

Monthly Yacht Club Flyer

Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club

Monthly Potluck Scheduling and Location Change. To accommodate more member's schedules our monthly Club Potluck will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM beginning February 11th. The location is Wailoa Park Pavilion #3.

February Club Schedule: Tuesday February 10 - Board Meeting. Wednesday February 11 - Club Potluck. Saturday February 14 - Club Sail Day. Sunday February 22 Club/UHH Race.

University of Hawaii Hilo's Basic and advanced classes begin on Saturday February 7th - 974-7664.

Lost and Found box of goodies is being held by Kim and Barbara. Lost anything precious? 966-7788.

For a lead on a 9hp Yanmar diesel call Barry. 961-4474

Richard Messina needs a Whisker Pole 8' to 10'. 937-0808

The Big Island Sailing Foundation offers for sale a donated 30' Cruising Ketch, center cockpit, inboard diesel, lots of extras. Price will be a bargain! Alicia or Daniel 883-9230

The best selection of line ("rope" when it is on shore duty) on the island can be found at Pahoia Hardware. No kidding!!!

Thanks to Barry and Pat for a wonderful presentation on their trip to Alaskan and down the inland passage. Very exciting and well done!!

Glenn Shiroma needs help on a committee concerning proposal for Waiakea Kai Boat Ramp. 959-7682/896-9801

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Join our sailing community for food and friendship 6:30 on Wednesday February 11th.



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**Membership Dues Information—
Dues are now \$45 for Regular
Members, \$24 for Associate and \$20
Juniors/Fulltime Students**

We are now recognized by U. S. Sunfish Class Association as Sunfish Fleet #698 with 5 official members. This is the first step to holding the Sunfish State tournament in August. For more information on how you can help give Kevin a call at 965-1064.



Photo of Jan 25 race by Mike Ben

On January 15 I witnessed an interesting sailboat rescue at Kealahou Bay. It was a day of huge WNW surf closing out the S. end of the bay regularly with 10' breaking waves.

The boat, a 35-40' sloop from Tahiti, was anchored in the bay fairly far out, N. of the surf zone. The owner was absent. The huge swells, however, apparently caused her anchor rode to part. As the on-shore winds started picking up, (but fortunately never very strong) she began moving in towards the North end of Napoopoo.

Apparently, someone called it in, and when the boat was ¼ mile from shore, a Fire Dept. truck showed up. When the boat was within a couple hundred yards of the rocks at the N. end of Napoopoo, the Fire Dept. rescue helicopter arrived and after hovering over the boat as it got closer to shore, dropped in two swimmers.

One boarded the boat, and after finding nothing to stop the imminent terrestrial impact, both swimmers, utilizing the anchor rode, began swimming the boat back out with the help of the helicopter positioned behind the boat using its rotor wash to push!

In about 20 minutes they succeeded in moving it out a few hundred yards, attaching it to a boat moored out in the bay. The fire dept. came back a little later in a skiff from the N., apparently with either the owner or keys and motored over to the protected extreme NE corner of the bay, hooking up to Body Glove's mooring. This was a major event of course, in Napoopoo, with everyone in town turned out.

And that's the way they do it in Kona! Question is: What is E. Hawaii Fire Dept.'s policy on this type of situation?

Article submitted by Nick Heinrich