

Ná Hoa Holomoku of Hilo Yacht Club Newsletter

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"Naupaka"

by *John M. Luchau*



Our new club boat "Naupaka" was given to the University of Hawaii at Hilo to use for training in their Ocean programs by local sailor Dean Banks. It is an American 25 sloop, and it measures 26'7" from bow to the aft end of its stern hung rudder. It displaces about 4500 lbs. Some may remember it languished on its mooring in various stages of repair and in some instances nearly sunk when the battery died and the bilge pump failed to stay ahead of the rainwater. Kim Magnuson bailed it out with another Yacht Club member help at least once when water was at the gunwhale. Finally, it slipped its mooring and ended up on the breakwater near the entrance to Radio Bay and ground away on the rocks for several hours. Barry and Mauricio saved it until the University could dispatch someone to help get it off the rocks. It went back on its mooring and continually needed bailing by the UH until the UH gave it to the YMCA along with a prindle 16 and 9 sunfish sailboats for the YMCA sail training program. Pete Hendricks, Barry and I met with Dr. "Tommy"

Hamilton of UH to check out the boats and we encouraged the UH to give "Naupaka" to the "Y" as a project boat. The "Y" kept it on its mooring for a few months and when it became a burden to keep bailing it out and anticipating the cost of repair the "Y" decided to give it to our club. In May we began bailing out the boat every 3 days with a 5 gallon bucket. Ed Ha then rigged a battery and bilge pump and that arrangement kept her afloat. Knowing we needed a trailer to haul her out, Jim Heick, a former member, gave Barry a trailer when Jim bought a new one for his fishing boat. On June 23, we borrowed the "Y" safetyboat and an Avon with a Honda 9.9 outboard. Barry, Ed Ha and I towed the boat to Wailoa where we were met by Nick Heinrich, Bob Rioux, John Messina and Roy and Allie Forbes. They were waiting to help us dock and unstep the mast. Roy and Allie accompanied us under the bridge in their Livingston with a 6 hp. We tied up to the ramp dock and worked for about 45 minutes to an hour setting "Naupaka" on the trailer. Glen Barfield and Jon Olson were on hand to assist. Barry volunteered to tow the trailer. He towed "Naupaka" to the washdown area and everyone pitched in to help scrape growth from the bottom. From there the trip to the storage area was a piece of cake. Settling the boat and trailer on blocks to keep it stable was accomplished by the very able Jon Olson with the rest of the team helping. Thanks to all those who participated in this event. We were all finished with that chore by 5:30 P.M. after starting from the boat ramp at 2:00 P.M. with the Avon.

"Naupaka" will make a great race committee boat and she can be used by our club members. Henry Petersen has agreed to become our Fleet Captain and will be in charge of all policies and procedures for our slowly growing fleet. Bob Rioux has agreed to help Henry. Bob and Henry are in need of more member assistance so please contribute either time, materials, talent or funds to this project. Our goal is to have "Naupaka" back in the water by the end of August. For details please call Henry at 962-6309.

The French's Blue Sailing!

Joyce and Michael French shared their adventure that began on July 20th and as they had no plans and just took off right out of Hilo Bay about 13:45 P.M. they sailed to the east coast at 17:30 and were going about 7.7 knots as they rounded Cape Kumukahi Bay. They were about 5 miles off the Lava flow, the glow was breathtaking and a bit scary as and Mike wanted to tack. Joyce said No! They moved a little farther out and spent the night the wind picked up and they began sailing about 15 to 20 knots at 4:00 A.M. Joyce was at the helm she needed help with a large fish and when she lost the lure and fish. The winds were gusting to 25 miles and they were sailing to South Point and it only took them two hours. Casting out lines again, at Homalino and this time they caught a few fish. Did some swimming and the winds slowed down to about 8 miles per hour. Then the trade winds sent a breeze and the water was a pretty blue to a turquoise.

Michael mentioned the McCaffee Book "Cross the Hawaii Island" he picked up at the Basic Book store in Hilo. It was a help to him in the crossings and Joyce in the color description.

