our leeway we fell off to avoid brushing the buoy even though it might have been possible to clear it. I guess what we are trying to say is that it does not matter if you



The intensity of racing!!

have the right of way if you might be at risk, it is better to take evasive action. "Better safe than sorry." another thing we learned was that having a plan, and clear and concise communication can help build crew confidence.

We also think that Commodore Ron set up a wonderful course that had maneuvers involved that use most of the basic sailing skills, heave-to, MOB drills and anchoring that help us hone our skills and refresh us. (even though we spent most of our time trying to round the first mark!)

We wanted to tell the Commodore that we were impressed by the way he took "Cheers"

off and returned to the mooring without power and would like to thank John for the use of the Minnkota. It is way easier getting back to the club site after a long day without rowing back against the current all the way from Windsong's mooring. We just think it was a beautiful day to spend doing something we love to do and are thankful that we live in such a beautiful place with wonderful people.

Brent and Leilani



Mystery of "Windsong" - The Cohens

Little did the sailors know what was in store for them on a lovely, calm morning when they boarded "Windsong" at her mooring in sheltered Reed's Bay. There was no omen as the sky was clear and the wind friendly on Sunday, January 14th. The mooring was dropped and the sloop silently sailed

out of the bay with an outgoing tide helping.

There were no surprises and each tack went smoothly. "Look Out" a scream pierced the calmness. "There's a whale at 2 o'clock!!!" phew, that was scary. One more tack and they would reach the anchorage off the beach where the club boats were

launching, and take a break from all the hard work.

On the surface, as one might observe who wasn't emotionally involved and could view situations objectively, all seemed to be calm. Yet, a subtle and mysterious aura sent a strange feeling as they approached the beach! (to be continued)

Membership

Happy Members

Memberships expired on 31 December as they do each year. So far we have 88 renewed and new 2007 family memberships. Check your membership card to see if your dues are current.

Rejoin 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



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