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NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING

New club formed for Hilo sailors and boaters

The Nā Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club was formed last month in Hilo by a group of Hilo-area sailors, fishermen and boaters. The purpose of the club is to promote all forms of recreational and commercial boating in East Hawaii and the rest of the Big Island.



Reed's Bay

Organizers of the new club said it will provide a practical forum and meeting place for anybody interested in boating, whether on the smallest dinghy or the largest transoceanic cruising, racing or fishing boat.

Commodore Kim Magnuson said a main objective of the club is to help local boaters develop and

ongoing security and maintenance problems.

Safety first

The Yacht Club also plans to promote safe boating and sailing in and around Hilo waters. Magnuson said club organizers hope to establish marine safety classes and instruction, as well as develop a working relationship and spirit of cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Issues of boat maintenance, local business involvement and youth education were also discussed at the November meeting.

maintain good communications about the safety and security of their watercraft in Hilo Bay's moorings, quays or docks. "We want to encourage local boaters to cooperate with each other for their mutual well-being."

Magnuson said such cooperation includes providing mutual aid in case of oncoming storms, as well as helping each other with

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Come to our next meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 at Wailoa Park Pavilion No. 3, 6:00 PM. Potluck. Everyone is welcome!

What's in a name?

Nā Hoa Holomoku means "Shipmates" in Hawaiian. We think that everybody — fishermen, sailboaters, kayakers, canoe paddlers and anybody else with an interest in life on and around the water—can be shipmates. Why "Yacht Club"? Because yacht clubs often offer reciprocal goods and services to other club members worldwide. So by joining this club you may get perks and goodies from just about any yacht club the world.



Home port

Hilo Bay is a beautiful stretch of water on which you can sail, boat or kayak within sight of downtown—often with a stunning view of the slopes of Mauna Kea. Many local sailors moor their boats or launch their kayaks or dinghies from scenic Reed's Bay, which for all practical purposes ends at the famed Ice Pond on its western edge.

At the other end of Banyan Drive past a series of hotels is the Wailoa River, which passes through one of Hilo's most beautiful areas, Wailoa State Park, with its breathtak-

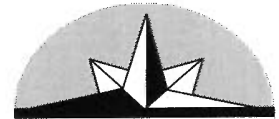
ing lagoon. As the river enters Hilo Bay, it becomes host to a number of private and commercial fishing boats docked near the boat landing. Just under the bridge at the far end of the river is a long dock near the Suisan Fish



Near the boat ramp

Market where five or six sail and commercial fishing boats as well as a Chinese junk are tied up. Across from this is a quay that is home to a half dozen more watercraft are moored Med-style. The Bay-front beach to the north is home to Hilo's many canoe clubs

Finally, there's the well-known Radio Bay, nestled inside Matson Navigation Co.'s huge industrial docks. It's the transient home for worldwide cruisers stopping over in Hawaii on their way to or from the U.S. mainland.



Pavilion acquisition?

Club Commodore Kim Magnuson and Secretary John Luchau reported at the last meeting that they had talked with Gordon Heit of the State Land Department about the acquisition of the old pavilion and land in the vicinity of Reed's Bay for use as dinghy/ boat storage

and dinghy dock. Heit suggested that the County Parks and Recreation Department be contacted about the possibility of its acquiring the site as a Marine Park through a Governor's Executive Order. Magnuson and Luchau said that the State must first offer the property at auction for

lease. Several other possible uses for the site have been explored over the years, and after some discussion it was moved that the Yacht Club pursue the question of acquiring the property via lease for a Marine Park that would include facilities for the club..

**Bring a friend to the
next club meeting in
Wailoa Park Pavilion 3
on Mon. Dec 11 at
6:00 p.m.**

Want to be a Charter Member?

If you or somebody you know wants to become a Charter Member of this yacht club, nothing could be easier. Come to our next meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 at Wailoa Park Pavilion 3 at 6:00 p.m. Plunk down \$24, which are the yearly membership dues according to club bylaws. The event is potluck, so bring

some drinks, pizza, homemade pie or anything you want to share with your shipmates. One \$24 signup covers family members, and those joining before the end of December will be considered to be Charter Members of the Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club with all the rights and privileges thereof. (We

don't know what these are, yet, but it sounds good, doesn't it?)



What's your opinion?

Editor's note: This section is dedicated to the opinions of readers. Please limit your opinions to 150 words or less. Mail your comments to Yacht Club, P.O. Box 18, Pahoa, HI 96778 or send e-mail to jbmiles@gte.net. The opinions represented here are not necessarily those of the Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club.

A number of sailboaters recently reported boardings by the U.S. Coast Guard while sailing in or near Hilo Bay.

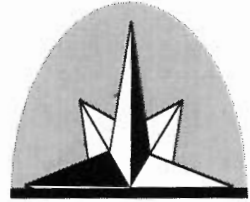
We agree that Coast Guard personnel should engage in regular practice to hone their boarding skills, but for many local sailors trying to grab an hour or two's worth of sailing pleasure, the interruption can be an aggravating inconvenience.

This is not to say that the



Coast Guard isn't well within its rights and responsibilities to board any boat it sees fit. And there's no doubt that it's our own responsibility to make sure our boats are seaworthy and equipped with all the necessary gear to make sailing safe as well as fun.

Perhaps it's a good idea to ask the CG Auxiliary to conduct regular marine exams of our boats and attach stickers signifying they're up to snuff. With such stickers in clear view, the Coast Guard might not find it necessary to board our boats so frequently.



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Bylaws, member lists, Web site etc

Bylaws and member list

Pick up a copy of Nā Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club bylaws and our current mailing list at our next meeting on Dec. 11. If you're on our e-mail list, you already have them



Want a Web site?

If there's enough interest out there, we could do it. Maybe it's time we put Hilo sailing/boating/fishing/paddling et al on the Cybermap.

Sale, trade and services

Ivo Hanza (928-9605) has a Venture 22 on Oahu that needs to be sold soon. \$1,300 obo.

Wes Wong (amnesiawes@hotmail.com) has a Chinese junk for sale.

Mauricio Barbis (969-7991) offers expert boat repair and

boat maintenance to club members at a reasonable hourly rate.

Joseph Messina (981-2446) offers diving and boat cleaning maintenance.

Cathy Moran (965-8906) will sell a 12' kayak for \$100 and a 16' Hobie Cat for \$450.

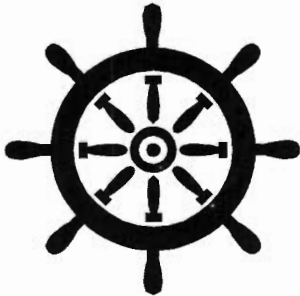
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