As they entered the area just above Captain Cook they motored into the bay. Zone B 60 ft water with sand patch and 35' mark spot. Short scope too much coral and sand tied up three times and ended up at the first spot. Tied in near Kailua-Kona and saw several boats spent two nights. Sailed out about 11:30 caught the south wind sailed to and then Kawihai the south wind was 0 AT 5:00 a.m. *FORECASTING 15 TO 25 KNOTS WITH MARGIN* and swells at the channel. At Puakea Bay and they wanted to Maui. It was a full moon 9.3 knots at 7:00 A.M. Seas 4 to 6 swells building to high range 13.2 knots as the winds gust to 25 then down to 9. Heading for Honola Beach body surfers, and butt surfing they swam until 1:30 the wind picked up to 25 then hooked up the sail, jib into the wind 3 knots turned on the engine. sailed up the coast at 5.5 knots. Lahina Yacht club at 17:38 and moored the boat. Had a nice dinner of Lobster and had Baby back ribs and watched the sun set. It was a nice evening left on Monday after arriving on Sunday. There was not a charge for the mooring. No wind motored to Honolulu Bay. Tied up three times at the 65 ft. small sand patches. Here are a few of the pictures while we sailed about the Big Island and to Maui for a wonderful few days of pleasure.



The Commodore's Corner

Aloha all,

Since July we have had a number of endeavors in our club with significant progress on many fronts. As of late, we have received confirmation from Matson Navigation Company that we have qualified for two 24 foot containers as they become available from their fleet. We certainly want to thank Brad Mullholland, CEO of Matson Navigation Co., and those involved that have made this gift possible for our club. We will certainly put them to good use.

The volunteers from our club taught another introductory sailing class using the Sunfish from YMCA. Claudia Boucher has done a great job of recruiting the youth that took part in the sailing program. The weeklong classes went without a hitch on the bayfront, and from all indications the kids really enjoyed it and did a great job of sailing. We are hopeful that this fall there will be an adult beginning sailing class through the YMCA with our volunteer instructors. If you know any Adults who would like to participate, please contact Claudia at the YMCA facility on Lanikaula in Hilo.

We have had very good turnouts for our work days cleaning up the site we are using behind Gaspro on the waterfront. A special note of thanks to Larry Peck for providing heavy equipment and labor for the initial clearing. Barry Bolin and John Luchau have worked hard at the site in cleaning it up and organizing the workdays. Thanks to all those volunteers that have given of their time and talents (and snacks) to work at the site. At present, the slab is cleared, and the site certainly looks much less foreboding that it did initially. We hope to get BERT, the boating emergency response team, a workable place as we make progress.

In general, we have made a lot of progress in a short two years. I certainly am pleased with the progress of Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club since its inception. Although at times we might not feel things are going as fast as we desire, we have made a lot of progress in a short period of time. We are having a fund raising Yard sale at Larry and Robbyn Peck's place on Saturday, August 24, 2002. All the usual garage items are appreciated. We ask that individuals price the items themselves, and all proceeds will go to the treasury. The Pecks will begin receiving items on the 22, so please... no early deliveries. When you deliver items, please let the Pecks know if you will be available to help man the sale. Their address is 56 Ahona Place. Hilo.

Thanks again for the great potlucks we have had together. Our next potluck will be Monday September 9th at Wailoa Pavilion #3. Happy safe boating and sailing.

Mahalo.

Commodore Kim





Sailing Daze - Barry Bolln

Saturday, August 17th dawned gray and cloudy with the promise of rain showers at any time. By 1100 hours, however, the dark clouds had passed to the north and left us with a perfect day for sailing: blues skies, white puffy clouds, and 5 to 12 knots of wind. Eleven boats were on the water enjoying the day. Glen & Gay Barfield brought their newly acquired, a beautiful 18ft Thistle and took many people for a sail. Congratulations, Gay, on your first sail on a small boat. We are proud of you. John Messina brought his "souped up" Sabot[®] Buttercup to town for others to sail. Thanks John. Stefano and Ueese had a good time. Glenn & Patricia Walters sailed their pretty blue Laser. Mauricio & Paola brought their FJ (or whatever it is) and took others for a sail. Ed Kuroda is really getting pretty good on his Escape. Great job, Ed. Roy & Allie Forbes on the West Wight Potter putted out of Wailoa River and took off for adventures. Nick Heinrich launched his Venture 21 at the ramp her out for a romp. Marverick & Marie launched their Venture cat and took and also took others for rides. Pat Bolln sailed her Force 5 "Over Easy", and Barry brought a Sunfish to let others sail (It is also for sale). Nick Rees with sons Thomas & Samuel flew around on the 29er. Thomas also did a great job steering while in the FJ with Barry. Sam & Cindy Varner brought their kayaks. Sam also sailed the Escape with Ed, and Ed tried out the kayak for the first time. Rob Rioux enjoyed the day sailing and helping out most of the other sailors. He also made a great dog sitter and shared lots of sodas. Thanks so much Bob.

