

# NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING

## *Instructor Candidates Prepare for Kawaihae*



Several of the instructor candidates for the US Sailing Association classes were able to get in a little practice time on Hilo Bay. These pictures make it appear calm, but actually it was quite windy. We got some practice in John's Sabot, Pat's Force 5, Peter's 15' powerboat, and Barry's 8' West Marine dinghy with 2hp engine.



Our first two class days were Dec. 1 & 2. There were 11 students in all including the four from the Kona side. We had classroom sessions in the morning and sailing time in the afternoon when the wind calmed to a safe speed. Most of the Hilo group sailed in boats we had never been in before, so we have to do lots of practice and much more studying before the final two classes on Dec. 15 & 16. We camped in an open shelter with winds at 30 mph. gusting to 40 most of the night. It was a rather wild time. Mauricio dreamed he was closing the hatches and reefing all night. We all returned home bruised or sore and exhausted, but exhilarated. It was a great time to further bond together as a team and friends. Some of us will probably



pass the requirements the first time because of a great amount of experience. The rest of us may have to practice more on certain parts and be tested a little later on those. We are looking forward with a bit of anxiety and excitement to the next classes.



**Boating Emergency Response Team (BERT)** – Thanks to the quick response of Barry, Mauricio, Larry, David, Joyce, Pat, Carl and Roger who all responded when John Messina's "Grenadier" needed to be rescued from the rocks Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup> after a mooring shackle let go in the early morning. Boat escaped with a bent prop and some fiberglass repair needed. Just a couple of days later "Sugar Blues" went adrift, and thanks to quick action to keep her off the rocks and phone calls by Mike Thomas, owner Larry Peck put her back on a stable mooring. John Messina's keen eyes spotted "Pueo" moving off her mooring and reported it to Ed Ha. On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Carl Shioji in his boat and Barry in Peter Boucher's boat towed in a jet ski and passengers when it was unable to make it back to shore. "Flying Cloud" was rescued from going aground by the quick action of Larry, Barry, and Mauricio this last month as well. Jim Lucas was able to put "Eva II" onto a mooring after she went sailing unskipped when her owner was out of town. Thanks to all of you for keeping a sharp eye out for everything to do with boats in our harbor.



## Congratulations Na Hoa Holomoku Wahines



Three of our ladies attended the Wahine Racing Clinic sponsored by the Kona Sailing Club on Saturday, Nov 17 at Honokohau Harbor. Clare Lyon from the UH Hilo sailing group was the instructor. She taught from her considerable knowledge and experience in small boat sailing. Four from the university group accompanied her. Our three lady sailors were Joyce French, Paola Barbis, and Pat Bolln. In the afternoon they all headed their boats out to the race course to practice starting line procedures and get used to the boats that had been graciously loaned to them. Their vessel was a Bayfield 25 owned by Al Jaeger. He accompanied them on the boat since it was new to them. A large group of ladies attended filling ten boats. At the end of the day, our ladies relaxed with a swim and a nice dinner, and then retired to the King Kam Hotel for a break in their normal daily responsibilities, and hoped they did not disturb you here in Hilo with their laughter. The racing took place on Sunday, Nov. 18th. After pre-race instructions at 9:30am., the boats were made ready and headed for the starting line. The winds had increased to about 15-18 knots. There were actually three races and some great opportunities to practice the new techniques and strategies that Clare had taught. Many of the Kona Sailing Club men were out in the remaining boats to encourage all the ladies. They were treated to a very impressive show of sailing skill. Our Hilo threesome crossed



the finish line and took a dip in the warm waters of Kona and enjoyed the antics of a few dolphins. Afterwards while enjoying the ono feast provided by the Kona club, the presentations to the race winners were announced with the ladies of Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club taking 3rd place in the first race and 4th over-all in the three races. They were proud to bring home the ribbon for their hometown club. Thank you so much to Clare Lyon, Alicia Starsong (who organized the whole weekend), the Kona Sailing Club, and especially to Al who loaned them his boat and gave them his encouragement.

### Dear Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club Members,

Christmas is just around the corner, and we would like to invite all of you to our first Christmas Party. It will be great fun and a wonderful evening with our fellow club members.

