

NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING

A WAKE-UP CALL or ALL HANDS ON DECK

On June 23rd we received a call that a very strong earthquake had occurred in Peru, and Hilo was on tsunami watch status. Were you prepared?? We were not!!! We didn't have stores on board to last 2 or 3 days in case the bay got jammed with debris. Fuel tanks were not topped off. We didn't have a "game plan" in place. As John Messina asked, "where do you leave the car when you go to save the boat?". If you can't get your boat onto a trailer and up the hill, the safest place is out beyond the 100 fathom line. If you're leaving town for awhile, does someone have the keys, time, and expertise to act on your behalf? **The time to plan and get ready is now - not when you hear the sirens.**

It is hurricane season. Have you checked your mooring this season? Need more weight? How's the chain, shackles, swivels, pendants, and anti-chafe? If you can't get down there to check it yourself, we have some experienced divers in the club. Give Mauricio Barbis or someone else a call. To have a boat in the water and think "ah, it will never hit here" or "it won't happen to me" is just pure folly and very poor seamanship. Plan for the worst and expect the best.



Lastly, how much does a Type 1 PFD cost? \$40 to buy one—\$1100 if you're caught by the Coast Guard without it. \$42 for flares or \$15 for extinguishers to buy them—\$1100 each if they're not on board and in working condition. The fines are much stiffer if you're rated as a commercial vessel. The real question is to ask yourself how much is your life worth? Many boaters say that required and recommended safety equipment is too expensive, but what is the actual worth of a piece of equipment that can increase your chance of survival in an emergency? The idea here is not to out-fox the Coast Guard, but to **ensure that your boat is ready to go to sea.** - by Barry Bolln

Fishing Tournament



We had to cancel the power/sail fishing tournament since not enough boats were available to pair up. Some of us wanted to go anyway and practice. Mike Thomas on Manu Kai I did his fishing on Friday and reports a good catch. On Saturday, Wayne Mort & Kekoa on Island Girl and David and his daughter, Esther, on LTJ headed north for a few hours. Mike & Joyce French on Mango Mi had the Barbis family and a few others as crew. Barry & Pat Bolln on 'Olali had John Luchau and the Christensens as crew. These two boats sailed south. Roger Nakasu took Commodore Kim out on his boat, and they powered to "secret spots". As far as we know, the only sailboat action on Saturday was on 'Olali with a big strike followed by another fish cutting the line. Chuck's smaller lure was taken very shortly after we left the breakwater. Nothing found its way aboard. Only Roger and Kim came back with more than fish stories. Most of us met back in Radio Bay afterwards for a big potluck. All the cruising sailboat people were invited, and Roger filleted some fish and batter-fried it for all. Thank you, **Roger**, and thanks to all—it was a great, even though unofficial, club event.

NOTICE : NEXT RACE DAY *****

The era of "first boat to finish, wins" is over for Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club. We are progressing to a handicapping system that attempts to equate all boats so that the best-sailed vessel wins. Now the emphasis shifts to sailing effectively rather than boat-to-boat tactics.



Our next race will be Saturday, 7 July. Skippers meeting at 1100 hours on the beach at Reed's Bay. The first gun will be at 1pm. There will be two courses - one for the larger boats and another for boats 19' and under. Course maps and instructions will be given out at the skipper's meeting. If one or two would like to help me on the committee boat, I could use a hand. Call me at 961-4474. See you there. Race results will be announced at the meeting on July 9th. Race Committee - Barry & Roy



Los Angeles to Honolulu



Four years ago Dan Doyle started the race only to suffer a broken rudder, forcing him to drop out. Two years ago a business crisis prompted him to replace himself at the last minute with Les Vasconcellos, who with Burgess outsailed several larger, fully crewed boats.

Saturday, moments after the four-minute warning gun had sounded, Burgess attempted to raise the headsail but found it wouldn't fit into the groove of the headfoil. He removed his lifejacket -- required by Transpac rules to be worn for the start and finish -- and slammed it to the deck. Then Doyle did the same, and they slumped together in the cockpit in despair.

Doyle told observers on a press boat, "We broke our headfoil the other day and ordered a new one, and the new one was the wrong size. We're finished."

But then Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club member Kirk Wilson, who had brought his 52-foot sailboat Bay Wolf out to watch the start, pulled alongside and offered a suggestion: raise the headsail by just attaching it by the head and tack; meanwhile, he and his crew would strip off their own headfoil and cut it down to size to fit Doyle's Sonoma 30.

Doyle and Burgess' hopes came back to life. As they raised the jib and worked their way into position to start, Wilson's crew Richard Parlette worked on the headfoil and handed it over to Burgess, who would install it later. The act of receiving such outside assistance during the race will no doubt draw a penalty of uncertain weight, but at least Doyle is sailing the Transpac.