The boys had a great time sailing, swimming, and flying kites. These "sailing days" are a great success. People are helping each other launch and retrieve boats, comparing designs & strategies, sailing different types of boats, getting to know one another, and generally having a great time "simply messing about in boats". Our folks just seem to flourish in the relaxed atmosphere. Our next sailing day is scheduled for Saturday September 14th. Hope to see you all there.

Club Site:, by Barry Bolln

The B.E.R.T. (Boating Emergency Response Team) club site has come a long way since the last writing. Great volunteer turnout=great results. People have come with chainsaws, machetes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and brooms. Folks have rolled up their sleeves, gotten sweaty and dirty, and just flat got after it. With the help of two backhoes and a bobcat for heavy stuff, we carved out a nice area for meetings, get-together, and launching of a rescue boat.

Matson has promised us two 24ft containers in the near future to be moved onto the site for secure storage. We need to decide on our launching ramp construction and over-all site for secure storage. We should have picnic tables down there soon. Please use the site for lunches. etc as we develop it further.

A great big thank you and a standing ovation to all who labored hard to get us to this point. We have made tremendous progress. We are hoping to use this site as a base on October 20th when we host the Kona Sailing Club to a day of sailing and BBQ.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THIS EVENT!!!! Please call any club officer if you have the talent to plan this event!



**John Luchau
instructs how to rig the
sail to YMCA sailing
students**

**Mauricio
shows how to attach
the rudder**



**Mauricio
watches the student
connect the rudder.**

John Luchau assists with the sail during the YMCA sunfish sailing class.



Mauricio explains the Art of sailing to young sailors



Barry Bolln tell the students how the wind effects the sails



Outing With Kona Sailing Club

Kona will be coming to Hilo on October 20th we need people to help plan the get together and prepare places for them to enjoy the day. Kona sailing club show us a great time so let's plan to do the same for them. See any club officer for details.

Our dearest sympathy goes out to the family of **Jim Wytosky**. He will be greatly missed.

Membership Dues - \$36 Charter & Regular Members - \$24 Associate (Off Island) Members - Life time Memberships are \$500.
10 year Memberships are \$250 Make checks payable to Na 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.

Once again the YMCA had a great sailing classes and wants to thank all who make it a success.

Please send items for possible inclusion in the newsletter to editor Patricia Walters at e-mail:

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Kurtistown, Hi 96760 You may fax or call me 966-9854 please leave a message.

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



BURGEES STILL AVAILABLE - \$20 - payable to

Na' Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club - write to address P.O. Box 1661 Keaau, Hi. 96749 if you are out of town or you can give to Treasurer Robbyn at the next meeting.

Sep 9
Sep 14
Oct 14
Oct 20
Nov 11
Nov 16
Dec 9
Dec 14

Calendar

Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:30 pm
4th Summer Race
Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:30 pm
Cross-Island Sailor Exchange Regatta: KSC visits
Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:30 pm
5th Race (Tentative)
Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:30 pm
6th Race (Tentative)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 9, 2002, Wailoa Park, Pavilion #3, Potluck, 6:15pm. Our meetings are the **2nd Monday of each month.** Mark it down so you can plan to join us each month.

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We need your help!

We have positions open for the following :

Social Director
Membership Chair

Next Meeting:
September 9, 2002
Wailoa Park Pavilion #3 Board meeting 5:30 P.M.
Potluck 6:15 P.M.
See you there!