



Nā Hoa Holomoku of Hilo Yacht Club Newsletter

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Boating Emergency Response Team (BERT)

by John M. Luchau

Good News! Ian Birnie, Harbors Division has extended us good will and a place to park and launch boats. Now we need the “**memberpower**” to clear some space and make it useable. This site will be temporary because plans for a harbor will include using the site for the extension of Young Brothers facility. Our intention is to create a place where we can launch a boat if the need arises.

Plans are being made for what construction might be appropriate. It might include a fenced area, a container or two for security and covered area with picnic benches but primarily it will provide a place for us to meet and respond to emergencies.

I will be sending out an e-mail message and contacting you by phone to see where, what and when we can start this latest project.

Please note latest information dated 4/20/02

Work day Saturday May 11, 2002 at 9 A.M. at Bakers Beach site (the area next to Young Brothers) Bring food, drinks, tools, gloves and energy.

Why BERT? Well before formation of Nā Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club there was a concern for the safety of locally moored boats. Many of our club members have viewed the destruction of more than one vessel from either broken mooring, dragged mooring, chafed lines or lack of attention to the condition of the vessel. There have been previous sailing associations that were attentive to member’s boats in Reed’s Bay and they had some limited success in keeping

boats and boaters safe during times of crisis. Many stories can be told of what has happened in Reed’s Bay, Radio Bay and the rest of Hilo Bay. We include in our bylaws an article that states one objective of the corporation is to maintain communication with all members concerning any safety and security issue concerning their boats. Even in the short time that our yacht club has been formed there have been incidents where boats have been damaged or have been in danger of being damaged. Two large boats, “Grenadier” and “Flying Cloud” have been lost because of grounding. BERT has been formed to help address future similar incidents. (see page 3 for “Flying Cloud”)

BERT has taken on the following goals:

Help boats in the Harbor including Reed’s Bay, Radio Bay and Wailoa that are in need of assistance.

Help assist sailors and power boaters coming into Hilo by providing guidance into the harbor for newly arrived boats and extend a hand by providing fuel, navigational and mechanical assistance to cruisers, power boaters and yacht club members who are stranded by emergency.

We are still looking for a good boat to provide emergency response. Thanks to members who keep volunteering the use of their craft we’ve prevented a few disasters but it is time to get our own boat. A 15 hp outboard has been dedicated so now we need the boat to go with it.

We have established an emergency communication system and we will be training our team members. Pat and Barry Bolln have been the mainstay of BERT and are always our first responders. We now need more people involved. Please volunteer now if you haven’t before by calling me at 982-5959 or send an e-mail message to SkiprJohn@aol.com.



The Windward Sailing Club

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The Windward Sailing Club Commodore has extended us reciprocal privileges and promised to send us a burgee. Previous correspondence with Commodore Steve De Turk has indicated that they have many programs and very experienced sailors who will extend us the hospitality for which sailors are renowned worldwide. Please contact them at (610) 821-9572. for their meeting dates and locations or at their website is www.windwardsc.org

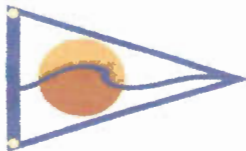
**Yacht Club/ YMCA
Instructors teach YMCA Sailing Class**



On March 19th Kim, Barry, Pat, and John L. started instructing Y kids in the art of sailing with lead instructor Captain/ Navigator Mauricio Barbis. After many hours of preparing boats and gearing up for the classes it was our anticipation that we could field 4 boats and have 8 students and our plan was to meet and launch at the Bayfront. Inclement weather was our downfall for the first day so we met in the Y gymnasium and set up a sun fish sailboat under cover and were ready to teach nomenclature and have some land drills. Imagine our surprise when over 20 kids arrived for our first class. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on your perspective, the class dwindled down to 4 stalwart students after the second day. Nearly all 20 wanted to continue after the first day but most had not completed their swim test so could not.

Our classes began at 9: 30 A.M. and ended at 12 noon for four days and at the end of those four days the 8 -11 years olds were sailing Sunfish two to a boat on their own. winds varied from 0 to 7 so drifting was experienced. Their favorite part? "Capsize drills!"

