

NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING

Mooring Alert— Mooring Alert !!!!!

Hilo's "windy, rainy season" came in with a Bang on 27 & 28 October. Saturday was very windy, causing a roller-furling genoa to shake free and a boat to break free from its mooring. Club members saved the genoa and anchored the other boat before it drifted on to the rocks. Sunday morning dawned with a big swell pumping water over the breakwater causing the boats in Reed's Bay to tug heavily on their mooring lines. Monday morning saw another boat bouncing on the bottom at water's edge. The owner was on the mainland so Dale, a knowledgeable passer-by, anchored the boat out some and afterwards the former owner got a dinghy and took the boat to a mooring. Thanks to all who helped rescue the vessels and to David for his hot coffee to the chilled rescuers.



HOW'S YOUR GROUND TACKLE??

The 500 Yard Security Zone

Shortly after Sept. 11, a 500 yd. security zone was established for all commercial traffic, including cruise ships, in Hawaiian waters. The Coast Guard is the agency responsible for enforcing the new regulations, and they are not running around with a tape measure citing every boat they can. They are focusing on the spirit of the law rather than the letter. Personally, I have been treated with courtesy and respect by the local USCG office and have heard the same reports from others. Just give extra room to tugs, barges, cargo vessels, and cruise ships as well as the Kiska herself. Want to go into Radio Bay? Call ahead of time to the Kiska at 933-6943 to check. How long will this restriction be in effect? Until further notice. If planning to visit another harbor, call ahead as local restrictions may vary. Security may have tightened but the aloha spirit is still alive and well. Smooth Sailing



A Race Day With Kona Sailing Club



Two intrepid race committee members and a racer from our Hilo club braved the rainy weather to start for Kona on the 7th of October to assist the Kona Sailing Club's Race Committee and learn how to drop deep water racing buoys. Barry Bolln, Race Committee Chair, and John Luchau, part-time Race Committee member and Club Secretary met at Waiakea Villas at the wee hour of 0630. There they met Clare Lyon, a UHH student who wanted to participate in the race. After the usual Tex's Drive-In pit stop, they found clear weather on the dry side of Waimea. Arriving at Honokohau Harbor at about 0900, they waited for members of the KSC to arrive. There was a flurry of activity to watch as the race participants readied their many boats for launching. While waiting Barry wanted to check out a power boat that was for sale.

After introductions were made to other members of the committee, Nancy Griffith and Daniel and Alicia Russ Star-song, they made their way dockside to the committee boat, and Clare found the boat that she was to race. There was a truck full of race committee gear to unload. Although our Race Committee had some idea what the flags and placards were for, there were also concrete weights, spar buoys, inflatable buoys, and spools of line. Some of the gear seemed foreign to them. Needless to say that after getting underway, they learned pretty quickly what all the gear was for. Barry and John were introduced to the several weights, anchors and line, and buoys after finding the course area.

Hosts Alicia and Daniel were patient in showing them how things were done and provided great sandwiches. The race committee boat was brand new with 2-200hp outboards which made it virtually fly when it was needed to set and retrieve marks. Nancy was a particularly interesting sailor with many stories to tell of her adventures in delivering cargo via a sailing ship in the South Pacific. All in all it was an extremely enlightening experience and our race committee learned that when the wind dies during a race on the Kona side the only thing you can do from the race committee boat is shout, "It isn't our fault" and shorten the course.

After awards were handed out to the winners in all divisions, John presented our burgee to the Kona Sailing Club on behalf of our Commodore and club members and extended them a welcome to join us for more racing fun. Clare's boat came in first in its class. All in all it was a long and rewarding day, and the whole crew was home by 2030.

From the Board - October 8, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting



Officers Present: Commodore Kim Magnuson, Vice Commodore Richard Messina and Secretary John Luchau.