**Date: December 10, 2001**

**Time: 5 pm (note different time!!!)**

**Location: Wailoa State Park, Pavilion #1 (note different place!!!)**

**Gift Exchange: Please bring a wrapped gift - new or white elephant - value \$5.**

**Pot Luck: Please bring your favorite main dish to share.**

Plates & Utensils will be provided.

There will also be coolers with ice for sodas and other drinks. As part of the parks & recs conditions for the reservation of the pavilion, we are not allowed as the Yacht Club to serve or sell alcohol, however, if you bring whatever you like for your own consumption and to share with others, it will be no problem.

The pavilion will be in festive decoration and you will enjoy a nice evening with friends and family. Please come, bring your families and join us!!

Joyce, Adrienne & Petra

Your Christmas Party Planning Committee





## *Hilo Christmas Parade*

Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club had four representatives in this year's Christmas parade. Roy, Allie, Kim, Larry, Robbyn, Barry, and Ku'ulei met on Friday to decorate Roy & Allie's West Wight Potter at their house. Mauricio was busy decorating his unique truck to look like an old sailing ship while Pat & Brunella decorated John & Christie Luchau's little 12' sailing dinghy to be towed by Mauricio. Peter Boucher and family made their 15' powerboat look great with lots of greenery. Barry Bolln tied a red bow to the front of his Suburban and put the red and green kayaks on top. Thanks to Jim Lambeth for loaning his signal flags for the occasion, to Judy Ball for a car load of greenery, to Ku'ulei Thomas and her daughter for the fish on a line and your moral support, and to those who took pictures and waved along the parade route. Our parade of four joined the rest of the participants behind Bayside Chevron to begin our journey through town. Three neighborhood boys, Mana, Danny, and Christian, steered the ship's wheel from the back of the truck, and Brunella looked like a princess waving from the Potter's cockpit. Peter's boys, Marcus and Cameron, and a friend waved from the back of the fishing boat. It was a lot of fun and perhaps many more will want to bring their vessels and show Hilo we love boats.



### **Board Notes from November 12, 2001**

**Officers Present:** Commodore Kim Magnuson, Vice Commodore Richard Messina, Secretary John Luchau, and Treasurer Robbyn Peck. **Directors Present:** Roger Nakasu, and Carl Shioji. **Chairpersons Present:** Barry Bolln and Pat Bolln

**Treasurer's Report:** There is a balance of \$805.76 in Checking and Savings. There are still 20 burgees available for sale.

**Race Committee -** Barry stated that there are no more scheduled races for the rest of the year. Our November 10, Veteran's Day Race was an offshore race. The winds were light and the seas sloppy. We had 5 starters and 3 finishers. The last finisher coming in just before dark. The turning buoy was a great success and Barry moved that we authorize \$40 for payment of materials and construction of the turning buoy. Motion approved.

**Membership/Newsletter Committee -** Pat Bolln stated that we have 75 paid members and 10 honorary members. The newsletter current cost is at \$64 a month..

Kim has contacted a couple of insurance companies concerning liability insurance. We are pursuing one Oahu Company and US Sailing Association. We agreed to table this item until December's meeting.

**Nonprofit status** is on hold until approval of our new bylaws, which must have certain statements in them in order to gain non-profit status.

**Parade Party Committee** members will be sought at tonight's potluck.

**The speaker** was inter-collegiate sailor Clare Lyon of the University of Hawaii Hilo. Her topic was inter-collegiate racing and sailing courses that will be offered through UHH soon.



from Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Thanks Ed Ha for reading this to us on Thanksgiving Day.