Check out this and other stories at www.transpacificyc.org/open1.html

THE RACE HAS BEGUN

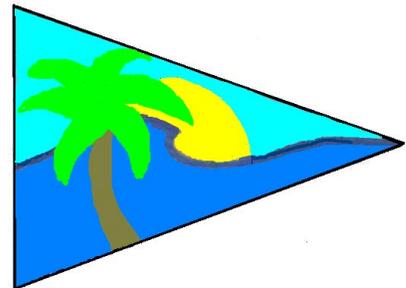
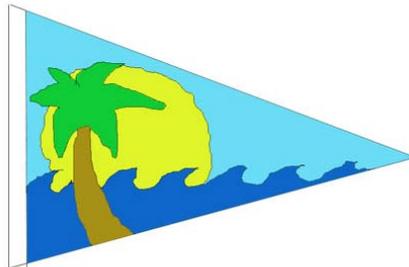
Email from a member: Skipper John - Sorry we haven't been able to attend the meetings, but are currently on Oahu getting our boat ready to leave next month for a long cruise. We plan to sail to California and then back down to Mexico and then across to F. Polynesia. At that time we will make the decision whether to continue on or come on home to Mt. View. Our 13 yr. old son will have a lot to do with whatever decision we make as at this point he isn't thrilled with leaving all of his friends, soccer, etc. Anyway, it sounds as if the club is attracting lots of members. We look forward to becoming active members once we do return home, but for now we wish you luck and look forward to your e-mail updates. Aloha. **Trudy, Bob, and Michael Lindsay** S/V TINI APA
 P.s. If you see Dean Banks - tell him that he wouldn't even recognize the boat now - it has a cabin, cockpit coamings, a totally different interior, etc. and pass on to him that we are finally leaving. Thanks

Synopsis of Minutes for June 11, 2001 Board of Directors meeting:

Facilities Committee Report – Peter Boucher gave an update on the Yacht Club/YMCA facilities land acquisition. He outlined the pros and cons of each property. Three major cons of the Orchid Isle location give way to pursuing the Keaukaha site. The motion to move forward in acquiring the Keaukaha site was approved. John Luchau gave a report on the YMCA/YC tentative agreements. The Y agrees to provide instructor training and acquire the facility property. The YC agrees to take on the responsibility for creating a sailing, boating and kayaking program under the Waiakea Settlement Branch Y in exchange for the use of a facility for our members. The YC agreed that YC members become Y members and the YC acquires an insurance policy that can be joined with the YMCA as an “additional insured.”



John Luchau will take these designs to the “Burgee Store” while in San Diego to discuss which design would be best and any changes needed. He has all your suggestions with him. Soon we will be able to purchase a real one to proudly display on our boats.



GOING SAILING - I will be joining Capt. Gary Hoover from the Kona Sailing Club, and another crew member to sail a Hans Christian 43 from Guam to Honolulu - 3800 miles into the prevailing winds. I leave 10 or 11 July and ETA Honolulu 10 August aboard a very nice, well-equipped, solid sailboat. Will try to send emails so you can be part of my adventures. Barry Bolln

***** Club Officer Bios *****

Commodore Kim Magnuson - I was born in Los Angeles and reared in Bishop until nearly 9 years old by wonderful parents. We settled in Manhattan Beach where I graduated from Mira Costa High in '63. In '66 we moved to the Mother Lode area to a small town (40 people) called Sheepranch. It was a true "peek and plum town" where you peek around the corner, and you're plum out of town. A friend talked me into taking an exam for California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. I was accepted as a cadet and started my seagoing career in 1966. I graduated in July of '69 with a BS degree in Nautical Science and a USCG license as Unlimited Third Mate. Two days after graduation, I was on my first ship, a C-2 cargo ship called the American Miller on my way to Viet Nam carrying general cargo. This was the beginning of my career on merchant ships. In '70, I married Barbara, settled down in Sheepranch, and began rearing a family. We left Sheepranch in '75 and moved to Willamina, OR. then to Sheridan, OR. then to the coast near Beaver, OR. with our 3 children and built a home on 40 acres. During that period I was sailing mostly coastwise tankers, then tankers running to Valdez, AK. In '84 I began with Matson Navigation Company on containerships to the Hawaiian Islands. After a wonderful career at Matson, I retired in November '95 as Master on the SS Manulani. At Matson I also served as Master on the SS Manukai, SS Manulei, and SS Kaimoku. The Kaimoku ran interisland and west coast to Hawaii. After years in the cold gray and always having an affinity and connection with the Hawaiian Islands, we bought here on the Big Island in '98. Having lived an ocean going lifestyle, I wanted a boat, and eventually bought the International Folkboat in Honolulu and sailed it with friends to it's new home in Reed's Bay in the summer of 2000. I asked a few folks if they would like to start a yacht club and the rest is history. We wanted fishermen and other boaters involved within the club also, and thus our name, Na Hoa Holomoku, shipmates, was chosen. I am pleased with the course the new yacht club is taking and want to thank all for the support in our growing stages. Mahalo. Kim Magnuson