Congratulations to IKaika, Tony, Cameron and Marcus for being the experimental students in our first ever Hilo based Hawaii Island junior sailing class. They earned the coveted title of " Sunfish Mate" after completing their course of instruction and were presented certificates at a ceremony hosted by Waiakea Settlement YMCA Branch Executive Claudia Wilcox-Boucher



BURGEES STILL AVAILABLE - \$20 - payable to Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club - write to address P.O. Box 1661 Keaau, Hi. 96749 if you are out of town or you can it give to Treasurer Robbyn at the next meeting.

A Word from Commodore Kim

Aloha,

Recently we saw another boat sunk in Reed's bay during less than perfect weather conditions. The drifting of Flying Cloud onto the rocks during one of our wintry days was an accident waiting to happen. We have seen several boats grounded or lost due to weather when at their moorings or at anchor.

It is important to check moorings periodically and renew chain, shackles, swivels and mooring lines as required. Boats will not remain on an anchor in Reed's Bay without eventually drifting and moving. Remember that proper scope on a chain is five to seven times the depth of the water for a proper anchor. Since we are in essence "anchored" when attached to a mooring, we must remember that we cannot have adequate scope within Reed's Bay for our boats, because our swing would be too great and we would all swing into each other. Because of this, most of us have 15-20 feet of chain from our buoys to whatever we are using at the bottom as weight. It is therefore important that we frequently have chains checked and that our mooring is sound.

Happy sailing.
Kim

MAY 2002

May 5th Cinco De Mayo Regatta

May 11th Work Day 9 A.M. Bakers Beach. Bring food, drinks, tools, gloves and energy.

May 13th. General meeting-Potluck 6:15 P.M. Board of Directors meeting. Watch newspaper for any location change to our new location between WORK DAY and newsletter publication.

May 26 Regatta(TBA)

Racing News - Barry Bolln

As of this writing, we've had three races in 2002 with conditions ranging from postponing a start for lack of wind to several boats practicing capsizing and recovery techniques. Everyone has had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie, competition, and coaching from the committee boat. Many thanks to Roy Forbes, John Luchau, and Barry Bolln for serving as race committee, and also to Barry & Pat for lending their 29' tri, "Maluhia", as committee boat. Anyone looking for a day on the water helping aboard the committee boat can also learn starting tactics, rules, and just better sailing techniques. Sound interesting? Give Barry a call at 961-4474 or Nick Rees at 935-4158.

April 13 saw absolutely perfect conditions: blue sky, white, puffy clouds, 12-15 knots on smooth water. Roy and Barry were wanting to weigh anchor after the start and race Maluhia around the course thinking they could get back in time to finish the others. They exercised great restraint. More keelboats and multihulls are invited to come out and sail.

We've had some keen dinghy racing and even some inter-family rivalry with the Barbis family. We are certain that the mom/son team would have beaten the dad/daughter team if the gooseneck had not broken. Congratulations to Vice Commodore John Luchau for sailing his 14ft. dinghy to a 1st place victory and beating an FJ boat for boat. We missed you on the committee boat but great to see you out in your beautiful little dinghy.

Ten year old Thomas Rees was on the trapeze crewing for his dad on the 29er in the 1st race. Mom, Evelyn, replaced him for the second race. Great Job, Family!!!

Good to see Glenn Walters out on his light blue birthday gift - a Laser. Your wife gives great gifts.

Check out the club website for some exciting racing pictures including Nick Heinrich with the rail in the water. Also check out the complete race results online.

Our new starting mark is a large orange inflatable buoy toted all the way from Tasmania by Nick Rees. Thanks Mate. It will serve us well.

Our next race is the Cinco de Mayo Regatta on Sunday, 5 May. Barry & Pat will have their Cal 30, "Olali" out for a fun day before sailing to Kona that afternoon. Come out and join them in your boats.



Members who are not well enough to join us each month!

Get well soon we miss you!

Jim Wytosky

Jack Dolan

Membership Dues - \$36 Charter & Regular Members - \$24 Associate (Off Island) Members - Due now!!! Make checks payable to Nā Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club. Mail to PO Box 1661, Keaau, HI. 96749 or bring to any meeting. (Include any address, phone number, or email changes.