A brown little face, with whiskers. A grave round face, with the same twinkle in its eye that had first attracted his notice. Small neat ears and thick silky hair. It was the Water Rat! Then the two animals stood and regarded each other cautiously. 'Hullo, Mole!' said the Water Rat. 'Hullo, Rat!' said the Mole. 'Would you like to come over?'

enquired the Rat presently. 'Oh, its all very well to *talk*,' said the Mole, rather pettishly, he being new to a river and riverside life and its ways. The Rat said nothing, but stooped and unfastened a rope and hauled on it; then lightly stepped into a little boat which the Mole had not observed. It was painted blue outside and white within, and was just the size for two animals; and the Mole's whole heart went out to it at once, even though he did not yet fully understand its uses. The Rat sculled smartly across and made fast. Then he held up his forepaw as the Mole stepped gingerly down. 'Lean on that!' he said. 'Now then, step lively!' and the Mole to his surprise and rapture found himself actually seated in the stern of a real boat. 'This has been a wonderful day!' said he, as the Rat shoved off and took to the sculls again. 'Do you know, I've never been in a boat before in all my life.' 'What?' cried the Rat, open-mouthed: 'Never been in a -- you never -- well I -- what have you been doing, then?' 'Is it so nice as all that?' asked the Mole shyly, though he was quite prepared to believe it as he leant back in his seat and surveyed the cushions, the oars, the rowlocks, and all the fascinating fittings, and felt the boat sway lightly under him. 'Nice? It's the *only* thing,' said the Water Rat solemnly, as he leant forward for his stroke. 'Believe me, my young friend, there is *nothing* -- absolute nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing,' he went on dreamily: 'messing -- about -- in -- boats; messing -- --' 'Look ahead, Rat!' cried the Mole suddenly. It was too late. The boat struck the bank full tilt. The dreamer, the joyous oarsman, lay on his back at the bottom of the boat, his heels in the air. ' -- about in boats -- or *with* boats,' the Rat went on composedly, picking himself up with a pleasant laugh. 'In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter. Nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it. Whether you get away, or whether you don't; whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you're always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you've done it there's always something else to do, and you can do it if you like, but you'd much better not. Look here! If you've really nothing else on hand this morning, supposing we drop down the river together, and have a long day of it?'

Carl Shioji setting the club's new racing buoy built by Mauricio Barbis.





“Island Girl”  
Wayne & Kekoa

“Kapane”  
Nick Heinrich



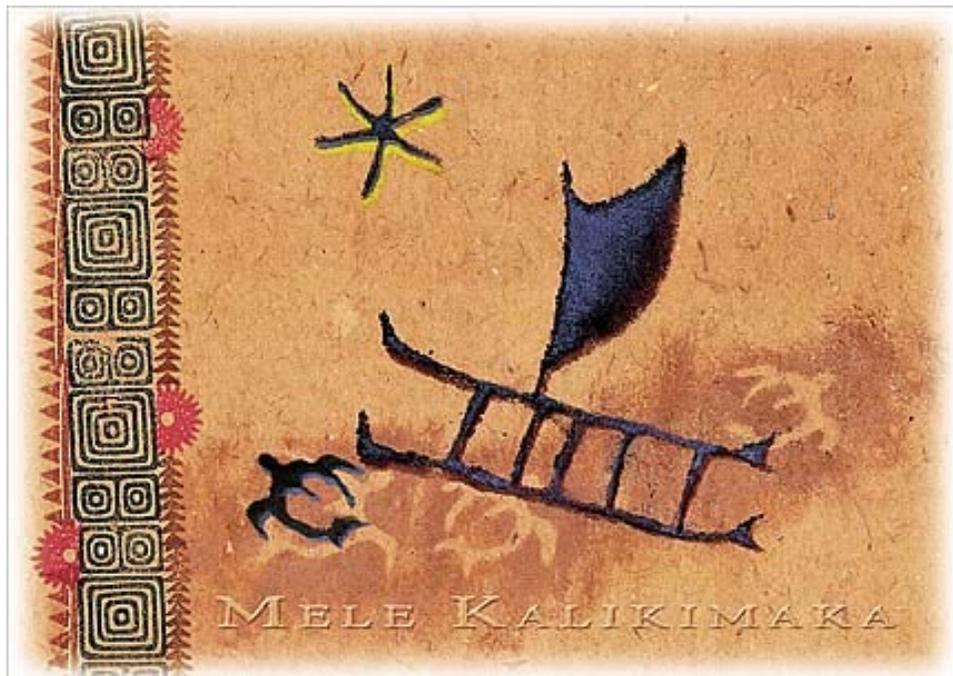
“Hoku”  
Jim, Paola, Clare

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Let us celebrate together the Joy of this Season.*