Directors Present: Roger Nakasu, and Carl Shioji. **Chairpersons Present:** Barry Bolln and Pat Bolln. **Member Larry Peck, and Honorary Member Margaret Haig.**

- A. **Facilities Committee Report** - At present the request for property on Reed's Bay is on the Mayor's desk. Letters from members to the Mayor requesting his signature and forwarding that letter to the State may help. Roy and Allie Forbes sent a very good letter to the Mayor on the subject.
- B. **Sail Training** - Barry explained that Training of Sail Instructors will be December 1, 2 and 15, 16.
- C. **Club Burgee** - Burgees are here and for sale for \$20 each. Exchange of burgees between clubs should be requested via the Board at meetings. We encourage individuals to purchase burgees to be presented to their favorite clubs. Let the board know which club you would like us to contact for reciprocity.
- B. **Kim has contacted a couple of insurance companies concerning liability insurance.** We are pursuing one Oahu company and US Sailing Association.
- C. **We are reviewing bylaws and will bring forward necessary changes at our December Membership Potluck so that changes may be voted on at the Annual Membership meeting in January.** Pat Bolln, Barry Bolln, Peter Boucher, Kim Magnuson, John Luchau and Larry Peck are the bylaws committee. We are soliciting changes from all members.
- D. **Nominating committee consists of the same people and is charged to find candidates for Directors and Officers who are to be elected and installed at our Annual Membership meeting in January.**
- E. **John Luchau made a motion to pursue a Partnership with the UHH Hilo for the purpose of sail training and race competition. It was approved and the meeting adjourned at 1811.**

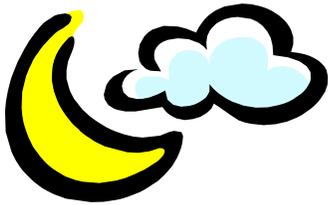
November:

- 10– Veteran’s Day Offshore Regatta
- 12– Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:15pm
- 22– Thanksgiving Day
- 28– Full Moon Kayak Paddle-6:30pm



December:

- 1 & 2 – US Sail Instructor’s Course-Kawaihae
- 10– Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:15pm
- 15 & 16 - US Sail Instructor’s Course-Kawaihae
- 28– Full Moon Kayak Paddle-6:30pm



New Moon Regatta

14 October

A great big Mahalo to Nick Rees and his 6 1/2 year old son, Samuel, who ran the New Moon Regatta. Occasionally Sam was found asleep on the floor. Nick set up a challenging course that I think all enjoyed. Mahalo also to Larry Peck for loaning us his dinghy for use as the committee boat, and to Joyce French who set up the after-race culinary feast on the beach. (Note: these after-race get-togethers are open to all members—racing or not– so come join us.) We had a relatively low turn-out with only 6 boats: 2 trimarans, 2 catamarans, and 2 dinghies. The wind was out of the north at 5-10 knots shifting to NNE as the race progressed. Wind lines, holes, and shifts all made for tactical challenges. Dr. John Lambeth took line honors again with his F-31 “Hoku”. Club secretary John Luchau sailed his sabot “Black Tie” to a first in the dinghy division. Barry and Pat flew back from Hawaii Yacht Club’s 100th anniversary party, jumped aboard “Maluhia” with Clare Lyon as crew, and sailed to a corrected-time first in the multihull division. Next race is the Pepeekeo Point Veteran’s Day Regatta on 10 Nov. Mark you calendars now.

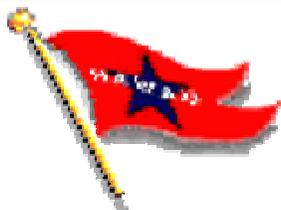
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| Hoku / Jim Lambeth | Mauricio & Stefano Barbis | 813.63 | 1182.61 | 2 |
| Maluhia / Barry Bolln | Pat Bolln, Clare Lyon | 831.60 | 1171.27 | 1 |
| Manu Kai II / Mike Thomas | Ku’ulei, Karin, Mike | 852.35 | 1200.49 | 3 |
| Bamcat 16 / Gary Young | Peter Berg | — | — | dnf |
| Black Tie / John Luchau | — | 854.38 | 625.01 | 1 |
| I’o / Evelyn Shotte | Thomas Rees | — | — | dnf |



Wayne Mort and
Kekoa on Island Girl

These two vessels took advantage of a nice weather day in Hilo.