PFDs a must. The Coast Guard requirement for children under 13 to wear PFDs went into effect March 29, 2002. The new law applies to all vessels of every size used for recreation except racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, racing kayaks, surfboards and sailboards. It does not apply to children below decks in enclosed cabins, or when the vessel is not underway. Violations could carry a fine of \$5000.

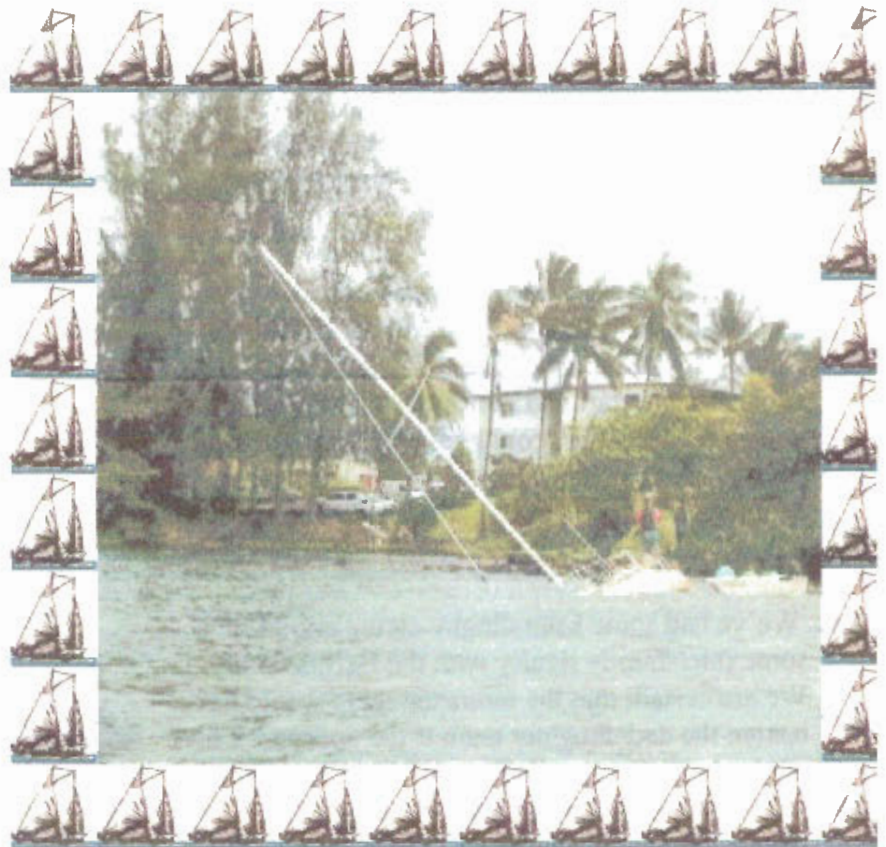
FLYING CLOUD

by Barry Bolln

Many of us watched for years as "Flying Cloud" sat neglected and seeming abandoned at her mooring. What once was a shining example of a well-equipped cruising vessel had become dull and faded. She had been saved from the rocks by club members on more than one occasion.

On Saturday, February 23rd, her mooring lines parted, and she drifted onto the rocks in front of Bay Clinic in Reed's Bay. Four days later, Jim Lucas made the owners an offer, and they accepted. Jim became the new owner of "Flying Cloud" (as is, where is). After many truck inner tubes and 55 gallon drums for flotation, she was floated to the commercial docks, lifted from the water, and placed on a flatbed trailer-safe at last.

Flying Cloud is now in Jim's yard in Paradise Park, and the restoration process has already begun. Jim is a good craftsman, and those of us that watched her fade look forward to seeing her shine once more.