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**Club Secretary John Luchau** was born and raised in Salem, Oregon, where he graduated from High School in '63. He started his Navy career in '62 as a reservist and went on active duty as soon as he graduated. John served on 6 ships from as small as a Destroyer Escort to a Nuclear-powered Cruiser. John's shore tours included Florida, Vietnam, San Diego and two tours in Hawaii. He retired in '91 as the Command Master Chief of Pearl Harbor and moved to the Big Island in '92. John learned to sail sailboats while stationed in Germany in 1972. He is an "in-country" Vietnam Veteran and a graduate of the University of Maryland's Heidelberg Campus and San Diego State University. He taught sailing at the San Diego Navy Sailing Club and for the Red Cross at Pearl Harbor. He has owned 3 boats over 20 feet in length and did a Pacific crossing from Hawaii to Washington in his Mariner 35 Ketch in just 22 days. His sailboat sailing experience has been in Germany, Philippines, Hawaii, Chesapeake, Washington State and the Virgin Islands. He served as head of the Pearl Harbor Sail Training Program in 1983 and as Commodore of the Pearl Harbor Yacht Club in 1984 and earned a Naval Sailing Association Annapolis qualification as Master Skipper in 1986. He and his wife, Christine Wolf, live in Paradise Park and "truly love" the Big Island. — John Luchau

## Bios Continued:

**Vice Commodore** - Hi fellow boat people. Pat asked if I would send her a short bio. Well here goes. My name is **Richard Messina**. In Hawaiian it is Makani Olu Olu which has two meanings. One is fair winds, and the other is personal hot air. Take your pick. I started life in Plainfield, NJ. Later went to college at the University of Chattanooga, Tenn., then spent almost five years as a guest of the United States Air Force, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. I played hippie for a few years, then opened a hang glider manufacturing business, "Cal Gliders", in the San Diego area. After about four or five years of building and flying hang gliders and being impoverished, I decided to become a real estate guy for too long, and then I finally found a real job. I became a "sailor". Star Gypsy is my third and her younger sister, Wind Gypsy is now back in service as a boat, specializing in having fun out of Honokahau Harbor, Kona.



When you are in Kona, please come visit (talk story), slip # I-29. 808 326-7603 or 937-0808. We (Connie, kids, and I) are having a party on the 7th of July at our new home in Kona. Please come. 74-5059 Kealapua, Kailua - Kona. Call for directions. Well I guess I am bioed out. ALOHA 'OUKOU

**NOTICES:** **Next Race** - Saturday, July 7th - Skipper's meeting 11am - First gun for race is at 1pm. - After race BBQ & potluck begins at 3:30pm. Bring something to BBQ & a potluck to share & your own drinks & chairs or mats. Club will furnish paper goods & utensils.

**Next Meeting** - Monday, July 9th, Wailoa Park Pavilion #3, Board of Directors meeting at 5:45, begin potluck at 6pm, General meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Have a Spirit 23 & a Newport 21 with trailers currently available. Happy sailing, Sam Gaughen, Kona Sailing Club. 325-7509.

Have a Corsair 31 for sale. \$83,000. Contact Jim Lambeth at 961-3112.

Have a custom 31' catamaran for sale. Contact Larry Peck at 966-7895.

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WAHINE SAILORS - JOIN THE FUN on JULY 8th

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER REGATTA - KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE OFF THE STREET

& ON THE WATER - ALL PROCEEDS will be used to SPONSOR PARTICIPANTS to the

YMCA SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM - Kona Sailing Club and YMCA invite qualified Wahine Sailors to enter the 2nd annual Wahine Scholarship Regatta - July 8, 2001 at Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor - Entry fee: \$25.00

Interested Wahine Sailors contact:

Alicia Starsong, KSC or Mary Wood, YMCA

883-9230

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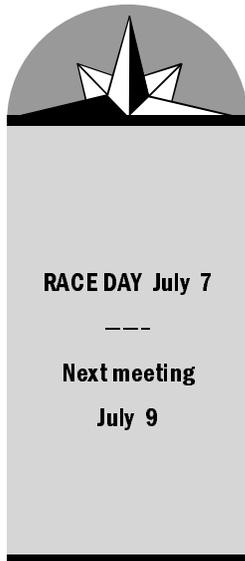
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Visit **Kona Sailing Club** at Honokohau Harbor in Kona. Club secretary Sam Gaughen may be around to welcome you.

The Change of Command ceremonies were held 26 June USCGC Kiska. We say "Bon Voyage" to Lt. Kevin Lopes and a warm "Aloha" to Lt. Lawrence Ellis. May our two organizations work together to reach a common goal - the safety of all who work and explore and enjoy the seas.

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How like to life is the voyage of a ship:  
the hopes and uncertainties on setting out;  
the overcoming of difficulties, only to find more;  
the solving of problems, only to meet greater.  
Somewhere something always needs repair.  
The daily, hourly tasks, are never done:  
navigation, maintenance of ship and gear,  
cooking, washing up, standing watch,  
keeping the log, sleep and (all to soon)  
the call to go on deck again.  
We know times of deep joy:  
sunrise, sunset, good food and drink, shipmates' laughter;  
And moments of awful fright:  
storm, fog, the dread sound of nearby ships we cannot see.  
Most of the voyage, though,  
is somewhere between joy and dread,  
Sometimes pleasant, often dull,  
making headway as best we can,  
in fair weather and in foul.  
Progress seems so slow—  
until we look back and see how far we've come.

Stay with me, Lord,  
be my remaining voyage long or short.  
Stay with me, guide my vessel safely into port.