Larry & Robbyn Peck
on Sugar Blues



Congratulations Hawaii Yacht Club

Pat & I flew to Honolulu to join Hawaii Yacht Club in celebrating their 100th year afloat. We met Commodore Dudley Worthy and Vice Commodore J.B Bransford during Thursday evening's ceremonies. Many fine congratulatory messages were read by club officials. The Friday night champagne races seemed chaotic to us until we caught on to the pattern. Everyone else knew exactly what they were doing. The start/finish line is the flag pole on the HYC's lawn and a palm tree across the channel. The participants are divided into 8 classes by size and speed and then race boat-for-boat with no handicapping. A great time was had by all. After the races, Pat & I presented our new burgee to Jim Ferris who is in charge of the Friday night races at Hawaii Yacht Club. Saturday evening we enjoyed the luau and live entertainment. We sat for awhile with Margaret Haig, now from UH Hilo, and her husband and met Scott Milander who will be one of the instructors for our up-coming sailing instructor training. We set our alarm clock and caught the first flight home Sunday so we wouldn't miss the New Moon Regatta for our club here.

We are now accepting business cards for advertising in our newsletter at \$5 for 3 months. Let us know if we can help support your business as you help finance our newsletter. Below are samples from two of our members.

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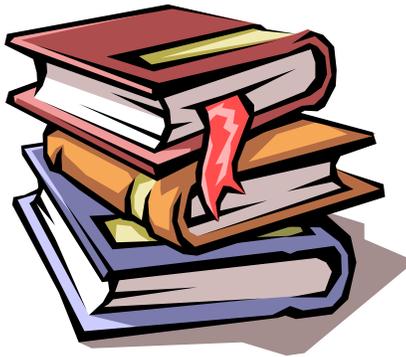
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A **Special Mahalo** to Ed and Lani Chase for all their hard work in setting up the awning, tables, BBQ, etc. at the after-race get-togethers & buying and setting up the paper goods for each potluck meeting. “We really appreciate you guys.” Their “tour of duty” in that position is now over, and they will move on to their next assignment. Joyce French has agreed to assume that job through the end of the year. Be nice to her everyone, and maybe we can keep her in that spot for next year. Like the Chases, she has a real gift of hospitality and organization.



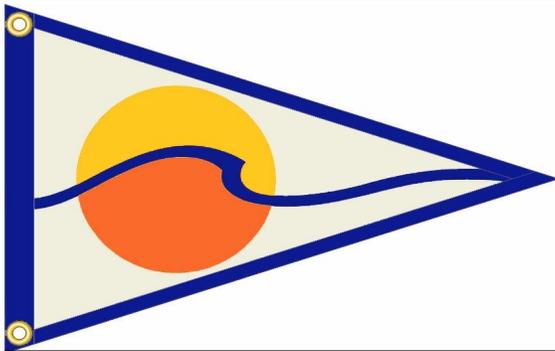
Captain’s License—Four of our guys meet twice a week to study for the Coast Guard exam and have homework the other days. Good luck John Luchau, Barry Bolln, Mike French, & Mauricio Barbis. We are proud of you. That’s a lot of hard work.



Day-Use Mooring Buoys on the Kona-Kohala Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii: a 12 page document with maps is available for \$1 (cost & time for copying) from Barry Bolln. Call or see him at the meeting. 961-4474



Christmas Potluck: December 10th, 6:15pm, Wailoa Park, Pavilion # 1 (near entrance). Plan to stay a long time to enjoy the decorations, awards, holiday festivities, and fun. Bring the whole family.



Thanks again to all involved in designing and acquiring our burgees. They are wonderful. They will be for sale again for \$20 at our next meeting.

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Be Thankful

“No TV on school nights, do something constructive” were the words of my firm, but fair father. Encouragement in games and sport was always there. I was pointed towards “lifetime” sports: golf, tennis, skiing, and sailing.

Golf, you will never master. Tennis and skiing require at least three seasons to reach an advanced level. Sailing fundamentals can be learned in one week—fine points in a lifetime. Sailing teaches maturity. The carryover of communing with the beauty and forces of nature, being exposed at an early age to proper maintenance of gear and boat, learning the “Rules of the Road” on the water, learning awareness, order, and discipline in regards to others. All of these things from sailing experience cannot be measured. Give your children sailing lessons.

Paul T. Rivard
US Sailing journalist
15 June, 2001