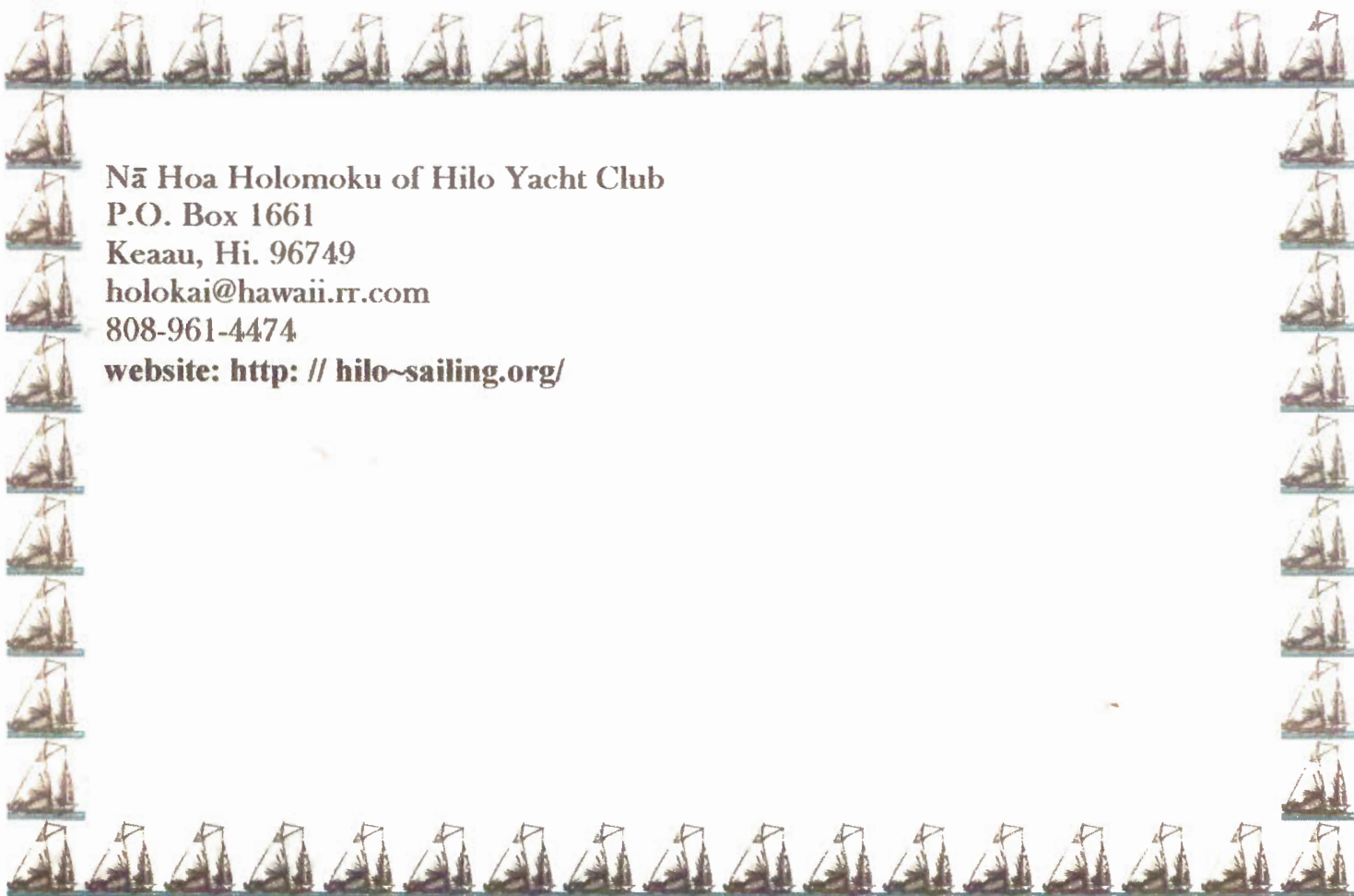
Outing With Kona Sailing Club

Kona Sailing Club has invited us to join them on May 19 for a fun day on the water followed by a BBQ. This will be a great way to get to know our sister club. One boat from Hilo will sail around and two will be trailered. Several other members will crew on the Kona boats and others will drive over just for the food and fellowship. Come join us. Call Barry at 961-4474 so he can give the Kona club a headcount

Please send items for possible inclusion in the newsletter to editor Patricia Walters at e-mail: pamelaeast@hotmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 533 Kurtistown, HI 96760 You may call me 966-9854 and leave message.

I have a scanner and would love pictures, stories, and anything about your sailing life. Mahalo





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Club Officers



We need your help!
 We have positions
 open for the
 following :

Social Director
Membership Chair

Next Meeting:
May 13, 2002
Wailoa Park Pavilion #3 Board meeting 5:30 P.M.
Potluck 6:15 P.M.
See you there!

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