

## POTLUCK ON APRIL 10

*The next club meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14. As always, it's potluck, so come and share food and swap stories with your old – and new – friends.*

*The meeting will be held at the YMCA, 300 W. Lanikaula in Hilo. Note: You don't have to be a member of the "Y" or even the club to come.*

## NA HOA HOLOMOKU SPRING SCHEDULE

Pick up a copy of our spring schedule at the next Potluck meeting.

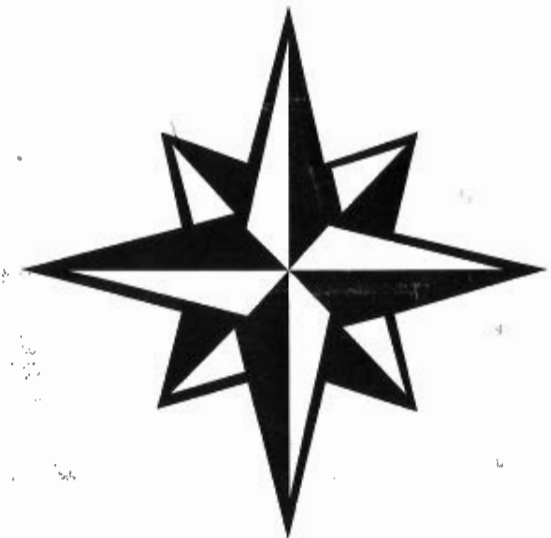
## Use our Web site!

Log onto [www.hilo-sailing.org](http://www.hilo-sailing.org) to find a list of contacts, sailing schedules, and calendar of upcoming events. Thanks to Nick Rees for putting it all together.

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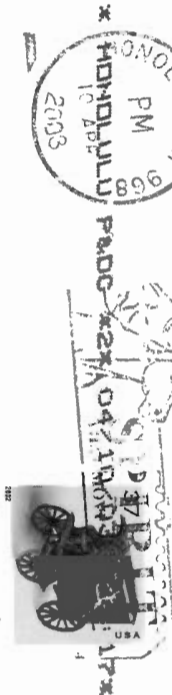
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*Read about Richard and Connie Messina's excellent adventure. Check inside for info. about how "Star Gypsy" continues to steal the show...*



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## GARAGE SALE

The second Na Hoa Holomoku garage sale will be held at Robbyn and Larry Peck's home on April 26.

Bring your goodies to their house, located at 56 Ahona Place (on the right, directly off the Kanoelehua Highway (Rte. 11) on April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Call them at 981-2606 if you have questions.

All proceeds will go directly toward the maintenance of club-owned boats, including those used for Saturday sailing lessons.

## What's up with Pat and Larry Bolin?

If you haven't noticed, these two club stalwarts haven't been around for awhile. After buying their new sailboat, Pacific Voyager, which is berthed at one of the marinas at Sand Island in Honolulu, they decided to give her a good workover before bringing her back to her new home in Reeds Bay. Word has it that, weather permitting, they are scheduled to make the Oahu to Hawaii passage some time next week.

Fair winds, folks.

## Star Gypsy steals the show

Richard and Connie Messina (he's our Vice Commodore West) recently arranged with renowned Hawaii artist Marshall White to paint a stunning picture of "Star Gypsy," their very trim and seaworthy multihull sailboat.

They collaborated on a wonderful story about some of their island sailing adventures ("Sailing Hawaii Island Style") and got the story published in the January/February issue of Multihulls Magazine. The painting of "Star Gypsy" is represented on the front cover of the edition.

The story chronicles Richard's adventures as he made the passage from California to Hilo and presents some of his and Connie's "how-to" suggestions as to how to best navigate among our beautiful islands.

Check out Multihulls Magazine's Web site at [www.hypermax.com/multihullsmag](http://www.hypermax.com/multihullsmag). for a good glimpse of Star Gypsy.

Richard and Connie are planning on moving to Molokai and Star Gypsy is currently berthed there.

## WILL THE IRS GIVE YOU A TAX BREAK?

For tax purposes, many boats qualify as second homes, just like land-based vacation condos and mobile homes. If you have a secured loan on that vessel, the IRS allows a tax deduction on the interest paid on the loan.

The IRS defines a second home as having "basic living accommodations such as sleeping space, toilet and cooking facilities. A secured loan is one where a lending institution holds the boat as collateral for the loan..

